



NATIONAL UNION OF DISABLED PERSONS OF UGANDA

Introduction

The National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (NUDIPU) is an indigenous umbrella NGO of Persons with Disabilities formed on 14th November 1987 to champion advocacy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Uganda.

Vision

A Just and Fair Society where Persons with Disabilities live a Prosperous and Dignified life.

Mission

To advocate for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in a Unified Voice for Improved Livelihoods".

Core values

NUDIPU cherishes the following values and principles.

- (i) Accountability and Transparency
- (ii) Respect and Equality
- (iii) Team Spirit
- (iv) Equity, and
- (v) Unity in Diversity

Philosophy

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

- (i) Nothing for us without us.
- (ii) Disability is not inability.
- (iii) Unity and working together in pursuit of our mission.
- (iv) Leaving no one Behind.

NUDIPU Strategic Objectives 2025-2029

	PROJECT	AREA OF OPERATION
1.	Gender and Disability Inclusion in Practice II (GADIP II)	Nakapiripirit and Kapchorwa
2.	Human Rights and Organizational Development (HROD)	Ntungamo, Kabale, Kibale and Luwero and National Level
3.	Economic Empowerment	Kaliro, Mukono, Nebbi, and Lamwo and National Level
4.	Disability Inclusive Gender Based Violence (GBV) prevention towards women and girls	Bulambuli
5.	Inclusive Climate Change Adaption (ICCA)	Isingiro and Bududa
6.	Inclusive Education	Kamwenge and Sheema and National Level
7.	Food security and Land rights for persons with disabilities (We are Able)	Yumbe, Arua City, Omoro, Nwoya and Terego
8.	Disability Rights Fund Coalition	National Level
9.	Advancing Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Social Services and Decision-making in Uganda	Nabilatuk, Amudat and National Level
10.	Ready For Inclusive Sustainable Employment and Entrepreneurship (Rise)	Mukono, Wakiso and Kampala
11.	Enhancing Knowledge Management, ICT Adaptation, Digital Skills, and Access To E-Services for Persons With Disabilities	National Level
12.	Improving access to social protection for families of children with severe disabilities in Uganda Phase II	National Level
13.	Improving access to dignified and fulfilling work for young women and men with disabilities in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal (We can Work)	Wakiso, Kampala, Gulu and Mukono

14.	Ayim Maber (the Future is brighter) project – which tackles the Socio-economic empowerment aspect of female and male youth with disabilities	Nwoya and Omoro
15.	Child-Centered Holistic Approach to a Nurturing Care Enabling Environment (CHANCE)	Terego District

- (i) **Advocacy for Inclusive Policies:** Strengthening enforcement of disability-friendly policies and laws, targeting areas like healthcare, education, employment, accessibility, food security, land rights, and disaster risk reduction and climate change programmes through campaigns, partnerships, and local engagement.
- (ii) **Socio-Economic Empowerment:** Tackling poverty through vocational training, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and job placement programs. Partnerships with microfinance institutions and mentorship initiatives are central to this effort.
- (iii) **Capacity Building:** Enhancing governance, financial management and resource mobilisation among district unions and national OPDS through leadership training, operational tools, and technical support.
- (iv) **Information Systems Strengthening:** Improving data collection and analysis through an upgraded Knowledge Management System (KMS) to support evidence-based advocacy and informed decision-making.
- (v) **Institutional Development:** Focusing on resource mobilization, staff development, infrastructure, and decentralized operations to ensure long-term sustainability.

NUDIPU PROJECTS & AREAS OF IMPLEMENTATION

OUR MEMBERSHIP

NUDIPU members are 146 district unions of persons with disabilities and 17 Uni-disability Organisations, which include;

- Uganda National Association of the Blind (UNAB)
- Uganda National Association of the Deaf (UNAD)
- Show Abilities Uganda (SAU)
- Mental Health Uganda (MHU)

- Uganda Albino's Association (UAA)
- Source of the Nile Association of Persons with Albinism (SNUPA)
- Albinism Umbrella (AU)
- Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Uganda (SHAU)
- Uganda Federation of Hard of Hearing (UFHOH)
- Uganda Parents of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (UPPID)
- Epilepsy Association of Uganda (ESAU)
- Uganda National Association of the Deaf Blind (NADBU)
- Foundation of Persons Affected by Dwarfism (FPAD)
- Inclusion Uganda
- National Union of Women with Disabilities of Uganda (NUWODU)
- Uganda National Action on Physical Disability (UNAPD)
- Umbrella Cerebral Palsy Network Association (UCPNA)

NUDIPU's Structure

NUDIPU's structure comprises of three organs, namely:

- (i) **General Assembly:** This is the Supreme policy making body of NUDIPU that meets every year and in the fifth year new Board of Directors are elected to steer the organization for the next five years, 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.
- (ii) **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.
- (iii) **Secretariat:** The Secretariate runs the day-to-day activities of the organisation as advised by the BOD. Is headed by the Chief Executive Officer and comprises of different levels of staff from Senior Management, Middle Management, and Lower Management, including the Support Staff and volunteers.

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