

## THE DISABILITY ORGANISATIONS IN DENMARK

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
COOPERATION FOR INCLUSION  
OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

# STRATEGIC FOUNDATION



## VALUES AND PRINCIPLES UNDERSCORING OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK

- ▶ We see the universal **Human Rights** as indispensable for every society, with particularly the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** being fundamental to our work.
- ▶ The **UN Sustainable Development Goals** and their promise to leave no one behind is a lever to ensure a just and socially sustainable global development.
- ▶ In countries in the Global South we primarily work in **partnerships with organisations** representing and governed by **persons with disabilities**, and their close relatives.
- ▶ We aim to support the development of strong and **sustainable organisations** basing our collaboration on the strategic priorities of our partners.
- ▶ We contribute with **experience in organising persons with disabilities** into organisations, which are available and can be consulted and actively involved in all issues affecting persons with disabilities.
- ▶ We work '**disability-to-disability**' where concrete **experiences** and practices are shared between persons with disabilities and our organisations.
- ▶ We promote shared **ownership** where all contribute actively while always respecting the diversity, among our organisations in both Denmark and in the Global South.
- ▶ **Coordination and collaboration** leads to better results.
- ▶ **Democratic decision making**, opportunities for **participation** by all, and **non-discrimination** in organisations are conditions for full inclusion.
- ▶ We act with **openness, transparency** and **accountability** towards members and target groups as well as partners and donors, and expect the same of our partners.
- ▶ **Learning** and change achieved is documented, **shared** and used to improve our work, generate ideas and demonstrate solutions for effective inclusion.

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DISABLED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATIONS DENMARK

THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC FOUNDATION. IT IS BASED ON THE FULL DOCUMENT,  
WHICH IS AVAILABLE ONLY IN DANISH AT [HANDICAP.DK/INTERNATIONALT-SAMARBEJDE](https://handicap.dk/internationalt-samarbejde)

## CHANGE IS

Lasting and positive changes in living conditions, participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities, with their rights being protected and fulfilled.

## CHANGE HAPPENS WHEN

Strong, independent and democratic disability organisations with a strong local membership base of active persons with disabilities and their families stand united,

BECAUSE

...a strong disability movement of persons with disabilities and their families can create attention and hold duty bearers to account on an ongoing basis to ensure a rights based sustainable development, which includes persons with disabilities.

## WE CONTRIBUTE TO CHANGE BY

Disability organisations in Denmark work both individually and jointly in value based partnerships with disability movements in the Global South through the exchange and creation of shared experience and learning,

## AND BY

Disability organisations in Denmark embrace a broad engagement in international development cooperation, are united in a learning community that adds value to partnerships in the Global South, and continuously work to embed the cooperation within and outside of the disability movement in Denmark,

BECAUSE

...disability organisations in Denmark have valuable and relevant experience acquired over many years and a value based approach founded on human rights, and because we can continue to ensure the relevance of our contribution to and role in partnerships through exchange of experience, collaboration towards continuous development of ourselves, and broad communication about our work.

We work to promote  
that persons with  
disabilities are able to  
live a life like everyone  
else by participating in,  
contributing to and being  
part of the community