

International Disability Alliance (IDA)

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Suggestions for disability-relevant questions to be included in the list of issues 46th Pre-Sessional Working Group, 2-6 August 2010

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has prepared the following suggestions for the list of issues, based on references to persons with disabilities to be found in the State reports submitted to the 46th Pre-sessional Working Group of CEDAW Committee.

BANGLADESH

[State Report](#)

Empowerment and Development of Women

In ensuring social safety net protection for vulnerable women in extreme poverty, Vulnerable Group Development Program (VGD) is providing extreme poor and distressed women food assistance along with development package training. Skill development training on income generating activities as well as nutrition, primary health, HIV/AIDS etc. is being given. Microcredit programs are helping women develop self employment. Similarly, there is Widow Allowance, Elderly Persons Allowance, Maternity and Lactating Mothers allowances. **Women with disability** are also given support.

5. Different Groups of Women

305. The different groups of women include those from the *adivasi* (indigenous) community, religious minorities, other socially disadvantaged groups and **people with disability**. All forms of discrimination against the socially excluded groups will be eliminated. The Government is committed to fully implement the 1997 Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord and will put more efforts towards the development of the underdeveloped *adivasi* areas. The activities of the Land Commission will be made effective for settling land disputes. Efforts will be taken for peaceful coexistence of hill *adivasis* and the settlers through preserving and protecting the rights of the *adivasis*. Ways and means will be devised to protect the land rights of the plain land *adivasis*. The *adivasis* will be

constitutionally recognized and their cultural heritage will be preserved and protected.

307. Ministry of Social Welfare and its agencies has various development initiatives supporting such **disabilities** girls and women.

310. NSAPR II mentioned that **disability** and gender issues will be addressed both as a humanitarian and also as a development issue. Measures will be taken for ensuring proper housing and accessibility to all physical facilities for **disabled** persons. Shelter homes will be provided for women with severe **disabilities**. They will also be given preference under safety net measures.

Suggestions for list of issues

- Could the State provide more information about women with disabilities who often suffer from multiple forms of discrimination, especially with regards to access to education, employment and health care services?
- Please provide detailed information about the development initiatives undertaken by Ministry of Social Welfare to support girls and women with disabilities. Are these initiatives in line with the requirements of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?
- Please provide detailed information on what measures are being taken to ensure the full development, advancement and empowerment of women with disabilities?