

Commitment #8

By end 2020, implement a mechanism for participation of persons with disabilities to determine housing allocations for 3200 identified low income families

1st March 2019– 31st August 2021

Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministry in charge of Housing and Construction		
Commitment description			
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	Persons with disabilities (PwDs) amounting to 1.6 M (8.7%) of the population face many economic hardships. Out of 1.1 million persons with disabilities, only 29% persons are engaged in economic activities. Rates of unemployment and poverty are high among PwDs. Income generation is limited by lack of employment opportunity for both wage and self-employment. The lack of economic means has deprived a large proportion from owing a house and thus becoming self-reliant and secure. The other reasons for being homeless include limited opportunities to access existing housing loans schemes in public and private sector financial organisations; non-existence of government allocation for housing for families of PwDs; lack of disability friendly housing facilities in government housing programmes; and inability to contribute labour as expected by the government due to the disability/poverty. Many barriers in society also prevent their right to public participation in decision making processes.		
What is the commitment?	This commitment will seek to minimise the economic and social disadvantages faced by persons with disabilities by providing disability friendly housing facilities to 3200 identified low income families by 2020.		
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	Ministry in charge of Housing will seek budgetary provision to provide housing for PwDs by 2020. Cabinet approval will be sought to establish a National Housing Steering Committee to address the housing problems of PwDs in a participatory manner. The housing programme will be implemented with the participation of relevant stakeholders at the district level and will be monitored at quarterly intervals. By providing such facilities, a significant proportion of the marginalised population will be empowered to become self-reliant and secure.		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	This commitment promotes public participation and transparency as it provides for a mechanism where the disabled community can participate in decision making and monitor the process.		
Additional information	This commitment promotes the provisions of disability legislation in Sri Lanka; the National Human Rights Action Plan 2017-2021; the recommendations and commitments in the Draft Sustainable Sri Lanka: Vision & Strategic Path and the Vision 2025; targets influencing disability rights in crosscutting Sustainable Development Goals.		
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable		Start Date:	End Date:
1. A project proposal to provide housing for PwDs to fulfill the housing requirement by 2020 will be made and special budgetary allocation		March 2019	May 2019

will be secured.			
2. Cabinet approval will be sought to establish a National Housing Steering Committee with a mandate of ensuring the participation of all relevant stakeholders to solve the housing problems of PwDs and monitor the process. The Steering Committee will include PwDs in the membership.		May 2019	May 2019
3. The housing programme will be implemented with the participation of relevant stakeholders at the district level.		July 2019	February 2021
4. The progress of the housing programme will be monitored quarterly.		Quarterly	August 2021
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Other Actors Involved	State actors involved	National Housing Development Authority; Ministry in charge of Social Welfare; National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities; Ministry of Finance; Ministry in charge of Home Affairs	
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Disability Organisations Joint Front (DOJF)	

Commitment #9

Disability Rights bill formulated with public participation in line with UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) and enacted by the Parliament by 2020

1st March 2019– 31st August 2021

Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministry in charge of Social Welfare		
Commitment description			
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	Persons with disabilities do not enjoy equal rights and privileges as other citizens in society. They are deprived of basic entitlements enjoyed by other citizens due to physical and psychological barriers in society. In Sri Lanka, 1.6 M (8.7%) persons are living with disabilities. The existing disability legislation, Act No. 28 of 1996 is limited to access to education, employment and physical accessibility to public places. With the ratification of UNCPRD (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) in 2016, the government is accountable to prepare local legislation in line with UNCPRD. The proposed Disability Rights Bill, however, has been formulated with the absence of two separate mechanisms, i.e1) coordination of implementation and 2) independent monitoring as per article 33 of UNCPRD.		
What is the commitment?	The purpose of this commitment is to prepare a revised bill by the Ministry in charge of Social Welfare based on public consultations and in line with UNCPRD.		
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	The accommodation of 2 separate mechanisms in disability legislation as per article 33 of the UNCPRD, i.e coordination of implementation and independent monitoring will lead to improvement of the quality of life of persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities will be able to access the draft bill in disability-friendly modes of communication. An island wide publicity campaign will be conducted on the provisions of the Disability Rights Act highlighting the entitlement of persons with disabilities.		
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	This commitment promotes public accountability as it provides for legislation to promote and ensure the rights of persons with disabilities.		
Additional information	This commitment promotes the provisions of the National Human Rights Action Plan 2017-2021, disability legislation in Sri Lanka; the recommendations and commitments in the Draft Sustainable Sri Lanka: Vision & Strategic Path and the Vision 2025; targets influencing disability rights in crosscutting Sustainable Development Goals.		
Milestone Activity with a verifiable deliverable		Start Date:	End Date:
1. The existing bill is revised based on public consultations in line with UNCPRD by the Ministry in charge.		Already started	May 2019
2. The draft will be available in alternative modes of communication for persons with disabilities (i.e. Braille, Sign Language etc.) for comments and feedback		December 2019	April 2020

3. Approval by the Parliamentary subcommittee and enactment of revised bill by Parliament		May 2020	September 2020
4. The Ministry implements island wide publicity campaign on the provisions of the revised Disability Rights Act highlighting the entitlement of persons with disabilities.		October 2020	February 2021
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