

African disability Protocol

Why it matters for you(th)

WHAT

The African Disability Protocol (ADP) is a human rights treaty that addresses forms of discrimination affecting people with disabilities living in African countries, including harmful practices, beliefs and superstitions.



ITS IMPORTANCE

The ADP is a progressive human rights treaty which aims to push the boundaries on human rights protection for PWDs on the African continent. Adopted in 2018, the ADP protects the rights of African PWDs through an African lens; championing positive cultural practices and bringing attention to uniquely African challenges.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES?

Women with disabilities are protected from sexual and gender based violence and are provided with rehabilitation and psychosocial support against sexual and gender based violence



The sexual and reproductive health rights of women with disabilities are guaranteed, and women with disabilities have the right to retain and control their fertility; and are not sterilised without their consent.



Eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities



Promoting sexual and reproductive health education for youth with disabilities



Promoting full, inclusive and accessible education for youth with disabilities



States Parties shall take policy, legislative, administrative and other measures to ensure that all the rights of youth with disabilities are fully respected

States Parties shall take appropriate and effective measures to ensure persons with disabilities have, **on an equal basis with others, access to health services, including sexual and reproductive health**



Ensuring children with disabilities are not abducted, sold or trafficked for any purpose or in any form for, sexual exploitation, child labour harvesting organs and **protected from all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and forced labour**

Every person with a disability shall be entitled to the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms recognised and guaranteed in this Protocol without distinction of any kind on any ground including, race, ethnic group, colour, sex, language, religion, political or any other opinion, national and social origin, fortune, birth or any status.