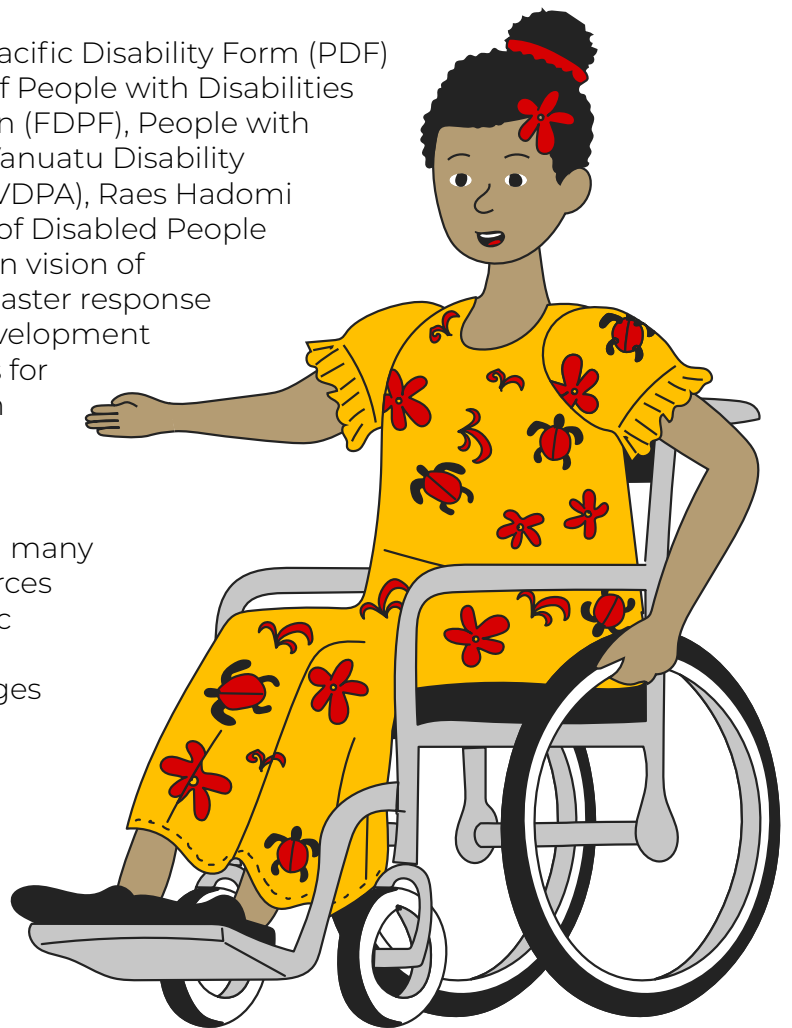


PACIFIC DISASTER READY: Disability Inclusion Tip Sheets

IN 2018, CBM'S INCLUSION ADVISORY GROUP (IAG) BEGAN WORKING WITH INGO CONSORTIA AND THE DISABILITY MOVEMENT IN THE PACIFIC TO IMPLEMENT A REGIONAL PROJECT UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIP DISASTER READY PROGRAM.

Through this, we have supported the Pacific Disability Form (PDF) and five of its member Organisations of People with Disabilities (OPDs): Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation (FDPF), People with Disabilities Solomon Islands (PWDSI), Vanuatu Disability Promotion and Advocacy Association (VDPA), Raes Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO) and PNG Assembly of Disabled People (PNG ADP) to determine what their own vision of disability-inclusive preparedness for disaster response should look like. This resulted in the development of the Disability-inclusive Preparedness for Response Strategy in the Pacific, which guides the engagement of PDF and its members in all DRR programming.

Throughout the project, IAG uncovered many questions and has created some resources to capture the key learnings. The Pacific Disaster Ready Tip Sheets are a suite of documents and includes key messages and talking points for different sectoral and thematic issues drawing on the learnings from the past four and a half years of the Pacific Disaster Ready project.



These resources distil the key principles and messages for disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction on different topics, including:

- ✓ Community disaster preparedness committees
- ✓ Community mapping and vulnerability and capacity assessments
- ✓ Community preparedness plans
- ✓ Early warning systems
- ✓ Evacuation procedures and simulations
- ✓ Integrating climate change in disaster event planning
- ✓ Post-disaster needs assessments
- ✓ Provision of psychosocial support in disaster events
- ✓ School disaster preparedness and management
- ✓ Shelter and evacuation centre accessibility

Viewed collectively, the tip sheets share common themes including:

- ✓ 'Nothing about us without us'
- ✓ The centrality of lived experience of disability
- ✓ The voice of people with disabilities
- ✓ People with disabilities are the experts in disability-inclusive disaster preparedness
- ✓ Including people with disabilities in the planning, development and implementation stages
- ✓ Localisation and working with local communities
- ✓ Awareness raising and capacity building
- ✓ Inclusive and accessible communications and messaging.

These resources were developed for two reasons: to enable OPDs to feel ready and empowered to answer questions, and to deliver a usable and tangible product to mainstream humanitarian disaster risk reduction actors.

