



NUDIPU INTRODUCTION

The National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU) is an indigenous umbrella NGO of Persons with Disabilities formed on 14th November 1987. NUDIPU brings together all categories of disabilities including the physical, sensory, intellectual and mental impairments. NUDIPU has always worked to break the tradition that tended to treat Persons with Disabilities as objects of charity and not full participants in the development processes in Uganda.

NUDIPU'S VISION:

“A Just and Fair Society where Persons with Disabilities live a Prosperous and Dignified life. This vision calls for equalisation of opportunities for Persons with Disabilities' contribution and participation of government, Development partners and Persons with Disabilities themselves.

NUDIPU's MISSION

“To advocate for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in a Unified Voice for Improved Livelihoods”

NUDIPU's CORE VALUES

NUDIPU cherishes the following values and principles;

1. Accountability and Transparency
2. Respect and Equality
3. Team Spirit
4. Equity
5. Unity in Diversity

PHILOSOPHY:

NUDIPU's participation in the development process is guided by the following beliefs:

- Nothing for us without us
- Disability is not inability
- Unity and working together in pursuit of our mission

- Leaving no one Behind

NUDIPU in collaboration with DPOs and other disability stakeholders, prioritized for the next five years (2020-2024) the following strategic goals;

1. NUDIPU and DPOs capacities are strengthened to deliver on their mandates.
2. Policies of government and other actors are inclusive to address the needs of Persons with Disabilities.
3. Needs and concerns of Persons with Disabilities are effectively included in socio-economic empowerment programmed in Uganda

NUDIPU'S CORE PROGRAMS:

1. Social and Economic Empowerment
2. Advocacy
3. Institutional capacity building

NUDIPU PROJECTS

- Make 12.4% Work
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR)
- iSAVE Economic Empowerment Programme under
- Gender and Disability Inclusion in Practice
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Disability Rights Fund
- Inclusive Education
- Disability Inclusive Livelihood intervention
- Inclusion Works
- Disability Rights Fund (DRF)
- Human Rights Advocacy Project
- iSAVE Economic Empowerment Programme
- We are Able

STRATEGIES:

NUDIPU uses the following strategies in making her interventions; Advocacy, Gender and Youth mainstreaming, Research and documentation, Rights Based Approach and capacity strengthening.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Mobilisation of Persons with Disabilities to form cross disability coalitions (146 District Unions and Sub County Associations).
- Influenced the appointments of representatives of Persons with Disabilities to boards and commissions.
- Influenced the enactment of disability sensitive legislations and provisions into the national constitution and several Parliamentary Acts e.g. Local Government Act, Uganda Communication Act, Uganda

Traffic and Road safety Act, The Land Act, draft National Inclusive Education policy, Persons with Disabilities Act 2020, Mental Health Act 2019, Public Finance and Management Act 2015.

- Successfully conducted a rapid analysis on the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the implementation frameworks for SDG1, 2 and 11.
- Supported the formation of saving and credit groups of Persons with Disabilities to start income generating activities (IGAs).
- Networked with legal aid to provide legal redress to persons with disabilities.
- Networking and collaboration with state and non- state actors has enhanced the inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities
- Enhanced partnerships with employment actors such as MGLSD, MOPs, PS, DSC, FUE, NOTU, HRMAU
- Partnered with FUE to establish the UBDN to increase employment opportunities for Persons with disabilities

NUDIPU MEMBERSHIP:

NUDIPU's membership comprises of Ordinary members (*District Unions of Persons with Disabilities and National Uni-Disability Organisations*), Associate members (*cross disability organisations at national level*) and honorary members.

NUDIPU STRUCTURE:

NUDIPU structure comprises of three organs, namely:

1. General Assembly: This is the Supreme policy making body of NUDIPU that meets once in every five years to elect the Board of Directors, review the constitution and consider any amendments thereto, consider plans and reports from the board. The General Assembly comprises of delegates from Regional Assemblies and National Uni-Disability Organisations of Persons with Disabilities.

2. The Board of Directors (BOD): This is the Executive authority of the organisation which makes Policy decisions on behalf of the Assembly and monitors the day to day running of the Union.

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