



# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA 2025 GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT COMMITMENTS TO PROMOTE THE INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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#### **Background**

Kenya successfully held her Global Disability Mini-Summit 2025 from February 26th to 28th, 2025 in Nairobi. Hosted by the Government of Kenya, in partnership with development partners, organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs), civil society organizations, and the private sector, the mini summit provided a vital avenue for stakeholders to reflect on progress, share lived experiences, identify gaps, and develop concrete commitments to enhance disability inclusion in the country.

The mini summit brought together a diverse group of participants, including government representatives, persons with disabilities, policymakers, development partners, and private sector leaders, all united by a common goal to advance the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities in Kenya. The event was attended by over 100 in-person delegates and 180 virtual participants, ensuring broad representation from across the country. The conversations that unfolded over the three days were open, engaging, and solutions-driven, with both right holders, persons with disabilities, and duty bearers, including government and non-state actors, engaging in open discussions about the progress and challenges in disability inclusion.

The discussions were structured around five thematic areas including inclusive education, inclusive employment and decent work, health equity, accessible infrastructure, political participation and community support and care systems. These sessions allowed stakeholders to evaluate Kenya's progress, highlight best practices, and identify areas requiring urgent intervention. Throughout the summit, there was a strong emphasis on ensuring that persons with disabilities were at the center of decision-making and policy discussions, reinforcing the principle of "Nothing About Us Without Us."

#### The Commitments

Arising from the discussions, the following commitments were arrived at:

### **Disability Inclusion Financing**

- 1. The Government of Kenya commits to enhance expenditure on persons with disabilities in public budgets and to regularly report the expenditures.
  - The Government of Kenya commits to actualize the requirement that 30% of all government procurement goes to special interest groups, including atleast 5% to persons with disabilities, by 2028.
  - 1.2 As the Government reforms the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) to enable disaggregated reporting of inputs and outcomes through the updated Standard Chart of Accounts (SCOA), the



- Government of Kenya commits to flag and tag disaggregated reporting on spending (including disability spending) by 2028.
- 1.3 The Government of Kenya commits to strengthen the capacity of Ministries, Departments, Counties and Agencies (MDCAs) on disability responsive budgeting by 2028.
- 1.4 The Government of Kenya commits that the Controller of Budget will include in the annual budget implementation reports to Parliament the flagged and tagged disaggregated disability spending by 2028
- 1.5 The Government of Kenya commits that the office of the Auditor General will include in their monitoring reports sections on disability inclusive spending by 2028.
- 2. The Government of Kenya commits to enhance policy reforms that will strengthen the inclusion of persons with disabilities in accessing public and private opportunities and services.
  - 2.1 The Government of Kenya commits that the Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) will publish at least once in 2 years a comprehensive policy paper on persons with disabilities inclusion in public opportunities and services by 2028.
  - 2.2 The Government of Kenya commits to strengthen public private sector partnerships in disability inclusion financing by the end of 2027. To recognize the role of the private sector in disability inclusion financing, all Ministries, Departments, Counties and Agencies (MDCAs) will report the value of their public private sector partnerships to disability inclusion financing.
- 3. The Government of Kenya commits to establish, implement and monitor the requirement that 15% of all development cooperation programs and activities will have disability inclusion as one of their objectives by 2028.
- 4. Recognizing the urgent need to enhance social protection coverage for persons with disabilities in Kenya, the Government of Kenya in collaboration with UN World Food Programme, commits to continue strengthening legal and policy, and financing systems at the national level and in at least two Counties by 2027.

#### **Inclusive education and Training**

5. The Government of Kenya commits to invest in a transformative program to implement differentiated capitation and funding for learners and trainees with disabilities at all education levels, including mainstream education system/mainstream schools, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Universities, in accordance with individual learners' needs by 2027.



- 6. The Government of Kenya commits to implement affirmative action for placement and reasonable accommodation in all universities, colleges and technical and vocational institutes by 2027.
- 7. The Government of Kenya commits to pilot the provision of dedicated learning resource rooms and specialized support for learners with diverse disabilities in atleast 100 mainstream schools in both urban and rural Kenya by 2029.
- 8. The Government of Kenya commits to provide free educational assessment for children with disabilities and enhance the capacity of Education Assessment Resource Centers (EARC's) to identify cases and place learners with disabilities in appropriate learning institutions by 2028.

#### Inclusive employment and decent work

- 9. The Government of Kenya commits to develop a three-year action plan to enhance the enforcement of the legal framework on the employment of persons with disabilities in accordance with Article 27 of the CRPD and ensure accountability through annual monitoring and evaluation reports by 2028.
- 10. The Government of Kenya, Sightsavers International, the United Disabled Persons of Kenya, Gender and Disability Development Centre (GGDC) and the Kenya Business Disability Network (KBDN) commit to implement awareness raising programmes on disability targeting 400 employers and 10,000 employees in public and private sector by 2027.
- 11. The Government of Kenya commits to enhance usability and strengthen versatility of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) Career Portal ensuring that it seamlessly links job seekers with disabilities to job opportunities by 2027.
- 12. The ILO will support tripartite partners and OPDs through the UNPRPD/Global Disability Fund to enhance participation and employment access for persons with disabilities by operationalizing the reservation of 5% of casual, emergency, and contractual jobs in both public and private sectors. This includes developing guidelines and establishing a school-to-labor market transition program.

### **Health Equity**

13. The Government of Kenya in partnership with AT-Scale commits to invest USD 5,000,000 to expand national assistive technologies provision systems to reach 275,000 persons with disabilities by 2027, ensuring inclusion of diverse groups including women and children, deaf-blind persons, autistic persons, persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with disabilities in rural locations.



- 14. The Government of Kenya commits to comprehensively cover appropriate treatment and rehabilitative services across all domains of disability through the Social Health Insurance Fund for all persons with disabilities by 2027 as espoused in the Rehabilitative Services and Assistive Technology Strategy.
- 15. The Government of Kenya commits to ensure free disability medical testing and assessment especially for children with disabilities and abolish reassessment of persons with permanent disabilities by 2029.
- 16. The Government of Kenya commits to digitize the processes in medical assessment to enhance integration with registration and case management as well as streamlining reporting of functional limitations and support needs by 2029.

#### Accessible infrastructure

- 17. The Government of Kenya commits to develop regulations for the issuance and enforcement of adjustment orders to enhance accessibility of buildings by 2027
- 18. The Government of Kenya commits to develop a national transport accessibility standard to ensure inclusive transportation services by 2027
- 19. The Government of Kenya commits to conduct awareness creation and capacity-building sessions on universal accessibility to key stakeholders in infrastructure development, including transport, digital platforms and built environments by 2029.
- 20. The Government of Kenya commits to ensure that at least 500 government and public digital platforms meet the Kenya accessibility standards on ICT products and services (KS2952 & WCAG (AA)) by 2027
- 21. The Government of Kenya commits to give preference to marginalized persons including persons with disabilities in the allocation of affordable housing units by reserving atleast 5% of affordable and accessible housing units for persons with disabilities as espoused in the Persons with Disabilities National Policy 2024.

#### Political participation

- 22. The Government of Kenya commits to establish a dedicated enforcement mechanism for achieving the 5% political participation for persons with disabilities by 2026.
- 23. The Government of Kenya commits to reviewing nomination procedures for persons with disabilities in nominative political positions, ensuring nominated persons are fronted by lobby groups of persons with disabilities in various political parties by 2027.



24. The Government of Kenya in partnership with the United Disabled Persons of Kenya commits to capacity build 10,000 persons with disabilities especially those in the marginalized Counties on civic education to increase their participation in political processes by 2027.

#### **Community support and care systems**

- 25. The Government of Kenya and the World Bank in collaboration with other stakeholders commit to invest USD 4,207,267 to undertake a national disability survey and develop disability data collection modules to be incorporated in frequent surveys by 2027. This includes USD 3,432,974 from the Government of Kenya and USD 774,293 from the World Bank.
- 26. The Government of Kenya commits to establish disability inclusive community care and support systems for persons with disabilities in line with the aspirations of the Persons with Disabilities National Policy 2024.
  - 26.1 To support the Government efforts, the UNICEF, through the Disability Inclusion Fund, commits to piloting a community support and care model by 2026.
  - 26.2 The Government of Kenya commits to identify and train atleast 1,000 specific foster carers by 2027 to provide care for children with disabilities who cannot be with their birth parents in line with the National care reform strategy 2022-2032.
  - 26.3 The Government of Kenya commits to provide specific training on care of children with disabilities to 200,000 parents of and carers of children with disabilities by 2027.
  - 26.4 The Government of Kenya commits to prioritize deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities especially children with disabilities, persons with intellectual disabilities and those in special schools by supporting kinship and foster care systems by 2027 including in refugee context.
- 27. The Government of Kenya commits to establish community-based respite care centers for persons with disabilities and their caregivers by 2027.
- 28. The Government of Kenya commits to pilot the expansion of social protection coverage to persons with disabilities who have no income and caregivers of persons with disabilities.

#### **Humanitarian and climate action**

29. The Government of Kenya commits to identify persons with disabilities and prioritize them for social protection interventions in situations of risk, including



- situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters by 2027.
- 30. The Government of Kenya commits to ensure the meaningful, informed, and effective participation of persons with disabilities through their representative organizations in climate policy-making and decision-making processes including design, development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of all climate mitigation and adaptation policies by 2027.
- 31. As part of Kenya's commitment and journey of scaling up school feeding to 10 million learners by 2030, the Government, with WFP's support, will promote disability-inclusive climate-friendly home-grown school feeding as a safety net to learners in the ASALs.

