



# Reaching children, women and persons with disabilities through EU development cooperation

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# Overview

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  - Child Rights: CRC
  - Gender: GAP

# Sustainable Development Goals



# SDGs and RBA




While the term "rights-based approach" is not explicitly mentioned in the 2030 Agenda, there are many important elements linking it to the RBA:

The 2030 Agenda

- is strongly **grounded** in international human rights treaties
- is **universal** – like the human rights agenda
- is **comprehensive** – covers issues related to all human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights as well as civil and political rights
- puts the imperative of **equality and non-discrimination** at its heart
- commits governments to establishing a **participatory and transparent follow-up and review framework** and sets out important principles to guide the review process at all levels, including gender sensitivity and respect for human rights

The RBA offers a **methodology** to achieve sustainable development results by linking development interventions with human rights obligations and corresponding accountability mechanisms.

# SDGs and RBA

<p><b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> 	<p><b>Reduce inequality within and among countries</b></p> <p>Targets include promoting higher growth rates for the bottom 40 per cent; promoting social, economic and political inclusion; reducing inequalities in opportunities and outcomes; ensuring social protection for all; securing participation in economic decision making; facilitating migration, and reducing transaction costs for migrant remittances.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Right to equality and non-discrimination</b> [UDHR art. 2; ICESCR art. 2(2); ICCPR arts. 2(1), 26; CERD art. 2(2); CEDAW art. 2; CRC art. 2; CRPD art. 5; CMW art. 7; DRtD art. 8(1)]</li> <li>• <b>Right to participate in public affairs</b> [UDHR art. 21; ICCPR art. 25; CEDAW art. 7; ICERD art. 5; CRPD art. 29; DRtD art. 8(2)]</li> <li>• <b>Right to social security</b> [UDHR art. 22; ICESCR arts. 9-10; CRPD art. 28]</li> <li>• <b>Promotion of conditions for international migration</b> [CMW art. 64]</li> <li>• <b>Right of migrants to transfer their earnings and savings</b> [CMW art. 47(1)]</li> </ul>
<p><b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p> 	<p><b>Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</b></p> <p>Targets include ensuring access to housing, basic services and public transport for all; participatory planning of human settlements; safeguarding cultural and natural heritage; and strengthening resilience to disasters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Right to adequate housing</b>, including land and resources [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 11]</li> <li>• <b>Right to participate in cultural life</b> [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 15; ICERD arts. 5, 7; CRPD art. 30; CRC art. 31]</li> <li>• <b>Accessibility of transportation, facilities and services</b> particularly of persons with disabilities [CRPD art. 9(1)], children [CRC art. 23], and rural women [CEDAW art. 14(2)]</li> <li>• <b>Protection from natural disasters</b> [CRPD art. 11]</li> </ul>
<p><b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> 	<p><b>Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</b></p> <p>Targets include achieving sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources; improving waste management; promoting sustainable public procurement; ensuring access to information; and building capacity for sustainable development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Right to health</b> including the right to safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment [UDHR art. 25(1); ICESCR art. 12]</li> <li>• <b>Right to adequate food and the right to safe drinking water</b> [UDHR art. 25(1); ICESCR art. 11]</li> <li>• <b>Right of all peoples to freely dispose of their natural resources</b> [ICCPR, ICESCR art. 1(2)]</li> </ul>

# Disability in the SDGs



## A Disability-Inclusive Agenda

Explicit references in the targets related to

- Goal 4: Education,
- Goal 8: Employment,
- Goal 10: Reduce inequality
- Goal 11: Sustainable cities
- Goal 17: Means of implementation, data

But all Goals & Targets will be applicable

A remarkable achievement, considering that disability was absent from the MDGs



# SDG and Child rights

## A central place for children



Nearly 50 targets of direct relevance for children ... and indirectly nearly all.

More important goals for child survival and development:

- Goal 2 & 3: nutrition and health
- Goal 4: education,
- Goal 6: water and sanitation
- Goal 7: energy

More important goal for child protection:

- Goal 5: GEWE (discrimination against girls, violence, harmful practices),
- Goal 16: all forms of violence against children, birth registration



Achieve gender equality and  
empower all women and girls

## **8 Targets:**

- *End all forms of discrimination ...*
- *Eliminate all forms of violence ...*
- *Eliminate all harmful practices, such as CEFM and FGM*
- *Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work..*
- *Promote participation and equal opportunities for leadership ...*
- *Ensure universal access to S&RH and reproductive rights (!)*
- *Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control...*
- *Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular I&C T Policies and legislation for promotion of GEWE*

***But cross cutting in all other goals***



# Transport

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Target: Ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services...

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Target: Adopt measures to ensure the proper functioning of food commodity markets and their derivatives...

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Target: Halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents...

Goal 8: Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all

Target: Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men...

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Target: Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure...

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

Target: Progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 percent of the population...

Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Target: Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety...

**Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**

# EU commitments

# Rights-based approach – a firm commitment from the EU

- **EU Strategic Framework** on Human Rights and Democracy, 25 June 2012
- Staff Working Document 2014/152 "**Tool-box**: A rights-based approach, encompassing all human rights, for EU development cooperation", 30 April 2014
- **Council conclusions** on a rights-based approach to development cooperation, encompassing all human rights, 19 May 2014
- **EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy** (2015-2019), esp. Measure 27a.: "... pursuing full concrete integration [of the RBA] into all EU development instruments and activities..."
- DCI Regulation 2014-2020, EIDHR Regulation 2014-2020, 11<sup>th</sup> EDF Implementing Regulation **make explicit reference to the RBA** as guiding the implementation of development cooperation



# EU Commitments on Disability

## UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

- EU is a party as a regional integration organisation since 2011.
- The CRPD is part of EU legal order
- Art. 32 on International Cooperation (& all other articles!)
- Concluding observations by the UN Committee on EU progress (2015)

## European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

- To help implement the CRPD
- Focus on 8 priority areas – including external action
- Promote the rights of persons with disabilities in development programmes, humanitarian aid and in international fora.

# EU Commitments on CR

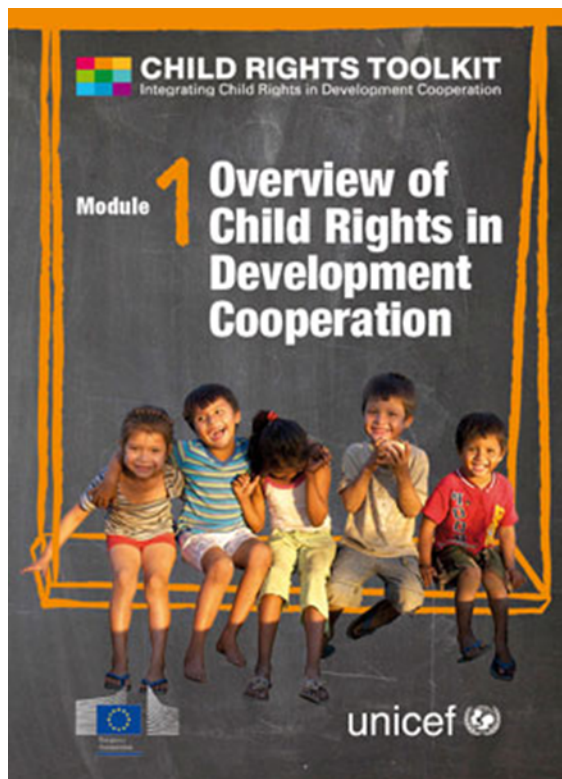
Advancing the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) through:

**2 sets of EU guidelines:** children and armed conflicts (2003 revised 2008), protection and promotion of the rights of the child (2007, under revision, new child protection system approach).

2008 Communication and AP "A special place for children in external action" and 2011 EU Agenda for the rights of the child.

MORE IMPORTANT= **MAINSTREAMING** (EU Consensus for Development, EU Guidelines). There are no child blind project.

A free access tool: **THE EU-UNICEF Toolkit**. Ask for your training !





## EU Commitments on GEWE

In **the Treaty since Rome** = no discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, ....

**CEDAW** – ratified by all MS

Inside EU = "**Strategic Commitment for GE**"  
*Among objectives: GEWE in external relations*

EU external relations :

**the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gender Action Plan 2016-2020**



# Thank you

For more information, join the **Capacity4Dev** Groups:

**"Disability and Development Network"**

**"Gender"**

**"Children"**

**"Rights-Based Approach"**