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Federazione Italiana per il Superamento dell'Handicap (Italian Federation for Overcoming Handicap) is an umbrella organization gathering organizations engaged in politics regarding social inclusion of persons with disabilities. Through the collaboration with the Italian Forum on Disability – FID, it connects domestic and transnational politics. FISH Onlus - Federazione Italiana per il Superamento dell'Handicap - Via G. Capponi 178 - 00179 Roma

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RIDS La Rete Italiana Disabilità e Sviluppo-RIDS (Italian Network on Disability and Development) was founded in order to capitalize a wealth of experiences and projects which give priority to the respect for human rights of persons with disabilities in emergency and development cooperation, basing itself on the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
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RIDS is formed by:



Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau (Italian Association Friends of Raoul Follereau) is an NGO working in international cooperation, in social and health field, with particular attention to inclusive development based on community. In Italy, AIFO leads awareness campaigns, information and development education activities.
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Cooperate to include

ITALY'S COMMITMENT TO DISABILITY AND
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



A project of **Italian Network on Disability and Development (R.I.D.S.)** in order to **include the issue of disability** within the **framework of development cooperation**

co-financed by RIDS and



WHY THE PROJECT COOPERATE TO INCLUDE?

Around 10% of world population live with some form of disability. Eight persons out of ten live in mid and low income countries and most part of them live in poor conditions, with low or no possibility of access to rehabilitation services.

The project **"Cooperate to include"** comes out from the idea that it is necessary to place the focus of cooperation activities on rights and needs of persons with disabilities. The project aims to give visibility to the engagement of Italian Cooperation (MAECI) and Italian Network on Disability and Development (RIDS) to implement **UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities** (CRPD) and **Italian Development Cooperation Disability Action Plan**.

It is strategically important to **raise public awareness**, with particular attention towards actors of development cooperation, in order to promote an **inclusive development**, that is capable to recognize the importance of participation of persons with disabilities.

ACTIVITIES FORESEEN:

1) **Participation to MAECI-RIDS working table** and technical groups for the inclusion of disability in development cooperation projects.

2) **Analysis** and **mapping** of the initiatives of cooperation and development education financed by MAECI in the period 2009-2014, in order to figure out how many and which one take into account the issue of disability.

3) **Organization of an international conference** with the participation of experts and those who decide policies at local, national and international level.

4) **Organization of 3 information/training seminars** on inclusive projects in Palestine, Mozambique, Tunisia addressed to institutions, agencies, NGOs and organizations of persons with disabilities implementing cooperation projects.

5) **Organization of 3 follow-up seminars** at the Universities of Bologna, Florence, Naples.

6) **Organization of 3 online seminars** addressed to Third sector and private sector concerning UN Convention (CRPD) and engagement of Italian Government on disability and cooperation.

7) **Production of information and training tools** and a travelling exhibition

8) **Organization of the "Week of disability and cooperation"** in the occasion of The International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3 December.

AVAILABLE MATERIAL

■ **Informative/training Manual** "Prospects of development capable of including people with disabilities: which are the assumptions for cooperation?" It represents the approach of the Italian Network on Disability and Development – RIDS with regard to the issue of disability and cooperation.

■ **Publication of the mapping** of cooperation and development education projects financed by MAECI.

■ **Travelling exhibition** "Accessible Rights" composed by 2 photographic modules and a video. It emphasizes proper practices of inclusive planning, project experience of members of RIDS, co-financed projects of MAECI on the issue of disability.

■ **Guidelines for teachers** to promote participation of schools in the campaign of 3th December (UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities).

To participate to activities and download documents (available in multiple languages), please visit:

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