

GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT COMMITMENTS

Approved by the GDS Committee May 2025

Ipas Network Commitments

1. Over the next three years of our Updated Strategic Plan, Ipas's [Feminist Partnership Principles](#) will be adopted and incorporated as central pillars of our disability inclusion work. Through these principles, Ipas will work directly with local, national, regional, and global Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to strengthen this area of the sustainable abortion ecosystem.
2. Over the next three years of our Updated Strategic Plan, Ipas will utilize participatory and collaborative approaches when designing, implementing, and evaluating each disability inclusion project. Through this, Ipas will ensure that the needs, desires, perspectives, and participation of people with disabilities are incorporated into our work.
3. Over the next three to five years, guidelines, protocols, and training curricula will be updated to incorporate the latest evidence on disability inclusion for abortion and contraception access and rights, ensuring health systems offer responsive care.
4. Over the next three to five years, Ipas commits to advancing and safeguarding disability inclusion in the context of abortion rights and access. To do this, we will leverage important abortion and broader sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) advocacy spaces to incorporate disability justice principles. By 2030, Ipas will:
 - a. Update our advocacy strategies to ensure that disability inclusion and abortion rights & access are comprehensively integrated.
 - b. Engage and participate in spaces that are disability-led on this topic. Ipas will join (and continue to participate in) communities of practice, justice spaces, and cross-sector coalitions.
 - c. Support disability-led commitments, global responses, & letters as a supportive signatory (at minimum).
 - d. Respond to UN Requests for submissions on related topics. Ipas will include both abortion and disability inclusion in our written submissions to the UN.

5. A cultural transformation within Ipas will be stewarded to integrate a disability justice perspective into internal policies, systems, practices, and tools, demonstrating the organizational change Ipas advocates for globally.
 - a. To do this, Ipas will hire an expert consultant to conduct a comprehensive Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) audit on internal policies, practices, and operations, to be completed by June 2025. This audit will include a review of disability inclusion practices and available supportive resources. Ipas will review the final GESI assessment results and incorporate recommendations into our internal practices by June 2027.
 - b. It is critical to ensure that our internal functions are aligned with our values as a partner for Reproductive Justice and reflect our commitment to equity.

National Level Commitments | Ipas Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

1. **Ipas DRC** commits to develop and include a specific policy advocacy strategy for disability-inclusive SRH in Universal Health Coverage by 2027.
2. **Ipas DRC** will measure, document, and share the specific impact of current intervention(s) on women and girls with disabilities—particularly in the areas where the evidence contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals—by 2026.
3. **Ipas DRC** will incorporate specific information on disability-inclusive SRH care and services into standard provider / facility training curriculum by 2025. Dissemination of the Values Clarification for Action and Transformation and Disability Inclusion (AT + DI) training modules with the Ministries of Health and Gender and Civil society organization by 2027.
4. **Ipas DRC** commits to support two Ipas nodes in expanding their programs to incorporate disability inclusion by [2027].
5. **Ipas DRC** will partner with ACOLDHEMA (Association Congolaise pour la Libération de la Maman Handicapée), EDA (Enable the Disable in Action), La Voix des Femmes Sourdes to submit three donor proposals to address the following by 2027:
 - a. Addressing the gap in accessing reliable SRHR information and services for people with disabilities in seven provinces of the DRC.
 - b. Supporting advocacy initiatives dedicated to improving the application of policies and laws for the benefit of people with disabilities.
 - c. Improving the generation and dissemination of evidence on disability inclusion, particularly contributing to the integration of disability inclusion indicators in the national health



information system.

6. **Ipas DRC** is committed to advancing disability justice internally by:
 - a. Ensuring an enabling, inclusive, and accessible environment for current staff and encouraging people with disabilities to apply for open positions. Adapting the work environment to be more inclusive through the provision of assistive technologies and facilities that are accessible and suitable for people with disabilities by 2027.
 - b. Training of 30 staff on Values Clarification for Action and Transformation with disability inclusion by 2026.

National Level Commitments | Ipas Nigeria

1. **Ipas Nigeria** will partner with Deaf Women Association of Nigeria to design and test a project at the intersection of AI, self-care, and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).
2. **Ipas Nigeria** commits to support two other Ipas country teams in expanding their programs to incorporate disability inclusion by 2027.
3. **Ipas Nigeria**, Deaf Women Association of Nigeria, and Advocacy for Women with Disabilities will collaborate to expand access to sexual and reproductive health care for people with disabilities. By 2030, we will work to expand access by:
 - a. Co-developing and submitting at least two proposals to interested donors to fund key areas of work at the intersection of SRHR and disability inclusion[by 2027. For example: Health provider trainings, community-based efforts to reduce stigma, comprehensive sexuality education, comprehensive counseling skills (including gender-based violence prevention), etc.
 - b. Collaborating to implement successfully funded proposals [by 2030], which will address the barriers to SRH services as identified by women with disabilities.
4. **Ipas Nigeria** commits to the Feminist Accessibility Protocol to ensure equitable and meaningful participation of people with disabilities. This includes providing aids to women with disabilities attending our programmes, paying for their transportation and hotel accommodation, and providing sign language interpreters for Deaf Women.

