

FACILITATING DISABILITY INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA IN UGANDA: WHAT ROLE CAN THE HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH PLAY?

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ABSTRACT

Evidence suggesting the link between disability and poverty has been increasing in recent years. Nonetheless, there has been very little effort by various governments to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in poverty reduction processes. This article argues for the need to use the human rights-based approach as an advocacy tool for disability mainstreaming in poverty reduction strategy papers. In particular, the article explores the ways of facilitating disability inclusion in the National Development Plan in Uganda using the human rights-based approach. In so doing, I report part of the findings gathered from a study conducted in Uganda between April and October 2009. These findings specifically focus on the role of the human rights based approach with the intention of ensuring the meaningful inclusion of disability issues in the national development agenda that targets poverty reduction.