Recent developments in German development cooperation

Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

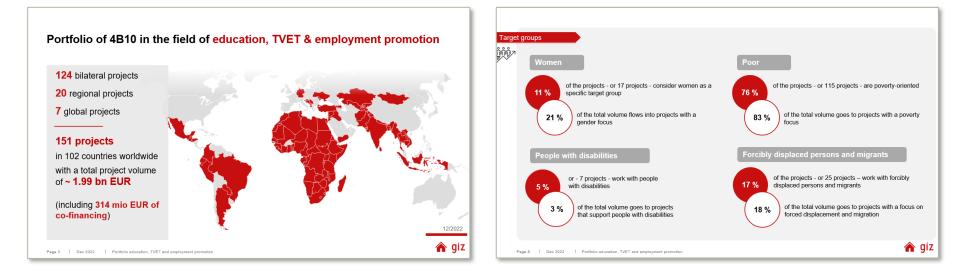
Thomas Trümper Global Project Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

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Portfolio of BMZ / GIZ in the field of education, TVET & employment promotion (as of 12/2022)



Huge portfolio, but ... rather less emphasis on gender equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities (in the past!)

Feminist Development Policy & 3rd Gender Action Plan 2023-2027





- BMZ has introduced the <u>Feminist Development Policy</u> (March 2023) and <u>Gender Action Plan</u> (December 2023)
- Rights, Resources, Representation >> targeted growth path for projects that focus on gender equality and inclusion
 - "The promotion of gender equality is a priority in all regions, sectors and instruments as a natural part of BMZ development cooperation."
 - "We promote training and further education programmes as well as employment perspectives ..."
 - "Proportion of newly committed project funds, that contribute to the inclusion and empowerment of people with disabilities"

Disability Policy Marker





- BMZ has introduced the OECD DAC Marker on the Inclusion and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (January 2024)
- All new projects must be assessed and monitored against the INK marker
 - INK 2 Principal objective
 - INK 1 Significant objective
 - INK 0 Not targeted
- An increase in inclusive projects is expected / targeted

BMZ Human Rights Concept Quality Feature: Human Rights, Gender Equality, Inclusion





- BMZ has introduced its new <u>Human Rights concept</u> of German development policy (November 2023)
- Non-discrimination, equal opportunities, participation, empowerment, transparency and accountability
- Focus lies on feminist approaches, including the rights of persons with disabilities and the rights of other particularly marginalised groups.
- Binding for all GIZ projects (mainstreaming through all projects)

3rd Global Disability Summit (GDS) 2025







INCLUSION

Minister Schulze announces that Germany will host third Global Disability Summit and make the rights of persons with disabilities an international focus

- <u>3rd Global Disability Summit (GDS)</u>, 2+3 April 2025, Berlin
- Hosts: Germany, Jordan, International Disability Alliance
- Purpose: to advance the global implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) through development-focused support
- Great political attention, flagship projects and initiatives are being sought to be presented at the GDS

Summary

- Political prioritisation and strategies for greater gender equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities in German development cooperation projects are in place.
- The realignment of political prioritisation (particularly with regard to gender equality / women empowerment) has already taken place and is reflected in the current project portfolio.
- With regard to the inclusion of persons with disabilities, the political measures of BMZ will only become visible in the project portfolio over the course of the next year(s).
- We expect an increase in inclusive projects in the areas of education, TVET and employment promotion.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Leave no one behind.





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