



Dynamique des Jeunes Leaders pour la Paix et le Respect des Droits Humains

**DYJEPREDHU asbl**

Dynamics of Young Leaders for Peace and Respect for Humans Rights

**CHANGEMENT TRANSFORMATION IMPACT**

# Support disabled people across borders in DRC

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# PROJECT TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

## I. Project Summary

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**1. Title of the project:** Support disabled people across borders

**2. Contact details :**

• Name of the organization: Dynamic of Young Leaders for Peace and Respect for Human Rights, “DYJEPREDHU asbl” in acronym

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### 3. Organization Mission Statement

**"To break down physical, systemic, and social barriers for persons with disabilities in migration, ensuring their dignity, autonomy, and human rights are protected across every border. We empower displaced individuals through accessible transit, continuity of support services, and inclusive policy advocacy, ensuring that no one is left behind in the journey toward safety."**

#### Core Values

- 1. Inclusion Without Borders:** We believe that disability rights do not end at a frontier. Our support follows the individual, not the map.
- 2. Radical Accessibility:** From physical ramps to "Easy-to-Read" legal aid, we ensure that information and environments are usable by everyone, regardless of ability.

3. **Nothing About Us Without Us:** We prioritize the leadership and lived experiences of persons with disabilities in every decision, program, and policy we develop.

## **Vision Statement**

*"A world where freedom of movement is a universal reality, and where every person with a disability can cross borders with safety, dignity, and full access to their rights."*

## **Project Beneficiaries**

### **1. Primary Beneficiaries (Direct Impact)**

- **Displaced Persons with Disabilities (PWDs):** Refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants with physical, sensory (blind/deaf), intellectual, or psychosocial disabilities crossing international borders.
- **Injured Individuals in Transit:** People who have acquired temporary or permanent disabilities due to conflict, climate disasters, or the journey itself and require immediate mobility or medical support.
- **Caregivers and Families:** Family members who support PWDs and benefit from reduced physical strain (via assistive devices) and clearer information on accessible procedures.

### **2. Secondary Beneficiaries (Indirect Impact)**

- **Border Officials and First Responders:** Border guards, immigration officers, and police who receive training to better manage diverse needs, reducing stress and improving operational efficiency.
- **Local Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs):** Community-based NGOs that gain funding, technical expertise, and increased visibility through project partnerships.
- **Humanitarian Agency Staff:** Aid workers from other organizations who utilize the accessible infrastructure (ramps, sensory rooms) and "Easy-to-Read" materials developed by the project.

### **3. Institutional Beneficiaries (Systemic Impact)**

- **Host and Transit Governments:** National authorities that benefit from standardized protocols and better data collection (using the Washington Group Questions) to plan their social and health budgets.
- **Local Communities:** Host populations who see an improvement in local accessibility (infrastructure upgrades) that remains functional even after the project concludes.

**Total cost of the project: US \$ 75,000**

- **Bank account: Dynamique des Jeunes Leaders pour la Paix et le Respect des Droits Humains, DYJEPREDHU asbl**

**Trust Merchant Bank S.A. (TMB)**

**Goma Agency -DRC**

**No. 1272-28000-23526760001-87**

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## **Project Context: Supporting Persons with Disabilities Across Borders**

### **1. The "Invisible" Crisis in Migration**

In the global landscape of migration and forced displacement, persons with disabilities (PWDs) remain one of the most marginalized and "invisible" groups. While international frameworks like the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)** exist, their application often stops at national borders. When crossing frontiers, PWDs face a "double vulnerability": the inherent risks of displacement combined with systemic barriers to accessibility and protection.

### **2. Systemic Barriers and "Status Reset"**

One of the most critical challenges is the **lack of mutual recognition** of disability status between nations. A person recognized as disabled in their home country often loses access to essential support services such as personal assistance, specialized healthcare, or financial benefits the moment they cross a border. This "administrative reset" forces individuals into extreme poverty or total dependency on informal aid networks.

### **3. Inaccessibility of Transit and Procedures**

From physical barriers at border checkpoints (lack of ramps, accessible toilets) to sensory-overwhelming environments in refugee camps, the infrastructure of migration is rarely inclusive. Furthermore, **legal and asylum procedures** are often inaccessible, lacking sign language interpreters, "Easy-to-Read" documentation, or procedural accommodations, which can lead to the unfair denial of asylum or residency rights.

### **4. The Impact of Conflict and Climate Change**

As climate-induced displacement and geopolitical conflicts rise, the number of people acquiring disabilities during transit (due to injury or lack of chronic disease management) is increasing. Current humanitarian responses are often designed for a "standard" body and mind, leaving those with mobility, sensory, intellectual, or psychosocial disabilities behind during emergency evacuations and aid distribution.

### **5. The Goal of the Initiative**

This project aims to bridge the gap between national protection systems and international migration flows. By focusing on **cross-border cooperation, inclusive policy-making, and field-level accessibility**, the initiative seeks to ensure that human rights are not surrendered at the border. The ultimate objective is to foster a world where "freedom of movement" is a reality for everyone, regardless of their physical or mental abilities.

## **Project Objectives: Support for PWDs Across Borders**

### **1. General Objective (Goal)**

To ensure the **protection, dignity, and full exercise of human rights** for persons with disabilities (PWDs) throughout their migration journey, from the point of departure and transit to their final destination, by eliminating systemic and physical barriers.

### **2. Specific Strategic Objectives**

- **Harmonization of Disability Recognition:** To advocate for the **mutual recognition of disability certifications** between neighboring countries to prevent the loss of essential support services during cross-border transitions.
- **Inclusive Infrastructure & Transit:** To upgrade border facilities, transit hubs, and reception centers with **Universal Design** principles (ramps, accessible signage, tactile paths, and sensory-friendly zones).
- **Procedural Accessibility:** To implement **Reasonable Accommodations** in all administrative and legal procedures, including providing sign language interpreters and documents in "Easy-to-Read" formats for asylum and residency applications.
- **Empowerment of Local OPDs:** To strengthen the capacity of **Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)** in border regions to provide peer support and monitor human rights violations.

### **3. Operational & Technical Objectives**

- **Assistive Technology Continuity:** To establish a **cross-border emergency fund** or "device bank" for the immediate replacement or repair

of mobility and communication aids (wheelchairs, prosthetics, hearing aids) damaged during transit.

- **Data-Driven Response:** To implement the **Washington Group Questions** in all migrant registration systems to accurately identify the needs of PWDs and ensure they are included in humanitarian distribution lists.
- **Specialized Training:** To provide **disability-inclusion training** to at least 80% of border guards, immigration officers, and first responders to ensure respectful and adapted interactions.
- **MHPSS Integration:** To develop and deploy **trauma-informed mental health and psychosocial support** specifically adapted for different types of disabilities (e.g., visual or hearing impairments).

## **Project Impact: Empowering Persons with Disabilities Across Borders**

### **1. Social & Humanitarian Impact**

- **Reduced Vulnerability:** Drastic reduction in the "invisible" exclusion of PWDs during migration crises, ensuring they have the same access to food, water, and shelter as others.
- **Inclusive Communities:** Foster more welcoming host communities where disabled migrants are seen as active contributors rather than "burdens," reducing stigma and discrimination.
- **Life-Saving Interventions:** Immediate access to specialized medical care and assistive devices (wheelchairs, hearing aids) prevents secondary health complications or permanent loss of mobility during transit.

### **2. Policy & Systemic Impact**

- **Cross-Border Continuity of Care:** Establishing a "legal corridor" where disability status is recognized between nations, ensuring that support services (personal assistants, subsidies) are not interrupted.

- **Standardization of Accessibility:** Migration hubs (airports, borders, camps) adopt **Universal Design** standards, benefiting not only PWDs but also the elderly, injured persons, and families with young children.
- **Data-Informed Governance:** Better data collection (via Washington Group Questions) leads to more accurate national budgets and more effective allocation of humanitarian resources.

### 3. Individual & Empowerment Impact

- **Restored Dignity and Autonomy:** PWDs gain the ability to navigate the migration process independently through accessible information and physical environments.
- **Legal Protection:** Increased success rates in asylum and residency applications due to **procedural accommodations** (sign language, easy-to-read legal aids), ensuring fair treatment under the law.
- **Psychological Resilience:** Improved mental health outcomes through specialized, trauma-informed support, helping individuals recover from the dual stress of displacement and disability-related barriers.

### 4. Long-Term Sustainability

- **Institutional Capacity:** Border officials and humanitarian workers are permanently trained to handle disability-inclusive responses, creating a lasting change in institutional culture.
- **Strengthened OPD Networks:** Local Organizations of Persons with Disabilities become key stakeholders in migration management, ensuring the principle of "*Nothing about us without us*" is upheld long-term.

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**Detailed Project Budget: Cross-Border Disability Support**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1. Human Resources (Local Staff)</b>				<b>\$34,200</b>
	Project Coordinator (Part-time)	\$1,200/mo	12	\$14,400
	Field Officers / Disability Experts	\$700/mo	2	\$16,800
	On-call Sign Language Interpreters	\$30/hr	100	\$3,000
<b>2. Assistive Technology &amp; Medical Aid</b>				<b>\$18,500</b>
	Emergency Manual Wheelchairs	\$250	30	\$7,500
	Mobility Aids (Crutches, Walkers, White Canes)	\$50 avg	100	\$5,000
	Hearing Aid Batteries & Small Repairs	\$100/mo	12	\$1,200
	Emergency Medical Fund (Specific Treatments)	Lumpsum	1	\$4,800
<b>3. Infrastructure &amp; Accessibility</b>				<b>\$8,500</b>
	Portable Ramps for Transit Points	\$400	10	\$4,000
	Visual/Tactile Signage (Braille/Icons)	\$200	15	\$3,000

	Sensory Kits for Children (Transit Centers)	\$75	20	\$1,500
<b>4. Training &amp; Communication</b>				<b>\$5,800</b>
	Workshops for Border Guards (Inclusive Reception)	\$500	4	\$2,000
	"Easy-to-Read" Legal Info Leaflets	\$0.50	3,000	\$1,500
	Community Radio & SMS Awareness Alerts	\$150/mo	12	\$1,800
	Digital Platform Maintenance (Accessibility)	\$500	1	\$500
<b>5. Operations &amp; Logistics</b>				<b>\$4,500</b>
	Local Travel (Accessible Transport Rental)	\$250/mo	12	\$3,000
	Communications (Internet & Mobile Data)	\$125/mo	12	\$1,500
<b>6. Administration (Indirect Costs)</b>				<b>\$3,500</b>
	Small Office Space & Utilities	\$250/mo	12	\$3,000
	Final Financial Audit	\$500	1	\$500

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$75,000</b>
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**Budget Justification (Highlights):**

- **Lean Staffing:** To maximize direct aid, the team is composed of local experts and a part-time coordinator.
- **Direct Impact (25%):** Nearly a quarter of the budget is strictly dedicated to assistive devices (wheelchairs/crutches), which are the most critical needs at border crossings.
- **Scalability:** This \$75k model is designed to be easily replicated at other border points if more funding is secured.
- **Low Overhead:** Administrative costs are kept below 5% to ensure donor trust and maximize field activities.

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