Recent developments in German development cooperation

## Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

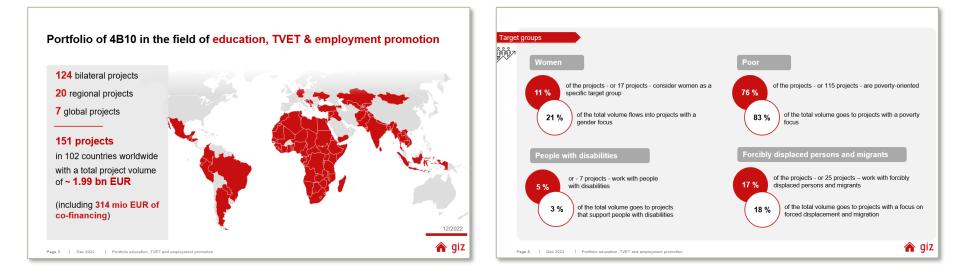
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# Portfolio of BMZ / GIZ in the field of education, TVET & employment promotion (as of 12/2022)



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

#### Feminist Development Policy & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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