

Progress with CBM Global's 2022 Global Disability Summit Commitments

Meaningful Engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)

Commitment 1

CBM Global with our OPD partners will promote diversity, pursuing practical strategies in the countries where it works that strengthen the involvement of people from diverse backgrounds and impairments, including under-represented groups facing intersectional discrimination

GDS Reference: Promote underrepresented groups and address intersectionality

2022 Update:

Over the last year our Country Teams have developed country strategies and programme plans with our partners with a greater focus on diversity of partnerships and inclusion of under-represented groups, such as persons with psychosocial disabilities, intellectual disabilities, deafblind and other groups. Examples include supporting the establishment of the National Association of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities in Zimbabwe, developing a new project in Nepal addressing caste-based discrimination for persons with disabilities, engaging with the Association of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities in Nigeria and working with people with albinism in Madagascar.

2023 Update:

Over the last two years, country teams have continued to develop strategies and programmes that seek more involvement of marginalised and underrepresented groups. We have established small grants and one-off grant facilities that enable more funding towards underrepresented groups. For instance, in Kenya, grassroots organisations of persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities and women-led OPDs are receiving funding through a County grassroots network OPD.

2024 Update:

In our current federation strategy (2025-2030) one of our strategic priorities is working with the most at-risk people, especially underrepresented groups. At the country level, there is increased, meaningful engagement with underrepresented groups through intentional targeting and resourcing of these underrepresented groups. There is more engagement in decision making such as in project design and within project planning processes to fully integrate their needs and priorities.

In order to better engage with underrepresented groups, we are developing guidance on how CBM Global country teams can most effectively engage with these groups and how to provide reasonable accommodation, for example for people with psychosocial disabilities. We continued to integrate the preconditions for inclusion framework in our core areas of work and across our three vehicles of change (in programs, advocacy and advisory work), which are critical in ensuring that underrepresented groups are not left behind.

These efforts have seen a range of positive results including a Finland government-funded program with specific focus on underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities and psychosocial disabilities in countries such as Zimbabwe and Nigeria.

Commitment 2

CBM Global will increase the levels of funding flowing to OPD partners, including budget provisions for organisational strengthening plans that best suits their priorities and requirements and with a recognition of core running costs as a necessary component of project management.

GDS Reference: Increase funding to support OPDs' priorities

2022 Update:

Over the last year, the volume of funding to OPD partners has increased by 18%, with investment into organisational strengthening where this is a recognised priority. CBM Global continues long term partnerships and funding to a number of global OPD partners, including International Disability Alliance, World Blind Union and World Federation of the Deaf.

2023 Update:

The number of OPDs in a funding relationship with CBM Global has increased from 18 OPDs in 2021 to 35 OPDs in 2023. In 2023, 17% of funding allocated to CBM Global partners was channelled to OPDs. In addition to OPD partnerships at a country level, CBM Global continues long term partnerships with regional and global OPDs including the International Disability Alliance, World Blind Union and World Federation of the Deaf.

2024 Update:

We developed in 2024 an OPD partnership framework that sets out specific approaches and commitments in the way we seek to work in partnership. This spans the provision of funding and of non-financial support including technical support/coaching/organisational strengthening and at all times a commitment to avoid 'doing harm'.

OPD organisational strengthening is central to our approach.

In 2024, 18% of funding allocated to CBM Global partners was channelled to OPDs. A diverse range of projects had a specific focus on OPD organisational strengthening, including: the OPD Capacity Development Project, Indonesia; Organisational Development of PDF, 'Growing Stronger Together' and Kenya OPDs Leadership, Engagement and Development (LEAD) Project.

Commitment 3

CBM Global will revise its existing partner assessment processes, moving beyond only compliance requirements associated with specific projects to an overarching focus on long term organisational sustainability and effectiveness and more considered approaches to understanding risk and opportunity. GDS Reference: Adapt funding conditionalities to OPD support

2022 Update:

CBM Global's Partner Assessment tool and assessment process is being reviewed and modified to ensure a broader and longer-term perspective and with adaptations more appropriate to OPD partnerships. This is also a request that was identified by partners in our 2022 partner feedback exercise. We are aiming to finalise the tool in early 2023 along with guidelines for organisational strengthening.

2023 Update:

Work on the new Partner Assessment Tool is taking longer than expected, due to heavy workloads for the different functional and technical experts who must define assessment criteria for their specialist areas of work. We are now close to concluding a first version of the tool which we intend to pilot for 3 months, before finalising it and rolling it out across all teams, tentatively by mid-year 2024. As a next step we plan to add a 'partnership assessment' component to the tool, to support a formal, mutual evaluation of how we have worked as partners at regular intervals (minimum every 3 years).

2024 Update:

Our new Partner Assessment Tool was introduced in January 2025 and our teams will progressively use it for initial and re-assessments of partner organisations. The new tool is geared toward identifying capacity strengths and areas that require further strengthening across functional and technical areas (e.g., programme, governance, finance, etc.). All types of organisations are assessed against the same criteria, but the tool allows for flexible decision making on funding levels depending on assessment outcomes. The new tool includes an assessment of the quality of the partnership, to be conducted jointly with each partner capacity re-assessment every 3 years.

Commitment 4

CBM Global will advocate to donors for flexible and longer-term funding to OPDs that facilitates organisational strengthening.

GDS Reference: Mainstream OPD engagement across funding

2022 Update:

Advocacy to government donors continues to be undertaken by CBM Global Federation Members. For example, CBM Australia advocacy to the Australian Government in the last year focused on obtaining commitment to a new disability inclusive development strategy and restoration of the core funding for disability in the aid budget. Organisational and funding support for OPDs has been prominent in all advocacy messaging as well as in their technical advisory support to the Australian Government. CBM UK has engaged with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office on this issue at different levels and as members of a BOND working group are focusing on changing donor policy towards more locally led development and organisational strengthening.

2023 Update:

Advocacy to government donors continues to be undertaken by CBM Global Federation Members. For example, in 2023 CBM Ireland presented to the Irish parliament in October, proposing Irish Aid adopt a clear disability inclusion strategy for its development and humanitarian actions in the Global South. Ireland's Oireachtas (Parliamentary) Joint Committee on Disability Matters (JCDM) invited CBM Ireland twice to give evidence on

Ireland's performance in achieving UNCRPD (Article 11 and Article 32) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for people with disabilities. Although not yet fully compliant with the UNCRPD, Ireland can be granted recognition for its recent uptake and use of the OECD-DAC marker on disability inclusion. Ireland was quick to adopt the marker starting in 2019. A 2023 Irish Aid Mapping of its development and humanitarian aid reveals that in 2021 Ireland reported that 28.8% of its bilateral allocable aid (USD 148.6 million) supported the inclusion and empowerment of people with disabilities in development cooperation projects and programmes. CBM UK had two successful Parliamentary events in which there were able to showcase the voices of people with disabilities giving their perspectives as well as experiences of lives being transformed, these took place in UK as well as in the Scottish Parliament – with videos and participation of partners. CBM UK were also called upon twice to give evidence to the UK Parliament International Development Committee on disability inclusive approaches. Disability inclusion featured prominently in the UK Govt's white paper, where CBM UK had been heavily involved in advocacy. CBM Australia engaged with the Australian Government and the development sector throughout 2023 on this issue within the context of a forthcoming new 'International Disability Equity and Rights strategy' for DFAT. CBM Australia was part of ultimately successful advocacy efforts to DFAT for a thorough and inclusive consultation process on the new strategy to included strong participation of OPDs throughout the region. CBM Australia also developed a comprehensive policy submission on the strategy which featured calls to increase investment in flexible and long terms funding for OPDs, including additional investment to support greater representation for under-represented groups. CBM Australia worked with the peak body to promote and socialise these policy calls with DFAT and other ANGOs.

2024 Update:

Work on the DAC marker continued in 2024 and different member teams took approaches with respective governments.

CBM UK engaged, through our development sector networks, the UK Government meeting with the FCDO Ministerial Disability Champion and supporting a Parliamentary event hosted by the Chair of the International Development Committee with videos from OPDs. Regular meetings with FCDO Disability Inclusion Team, Education Team and External Disability Board including how funding and meaningful engagement of OPODs is facilitated through the delivery plan of the FCDO Disability Inclusion and Rights strategy 2022-2030.

Commitment 5

CBM Global will ensure that OPDs actively shape and contribute to the development and monitoring of CBM Global country strategies, including identifying key legal, social and other barriers to participation which need addressing in the country context.

GDS Reference: Remove legal, social and other barriers to participation of persons with disabilities and their organisations.

2022 Update:

Over the last year, the number of OPD partners in a funding relationship with CBM Global has increased by 45%. New country strategies have been developed or existing strategies

reviewed in 10 countries and the role of OPDs in this process has been strengthened. In all instances, OPDs were actively engaged and consulted, and their input has been a key influence. Advisory Panels are being created as a forum for CBM Global country teams to receive more feedback and guidance from local and national OPDs.

2023 Update:

Country strategy development processes routinely involve in the consultation process both national and local OPDs representing persons with varying disabilities. Their views are then integrated into the plans. Country level Advisory Panels have been established and include OPD representative to advise and guide the country team in their work. We have also developed guidelines to support OPD organisational strengthening activities.

2024 Update:

Persons with disabilities continued to participate in meetings of Country Advisory Panels, where they represent OPDs. Their views continue to be included in shaping country strategies, setting priorities and integrating the diverse needs of persons with disabilities in the specific countries. These Advisory Panels are now operational in all countries where we implement projects, and we continue to witness close consultation with the OPD movement as well as other relevant stakeholders. We provide an accessible and inclusive environment to support their meaningful participation.

Commitment 6

CBM Global in its communications will challenge negative perceptions of persons with disabilities and will model and promote the strategic role of OPDs in achieving locally led inclusive development and inclusive humanitarian action.

GDS Reference: Support awareness-raising to combat attitudinal barriers, either OPD-led or with the active involvement of OPDs

2022 Update:

This commitment is being pursued via CBM Global's publications and social media channels and the Federation Members' communications. Examples include commencing global humanitarian projects which support the engagement of OPDs in humanitarian action and the development of Good Practice Guides highlighting the role of OPDs in community mental health. CBM Global is leading efforts to strengthen the voice of people with psychosocial disabilities in Global Mental Health research (through collaboration with the Global Mental Health Peer Network, Centre for Global Mental Health and other research groups). CBM Global's Inclusion Advisory Group undertakes inclusion advise together with OPDs and our advocacy priorities are all pursued in partnership with OPDs.

2023 Update:

Communications from CBM Global and Federation Members highlighted the voices and roles of persons with disabilities and OPDs in our content. Our publications and channels showcased positive and empowering messages about the strategic roles of OPDs. Examples include the launching of 'Data and persons with disabilities' and 'Climate and persons with disabilities' web pages, publishing localisation/power shift journey blogs, and featuring representatives from OPDs in various communications content.

2024 Update:

CBM Global and Federation Members continue to put persons with disabilities and OPDs at the centre of our communications. We work with and feature persons with disabilities and OPDs in a wide range of content, ensuring that the messages conveyed are positive and empowering.

Our content pieces highlight both the successes and challenges that they face, along with their contributions in solving these challenges.

Commitment 7

Where aligned with disability movement priorities, CBM Global will invest in strengthening the capacity of the disability movement to influence mainstream agencies through technical advisory roles, including through building OPD roles, resources, and associated budget into advisory contracts. Initially, the focus will be in the Asia Pacific region

GDS Reference: Support partnerships with other social movements

2022 Update:

In the last year a new project has started that engages OPDs in the delivery of inclusion advice to other organisations. Consultations have been undertaken with OPDs (national, regional and global) to design elements including sector guidance notes and an Asia Pacific Fellowship pilot programme in 2023.

2023 Update:

Roll out was undertaken of our Advisor Capacity Development and Exchange programme in partnership with national, regional and global OPD partners, including running a fellowship programme in Asia. This included on the job coaching and mentoring for mainstream advisory work. Resources to support disability movement engagement in advisory work have been developed and trialled in the Pacific. OPD partnership have been built into longer term contracts (e.g. with WFP).

2024 Update:

We completed the Advisory Capacity Development and Exchange program with Fellows "graduating" in April. An independent evaluation was conducted with strong feedback from partners and fellows and learnings that have since informed subsequent applications. A

range of capacity development resources and guidance notes specifically targeting and developed with OPDs have been produced and translated. A new project was designed and approved for 2025-26 application which focuses on foundational skills for influencing through advisory work in Indonesia. OPDs have continued to influence through advisory work by participating in advice in various other client contracts at global and national level.

Situations of Conflict and Crisis, including a Focus on Climate Change

Commitment 8

CBM Global will strengthen disability inclusion in the Humanitarian Programme Cycle by systematically integrating disability inclusion considerations in all needs assessments, project vetting procedures, and monitoring and reporting. We will ensure that all complaints and feedback mechanisms are fully accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities, and involve persons with disabilities, including women and those from under-represented groups, in their design, and use.

GDS Reference: Make humanitarian action inclusive of persons with disabilities throughout the humanitarian programme cycle.

2022 Update:

As part of its operating and partnership model CBM Global ensures that disability inclusion is formally integrated as a matter of principle in all phases of the programme cycle. To support this in 2022 CBM Global completed humanitarian preparedness plans in 5 countries, with the process including consultation and participation of OPDs alongside other mainstream partners. We completed a series of OPD and Country Team capacity strengthening initiatives which included the roll out of new and revised technical guidance such as the Inclusive Rapid Needs Assessment Toolkit and the inclusive Feedback and Complaints mechanism which was tested in Bangladesh. CBM Global conducted 2 Real Time Evaluations which included OPD representatives in the evaluation team. CBM Global also co-chaired the IASC Working Group that developed Inclusive MHPSS (Mental Health & Psychosocial support) Guidelines.

2023 Update:

Disability inclusion is central to CBM Global's Humanitarian and DRR projects. In 2023, CBM Global activated a Turkana response in Kenya, earthquake response in Nepal and five large DRR projects in Bangladesh, Nepal and Indonesia, the Pacific. All projects ensured disability inclusion and partnered with OPDs to bring in lived experience and expertise to shape design, monitoring and learning. In 2023, CBM Global continued humanitarian preparedness plans in Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Nepal, Indonesia and Philippines. As part of the plans,

mainstream partners were trained on disability inclusive humanitarian action. OPD partners continued to play a key resource role in these capacity strengthening efforts. A final evaluation of the Turkana response was carried out and OPD partners contributed to this evaluation. A large cash study was conducted in Burkina Faso that highlighted the significance of the extra cost of disability. This is important evidence to support disability inclusive cash work in humanitarian assistance.

2024 Update:

CBM Global continued to work on disability inclusion in humanitarian and DRR projects in partnership with OPDs. OPDs engaged in a wide range of activities such as awareness creation on disability rights, fighting discrimination and stigma, advising mainstream partners on disability inclusion and advocating for DRM policies to be disability inclusive. CBM Global activated a Khulna cyclone response in Bangladesh, continued working on Nepal earthquake recovery efforts, activated a floods response in South Madagascar and activated a Trami cyclone response in the Philippines and El Nino response in Zimbabwe. In addition, CBM Global developed DiDRR projects in the same countries to support the communities being better informed about climate and disaster risk, engaged in risk reduction activities and better prepared to cope with negative impact of disasters. CBM Global invested in developing inclusive cash and DRR e learning courses that are available, free of cost, for mainstream practitioners to improve disability inclusion in humanitarian action and DRR.

To reflect the central important of the integrated approach to tackling climate and other hazard triggered disasters, in 2024, CBM Global merged the DRR and Humanitarian action team into Disaster Risk Management unit and developed a DRM framework. The framework is a translation of CBM Global's commitment to support communities including people with disabilities living in disaster and climate risk areas to be better informed of these risks, better prepared and able to absorb the shocks of disaster when they occur.

Commitment 9

CBM Global will establish and support intersectoral disability working groups in humanitarian coordination, allocate dedicated staff for disability inclusion in emergency preparedness and response in all high-risk countries and invest in building the capacity of humanitarian staff and partners to implement a rights-based approach to disability inclusion in all aspects of their work.

GDS Reference: Strengthen capacity on a rights-based approach to disability inclusive humanitarian action

2022 Update:

In the last year CBM Global has supported interagency collaborations both at global and country level to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. At country level CBM global is currently coordinating the Age and Disability Working Group in Bangladesh and is a member of disability working groups in Philippines and Nepal. We have promoted more disability inclusion interagency collaboration in Burkina Faso and Kenya and capacity strengthening initiatives of mainstream and OPD partners. At a global level CBM Global has been co-chairing the Disability Reference Group with IDA and UNICEF and leading one of its working groups on OPD capacity strengthening, chairing the Elrha Age and Disability Technical Working Group and became a SPHERE board member bringing inclusion expertise.

2023 Update:

In 2023, CBM Global continued coordinating the Age and Disability Working Group in Bangladesh and maintained its membership to disability working groups in the Philippines, Nepal and Kenya. In 2023, at the global level, CBM Global continued co-chairing the Disability Reference Group and one of its working groups on OPD capacity strengthening. During the earthquake response in Nepal, CBM Global, along with OPD partners promoted disability inclusion in post disaster response and recovery efforts.

2024 Update:

In 2024 CBM Global, along with OPD partners, continued coordinating the Age and Disability Working Groups in Bangladesh, Philippines and Kenya and supported advocacy efforts for inclusion of persons with disabilities in Nepal earthquake recovery efforts, in South Madagascar flood response and in Burkina Faso humanitarian work.

Commitment 10

CBM Global will establish meaningful operational and strategic partnership with OPDs, including those led by women and under-represented groups of persons with disabilities. This will include investment in institutional strengthening of OPDs to build their capacity to effectively prepare and respond to humanitarian crises.

GDS Reference: Build strong partnerships with organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs)

2022 Update:

In the last year CBM Global has been leading 2 global projects supporting the engagement of OPDs in humanitarian action and as a practical way of rolling out and implementing the IASC Guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action: one in collaboration with UNICEF and IDA on Bridge Article 11 funded by USAID and one with IOM in Nigeria, Fiji and Bangladesh funded by CBM Australia. Both projects are running through 2023 with a number of learning products to be developed as a result.

2023 Update:

In 2023, CBM Global concluded both global projects supporting the engagement of OPDs in humanitarian action. The USAID supported project developed learning briefs and hosted webinar showcasing the work of DRG fellows in promoting and influencing disability inclusive humanitarian action. The project with IOM, funded by CBM Australia, implemented in Nigeria, Bangladesh and Fiji was also concluded with important learning briefs produced. All briefs focused on bringing out disability inclusive humanitarian action practice.

2024 Update:

CBMG continued to showcase the learnings from the project with IOM, funded by CBM Australia and implemented in Nigeria, Bangladesh and Fiji, at various forums. A session was held with IOM's missions from across the world at the head office in Geneva.

CBM Global developed inclusive cash and DiDRR e learning courses, in partnership with OPDs. In addition, humanitarian preparedness plans in Indonesia, the Philippines and Nepal continue to invest in supporting OPDs to play important role in influencing and technically support different humanitarian actors and clusters to be disability inclusive.

Commitment 11

CBM Global commits to support the provision of accessible platforms for OPDs to participate and influence climate decisions at global and regional level including by facilitating their access to climate action negotiations and processes.

GDS Reference: Include persons with disabilities in climate action

2022 Update:

CBM Global Federation works in partnership with OPD partners at a global level supporting joint advocacy initiatives on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in climate adaptation, and Action for Climate Empowerment, the overarching goal of which is to empower all members of society to engage in climate action. In our partnership work with IDA and the European Disability Forum we have advocated for an accessible and inclusive climate process within the whole UNFCCC (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) including COP and other international, regional and national level fora. We shared our reflections with governments and different UN organisations on how to improve access and supported accessibility provisions, such as sign language interpretation, at side events at both the Bonn and Sharm El Sheik climate conferences. At a country level, in 2022, we conducted participatory research in two climate vulnerable countries (Bangladesh and Madagascar) and produced 2 case studies documenting evidence of the impact of climate change on persons with disabilities in Nepal and in Madagascar. The research report and case study are used as part of our national level advocacy.

2023 Update:

CBM Global continues to partner with OPDs and other allies for advancing disability inclusive climate action. In 2023, we published a climate [advocacy road map](#) highlighting our key areas of focus for the coming years and doing so in partnership with OPDs. For COP28 we supported an OPD from the Philippines to attend and we worked in partnership with disability and climate activist from Nepal at a Nepal government side event on disability inclusive climate action. In 2023, as a member of the Global Greengrants Fund Disability Rights & Climate Justice Board we celebrated our first year of grant making of over \$300k USD to 31 OPDs in Sub-Saharan Africa, South-East Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe. In addition to grant making the board is focused on connecting with policy officials, experts and the climate movement for powerful collaboration on disability and climate.

2024 Update:

Our most recent engagement with the Global Disability Fund has supported the development of an open-source climate advocacy training package for persons with disabilities wanting to engage in climate action. The training package, co-developed with OPDs and disability climate activists, was piloted in 2024 and the material can be found [here](#). At COP29 support was given to the involvement of the African Albinism Network to amplify the campaign for sunscreen to be recognised as an essential on WHO medicines list. Continued engagement with the informal disability caucus and various OPDs at COP29 and call for recognition of disability as a constituency within the UNFCCC. We have embarked on a new but long-term partnership with Climate Action Network Europe to promote climate justice, which is gender-just, youth-led, disability-inclusive. The [partnership](#) will provide financial support to OPDs in Europe and Global South to take climate action.

Commitment 12

CBM Global will take measures to ensure that Gender Based Violence risk mitigation and response are inclusive of and accessible to women and girls, as well as men and boys, with disabilities. This includes removing physical, communicational, attitudinal, and institutional barriers to access, and taking measures to ensure that child protection interventions are fully inclusive of children with disabilities, including through review and adaptation of policies and procedures; making physical spaces and activities safe and accessible; and ensuring that reporting and referral mechanisms are inclusive.

GDS Reference: Protect persons with disabilities from violence, exploitation, and abuse

2022 Update:

CBM Global has a Gender and Disability toolkit which we have tested and rolled out humanitarian programmes in Bangladesh through trainings to the ADWG members. All our humanitarian responses ensure that barriers to services are addressed, enabling access and participation of persons with disabilities and include appropriate referral mechanisms. We also acknowledge that GBV and more specific work with children with disabilities are areas that CBM Global needs to further strengthen and gain more expertise on.

2023 Update:

CBM Global continued to support the inclusion of women and girls, men and boys with disabilities in the Gender Based Violence mitigation and response in CBM Global's humanitarian interventions in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. In addition, we continued supporting members of the Age and Disability Working Group through appropriate trainings, facilitation of meaningful participation of women with disabilities in coordination mechanisms and influencing the Joint Response Plan to be gender responsive. Finally, CBM Global worked closely with GBV/Protection actors to develop IEC materials on GBV prevention and referral pathways as well taking support from them in receiving referrals and making them inclusive for persons with disabilities. Humanitarian response and recovery work in Kenya and Madagascar supported removing barriers that limited participation of women in cash programming and livelihood activities. While CBM Global continues to make progress in making GBV mitigation and response inclusive of persons with disabilities, clearer programme guidance is being developed to ensure that this is institutionalised across all our work and learning is documented and shared to build confidence, expertise and develop experience.

2024 Update:

In collaboration with Age and Disability Technical Working Group (ADTWG), CBM Global provided technical support on disability inclusive GBV work to UNFPA and members of GBV working group in Cox Bazaar, Bangladesh. CBM Global continued engaging with GBV prevention and referral pathways for persons with disabilities, utilising inclusive feedback mechanism in Cox Bazaar Rohingya response.

The newly approved CBM Global programme strategy and the DRM framework have named gender as a key priority. It is reflected in the safeguarding policies. A working group was

established to start developed a detailed guidance to address Gender mainstreaming in DRM projects.

This renewed commitment is building on existing work carried out in previous years and a qualitative enquiry conducted by CBM Australia, member of CBM Global, with 11 partners in six countries namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Nepal. The enquiry investigated the situation on Gender Based Violence against girls and women with disabilities. It documented experiences of communities, good practices and key recommendations for CBM Global and our partners. The report can be found [here](#) and an awareness raising video link can be found [here](#)

Inclusive Health

Commitment 13

CBM Global will contribute to the WHO's revised guidance on rights-based mental health legislation, due for completion in 2022. We will advocate for the repeal of discriminatory laws and continue to support national and regional organisations of persons with disabilities to be able to have an increasingly strong voice in the process of such reform.

GDS Reference: Review legal frameworks to promote inclusive health systems

2022 Update:

CBM Global's contribution to WHO's revised guidance on rights-based mental health legislation continues into 2023. Two of our mental health team are participating in the WHO committee which is working on this revision. We were pleased to see the Nigeria Mental Health Act, which we worked on with local actors, signed into law in January 2022.

2023 Update:

The WHO's Mental health, human rights and legislation: guidance and practice was published in 2023, which has a strong alignment to CRPD and is already being used by countries in reviewing their mental health legislation. CBM Global contributed to its development and is promoting its use across countries.

2024 Update:

In partnership with our local partners, we continue to advocate for and support mental health legislative review processes to facilitate CRPD alignment in the countries where we work. In 2024 we provided technical inputs into the WHO Guidance on mental health policy and strategic action plans. This guidance will be launched at the end of March 2025, CBM Global will make an intervention at the launch regarding inclusion, lived experience representation in policy and planning processes, and CRPD alignment.

Commitment 14

CBM Global will implement the Accessibility GO! process in hospitals as part of new Inclusive Eye Health Projects. During this process, we will train in hospital settings about disability inclusion and the prevention of discrimination in the health sector.

GDS Reference: Address multiple and intersecting discrimination in the health sector and build capacities on inclusive health in the health workforce and in service delivery

2022 Update:

This commitment is reflected in our new Inclusive Eye Health strategic plan for 2023-2025. It is a specific objective being pursued with a number of our eye health partners, with initial focus on new projects in Laos, Nigeria and Nepal.

2023 Update:

In partnership with the World Blind Union (WBU) and the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), Accessibility GO! was piloted in Laos at the National Ophthalmology Center and the Champasak Provincial Eye Center. Lessons learned are being collated. A sign video has been created by the WFD, and an Easy-to-Read version is being finalised. Preparations for implementation this year in Nepal at the EREC-P eye and ear centres are underway, using the lessons learned from Laos.

2024 Update:

An easy-to-read version of the Accessibility GO! has been developed, to be used in the Nepal pilot. Due to delays, the workshop in Nepal could not take place in 2024, and is now scheduled for April 2025. Following that workshop, a facilitator's guide will be developed to facilitate the roll out to other countries and eye health facilities.

Commitment 15

CBM Global's approach to mental health is based on the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We will ensure that all programme and advocacy work is aligned to the CRPD, in particular seeking to engage with service providers to promote a paradigm shift in services, an end to institutionalisation and coercion and a holistic, rights-based and recovery-orientated approach to much-needed reform.

GDS Reference: Incorporate a mental health approach in line with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

2022 Update:

We have made more deliberate efforts to assert rights-based principles in programming, and we are using measures to ensure we track this. We have also documented this in our Good Practice Guides and worked on co-production in research. We have carried out QualityRights training in 4 countries and translated the QualityRights e-training into Spanish.

2023 Update:

In addition to WHO's Guidance on rights-based mental health legislation, CBM Global contributed to the mental health components of the WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities the main ambition of which is to fulfil the CRPD Article 25 – Right to Health. We supported Bridge training with IDA in Africa and Asia and carried out QualityRights ToT training in Nepal in December 2023.

2024 Update:

In 2024, we began revising our "Mental Health Framework 2025–2030," a process that is ongoing as we prepare to launch our new "Mental Health & Psychosocial Disability Framework." Through this work, we aim to further refocus both our efforts and the broader sector toward a rights-based approach to mental health and psychosocial disability—one that is holistic, cross-sectoral, and integrates all bio-psycho-social-emotional and spiritual determinants of mental well-being and psychosocial disability. We remain committed to asserting rights-based principles across all aspects of our work—advocacy, advisory, and programming—while supporting initiatives that align with our values and mission, including OPD strengthening, QualityRights, and the CRPD.

Commitment 16

CBM Global works closely with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Disability Inclusion and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Reference Groups. We will continue to promote and advocate for universal use of inclusive approaches to health components of preparedness and response in the sector, through coordination systems, collection of disaggregated data, and promoting dedicated disability focal points to ensure inclusive approaches.

GDS Reference: Make disability inclusion an integral part of health emergency preparedness and response

2022 Update:

CBM Global, working in partnership with the World Blind Union, is leading on taking the new IASC Inclusive Mental Health & Psychosocial support (MHPSS) Technical Note forward, with specific training for agencies and partners across the humanitarian field.

2023 Update:

In January 2024, IASC launched its Information Note on Inclusive MHPSS, a landmark formally approved recommendation to incorporate inclusive approaches in MHPSS work globally. CBM Global is now working to finalise the associated training materials and begin the application of this work across major agencies.

2024 Update:

We continue to lead the development of an Inclusive MHPSS training package, which will be finalized and launched in 2025. In partnership with UNICEF and the IASC, we will roll out and cascade this training as widely as possible across humanitarian actors and OPDs. In June, we will deliver the training to all members of the MHPSS surge roster. From 2025 onwards, CBM Global will co-chair two IASC working groups on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Lived Experience Representation in MHPSS Humanitarian Action, while also contributing as a member of the IASC working group on advocacy. These activities and forums will enable us to continue influencing disability-inclusive emergency preparedness and response.

Commitment 17

CBM Global commits to include disability data during national assessments of avoidable blindness, to help guide the development of inclusive national eye health plans.

GDS Reference: Optimise the use of data on disability inclusion to inform health policies and investments

2022 Update:

While no national assessments were supported in the past year, this remains an ongoing commitment to ensure disability data is included in any surveys in eye health.

2023 Update:

As there were no surveys performed in our programme areas this year, there was no opportunity to move forward with data collection. However, in order to help OPDs advocate for inclusiveness in national eye health strategies, we performed an assessment of the current national eye health strategies and scored those against the recommendations from the new WHO's World report on health equity for persons with disabilities and used the outcome to develop an advocacy tool for inclusive national eye health strategies.

2024 Update:

As there were no surveys performed in our programme areas this year, there was no opportunity to move forward with data collection. Preparations have been made for a rapid

assessment of avoidable blindness survey in Bolivia in 2025, during which the module to integrate the questions from the Washington Group's Short Questionnaire will be integrated.

Commitment 18

CBM Global will seek to engage with national and regional OPDs as central actors in all our health work, for example ensuring that health programmes engage with persons with disabilities in all parts of the Programme Cycle, that OPDs are the main vehicle for community engagement in anti-stigma campaigns (like Time To Change), and are promoted as trainers (for example in Bridge training) and are the main actors in our advocacy work.

GDS Reference: Engage OPDs in health-related policy design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

2022 Update:

National and regional OPDs are increasingly recognised as central actors in all our health work. For example, a SUCCEED programme is funding CBM Global OPD partners to promote institutional strengthening and national voice (in Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe).

2023 Update:

CBM has completed a comprehensive 2-year programme of psychosocial OPD engagement across Africa and Asia to understand the means by which we can most effectively fulfil our commitment to work closely with the disability movement. [Our Good Practice Guide on OPD Organisational Strengthening](#), co-produced during this process, was launched in February 2024. As we develop more and more holistic health programmes and ensure a continuum of care, the central role of OPDs is essential and features both in our Global Strategy and health and wellbeing frameworks.

2024 Update:

In addition to our ongoing OPD engagement and support, which facilitates inclusion in decision-making and the delivery of our health work, we have launched new programs and initiatives to further scale these efforts. For example, as part of the Africa Mental Health Leadership Programme, we are working alongside PANPPD to strengthen organizations and facilitate small grants for local OPDs in the region, ensuring they have the resources and capacity to drive meaningful change.

Other

Commitment 19

CBM Global will build on existing and bring new Pacific partnerships to scale up its program investment in the Pacific region from 2022. This will be done in collaboration and alignment with the Pacific disability movement and to support the implementation of both the Pacific Framework on the Rights of Persons with Disability and the PDF Five Year Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

2022 Update:

CBM Global has developed a strategy for Pacific engagement and programming in consultation with local stakeholders, including the disability movement. This will be launched in early 2023. It aims to work in support of the priorities of the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and includes direct support for PDF as well as new programming now getting underway.

2023 Update:

Implementation of the CBM Global Pacific Strategy is well underway, with increased efforts to coordinate activities across advocacy, advisory and field programs. We are increasing program investment in the region in alignment with already existing priorities such as those referenced in the outcomes of the 7th Pacific Regional Disability conference (2023) which we provided technical support to deliver. CBM Global is supporting the Pacific Disability Forum to undertake analysis, design and implementation of a region wide program for institutional strengthening of OPDs known as the "Growing stronger together" initiative. The inaugural program aims to strengthen governance, leadership capacity and organisational systems. The program is mid-way through a 3-year initiative which will cover 14 countries and 26 OPDs. Several new field program investments are also in design with both OPD partners and service providers in PNG, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Fiji across a range of program areas including Organisation strengthening of OPDs, Inclusive education, Inclusive eye health, women's empowerment, early intervention, community mental health, DRR and climate action. In line with our strong commitment to a partnership approach, a stakeholder Pacific advisory forum will be launched in 2024 to ensure we're kept accountable and inform strategic direction.

2024 Update:

The CBM Global Pacific Strategy is progressing well, with the "Growing Stronger Together" initiative successfully enhancing governance, leadership, and organizational systems across 14 countries and 32 OPDs. In 2024, additional funding supported CRPD SDG BRIDGE Training for OPD leaders, further strengthening their capacity. New field programs, including a partnership with the Frank Hilton Organisation in Fiji for early intervention services, and partnership with the Psychiatric Survivors Association on promoting mental health community services and suicide prevention. CBM Global's investment in disaster preparedness and response with the Pacific Disability Forum and OPDs in four Pacific Island

Countries and Timor Leste has been instrumental in developing disability-inclusive approaches. In 2025, CBM Global will focus on PNG, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, and Fiji, advocating for systemic change and investing in organizational strengthening of OPDs, disability movement strengthening, inclusive education, inclusive eye health, women's empowerment, early intervention, community mental health, disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate action, and promoting pre-conditions for inclusion for people with disabilities.

Commitment 20

CBM Global in partnership with OPDs will advocate for the disaggregation of quality data by disability, gender and age in data collection and statistics by governments and also to improve gaps in our programmes.

2022 Update:

As an advocacy outcome, CBM Global, in partnership with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities (SGPwD), is contributing to the Inter-agency working group on household surveys chaired by UN Women and UN Statistics Division to create a guidance document on ensuring accessible surveys. CBM Global partnered with UNFPA Asia Pacific and others (IDA, SGPwD, Pacific Disability Forum, ASEAN Disability Forum), to develop a disability data advocacy workshop for OPDs, a regional disability data mapping, and other data-related guidance documents. CBM Global is a member of the Strategic Advisory Group of UNICEF's Centre of excellence on data for children with disabilities and continues to co-chair and co-lead data advocacy efforts in the SGPwD's disability data working group.

2023 Update:

As an advocacy outcome, CBM Global, in partnership with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities (SGPwD), is on the steering committee of the UN-led Collaborative on Citizen Data and is ensuring disability data and OPDs are leading this process. CBM Global is a member of the Strategic Advisory Group of UNICEF's Centre of excellence on data for children with disabilities, on the steering committee of Fordham University's Disability Data Initiative, involved in the refresh of the Disability Data Portal, and continues to co-chair and co-lead data advocacy efforts in the SGPwD's disability data working group.

2024 Update:

As one of our advocacy priorities and an advocacy outcome, CBM Global, in partnership with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities (SGPwD) continues to sit on the steering committee of the multi-stakeholder Collaborative on Citizen Data and is ensuring disability data and OPDs are leading this process. One outcome is ensuring that accessibility is budgeted in all related events and documents. We are co-leading the development of an intersectional data guide. We have

connected OPDs to the country work and will continue to strengthen this. CBM Global continues to be a member of the Strategic Advisory Group of UNICEF's Centre of excellence on data for children with disabilities, on the steering committee of Fordham University's Disability Data Initiative (and has an MoU along with IDA on disability data work). CBM Global joined the iCount Coalition as a founding member and continues to co-chair and co-lead data advocacy efforts in the SGPwD's disability data.

Commitment 21

CBM Global commits to supporting persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in capacity building in data advocacy to gather, understand and use data for advocacy and to advocate for better data.

2022 Update:

CBM Global is developing a strategy for organisational strengthening of OPDs and other partner organisations. The topic of data advocacy is included within this strategy. It is also a key topic in BRIDGE training which we support. CBM Global co-developed the disability data advocacy toolkit in partnership with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities (SGPwD) and continues to use this toolkit as a guide to build the data capacity of OPDs. Emerging from the toolkit was the development of the disability data advocacy workshop in partnership with UNFPA Asia Pacific, IDA, SGPwD, the Center for Inclusive Policy, and regional and national OPDs.

2023 Update:

CBM Global developed a strategy for organisational strengthening of OPDs and other partner organisations. The topic of data advocacy is included within this strategy. It is also a key topic in BRIDGE training which we support. Also, CBM Global finalized its Inclusive Data Charter action plan. CBM Global co-developed the disability data advocacy toolkit in partnership with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities and uses this toolkit as a guide to build the data capacity of OPDs. With IDA, we supported a consultant to assess the toolkit and gather OPD-led data case studies. We also developed a disability data advocacy workshop for OPDs that was carried out in 2023 with OPD partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Laos, and a summary version was presented at the Data for Development Festival in Uruguay.

2024 Update:

The CBM Global-supported OPD-led citizen-generated data project in the Philippines has been included in the Collaborative on Citizen Data as a case study. An outcome from the disability data workshop in Lao PDR is that disability will be included in the census. CBM Global supported and facilitated OPDs to present in key data-related events, including the UN World Data Forum, the UN Statistical Commission, High-level Political Forum, and Financing for Development processes. CBM Global funded the World Federation of the Deaf

to carry out deaf-led research and data collection in Bolivia on deaf Indigenous women and their access to health services. CBM Global with International Disability Alliance facilitated a disability data workshop in Bolivia to 35 OPD representatives.

Commitment 22

CBM Global will advocate in partnership with OPDs for disability data to measure the Sustainable Development Goals via the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, the Inclusive Data Charter and the Leave No One Behind Partnership.

2022 Update:

In partnership with the International Disability Alliance, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, the Leave No One Behind Partnership, the Inclusive Data Charter, and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, we presented and engaged in various UN, SDG data processes, including at the 13th session at the IAEG-SDGs and the expert group meeting on citizen data. As an outcome, CBM Global presented and supported OPD partners to present in various UN events around SDG data, such as the UNGA's launch of the data values campaign, and is a key member in establishing and engaging in the multi-stakeholder Citizen Data Collaborative.

2023 Update:

In partnership with the International Disability Alliance, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, the Leave No One Behind Partnership, the Inclusive Data Charter, and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD), we presented, supported OPD partners, and engaged in various UN, SDG data processes, including at the 14th session at the IAEG-SDGs and an expert group meeting on citizen data. As an outcome, CBM Global presented and supported OPD partners to present in various UN events around SDG data, such as GPSDD's Data for Development Festival, at the 16th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD, and is (via the SGPWD) a steering committee member of the UN-led Collaborative on Citizen Data to ensure persons with disabilities are measured in the implementation of the SDGs.

2024 Update:

In partnership with the International Disability Alliance, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, the Leave No One Behind Partnership, the Inclusive Data Charter, and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD), we presented, supported OPD partners, and engaged in various UN, SDG data processes, including at the 15th session at the IAEG-SDGs and an expert group meeting on citizen data. Via our internal data working group, CBM Global is reviewing progress on its Inclusive Data Charter action plan. CBM Global organized a side event at the UN World Data Forum, supported OPD partners to participate and present, and advocated for the Forum to fund partially the International Sign interpreters. Through CBM Global's support, WFD became a member of the LNOB Partnership. We continue to engage in the Collaborative on Citizen Data on the

steering committee (via SGPwD) and joined the iCount Coalition, both of which focus on the current and post-2030 Agenda data processes.

Commitment 23

CBM Global commits to an intersectional approach to collect, analyse, and disseminate reliable inclusive data, including community-driven data.

2022 Update:

Over the last year, CBM Global has been developing its impact framework. This has involved identifying appropriate indicators that can be used to measure the changes we are making as an organisation. Quantitative and qualitative indicators have been agreed, including indicators related to the wellbeing of people with disabilities and their situation and how they are treated in their communities. Further work will be undertaken to determine how best to collect data and measure these indicators in a fully inclusive way.

2023 Update:

CBM Global's impact framework is now being rolled out. The roll out will happen in several phases. Initially, quantitative, output/outcome level indicators will be incorporated into all new projects. Further research is required to determine how best to measure some of the more qualitative, impact level indicators, before they are rolled out. By default, data is disaggregated by age, gender and disability. A working group is now being established to review how data is disaggregated by disability, to determine whether further improvements are possible.

2024 Update:

CBM Global's impact framework has now been rolled out and agreed indicators are now being used in all new projects. By default, data is disaggregated by age, gender and disability. Over time, additional indicators will be identified and utilised in order to progressively improve the quality of data that is gathered. In particular, efforts will be made to identify better outcome, impact and qualitative indicators. Approaches to community driven data collection and utilisation have also been trialed and the learning shared within the Federation.