

CV of the Rete italiana disabilità e sviluppo - RIDS (Italian Network on disability and development).

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RIDS is a NGO working in international cooperation which member are two NGOs active in projects on development cooperation (AIFO and EducAid) and two organisations of persons with disabilities - DPOs (Italian federation to overcoming the handicap - FISH and Disabled People's International Italia - DPI Italia). Born in the 2011 as a collaboration within 4 organisation, was registered as legal organisation in May 2016.

The aims of the RIDS is include the persons with disabilities in international cooperation projects, in the humanitarian projects and in all policies related with the UN Convention of the rights of persons with disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals. The RIDS manifesto tdefine the goals of the association : The strategic alliance between organizations working on development cooperation and relevant associations of persons with disabilities, recognizing their knowledge and skills; The inclusion of persons with disabilities in projects, granting them accessibility to the interventions, even in international development programs; Attention to the rights of persons with disabilities in projects of national and international poverty reduction (Sustainable Development Goals); The strengthening of the powers and role (empowerment) of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in the countries seeking development, an essential element of the sustainability of the CRPD, based on the principle "Nothing about us without us"; Support for inclusive development policies in all areas (health, education, work, etc..);

The enrichment of local and national development strategies (Community Based Rehabilitation, Disability Action Plans) on the basis of the CRPD and appropriate monitoring systems; The promotion of training and inclusion of cooperators with disabilities that would become experts, within the activities of development cooperation; The promotion of appropriate practices and innovations in inclusive policies ; Awareness of public and private institutions and agencies, local, national and international promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities on the basis of the CRPD. RIDS is in the national table of discussion that include the Ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation and the Italian agency on development cooperation. This collaboration produce the action plan of the Italian cooperation on disability (2013) and the guidelines on disability of Italian cooperation (2017). RIDS has collaborated in projects in Asia (India, Mongolia, Palestine, Vietnam), Africa (Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Morocco, Tunisia) and provide experts for the European project "Bringing the gap" (Burkina Faso, Sudan). The activities of RIDS has produced the empowerment of the DPOs for manage advocacy actions directly with public and private entity. RIDS develop new activities that involve directly persons with disabilities in the field of research (Emancipatory disability research in India, Palestine and in other active projects in Liberia and Mongolia) and emergency (peer counsellors of emergency in Gaza Stripe). RIDS was member of the IASC team charged to write the UN Guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities in umanitarian aids intervention (2018-19) and in the informal group of OCDE that work to define the marker on disability in the OCDE-DAC classification.

RIDS have develop partnership with a number of project, as is indicated in following list:

- Member of the table of discussion who prepare the Action plan on disability of the Italian Cooperation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2011-2013), presented in international fora in Bruxelles (2013)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the project to empower DPOs and national authorities in Liberia (2012-14) in the field of disability, financed by European Union and managed by AIFO and Handicap International
- Involve as partner provide expert in the multi country project to include persons with psychosocial disability in CBR programme in Brazil, Mongolia, Indonesia, Liberia (2012-14), financed by European Union and managed by AIFO
- *Member of the 7th group on International cooperation of the National Observatory on the condition of persons with disabilities* responsible to monitoring the Action program on disability and development from Ministry of foreign affairs and monitoring the CRPD (2014-16)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the project to empower DPOs in Palestine (in West Bank and in Gaza) in the field of disability, with particular attention to CRPD implementation, financed by European Union and managed by EducAid (2014-2015)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the project to introduce territorial services for person with psychosocial disability in CBR programme in China (2014), financed by European Union and managed by AIFO
- Participation as speaker on disability in the cinema in Handifilm festival (Rabat, April 2015)
- involve as partner provide expert in the project to empower organisations of persons with disabilities financed by EU, managed by EducAid in West Bank (Palestine, May and June 2015)
- Speaker on the national conference in Palestine (West Bank) on projects related to disability organised by the group of NGO working in Palestine in this field, with a presentation focused on Italian experience to implement art. 11 and 32 of CRPD (Ramallah, 15 June 2015)
- Speaker on the seminar organised by the UTL of Jerusalem UTL of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international cooperation addressed to the Italian NGOs working in Palestine on the issue *Inclusion of persons with disabilities in International cooperation* (Jerusalem, 17 June 2015)
- Participation as speaker to a seminar on *Empowerment of Mongolia CBR and DPOs* in the EXPO of Milan (September 2015)
- Participate as speaker to a *National conference on implementation of CRPD in Tunisia*, organised by UTL of the Italian Ministry of foreign affairs and International cooperation and Tunisia government (Tunis, 30 September 2015)
- Participate as speaker to a *National conference on implementation of CRPD in Mozambico*, organised by UTL of the Italian Ministry of foreign affairs and International cooperation and Mozambico government (Maputo, 5-6 October 2015)
- Participation as speakers in the European Conference “*LEAVE NO-ONE BEHIND. Tackling inequality of persons with disabilities in the 2030 sustainable development agenda*” with a speech on Monitoring the Implementation of the SDGs: Indicators and Data, the Italian experience (Bruxelles, 3 December 2015)
- Participate as speaker on *La convenzione internazionale sui diritti delle persone con disabilità e la loro inclusione nella cooperazione internazionale e negli interventi di emergenza* to a seminar *Cooperazione, diritti umani e inclusione* organised by University of Padova, Padova 26 april 2016

- Participate as speaker on *Italian action plan on disability in international contest* in the conference *Disabilità e inclusione nella cooperazione allo sviluppo* organized by MAECI, AICS and RIDS, (Florence 4.7.2016)
- Facilitator/rapporteur in the workshop on *International cooperation and international perspective of the disability policies* held in Florence during the 5° *National conference on the disability policies, organised by Ministry of labour and social policies* (Florence, 16.9.2016)
- Participation as speaker in the congress «Disability Inclusion into the Italian cooperation» in the Italian Parliament with a presentation on CRPD and International cooperation (Rome, 13 December 2016)
- Participation as speaker in the study visit of Palestinian women with disabilities in event in Rimini, Rome and Florence (February 2017)
- Speaker in Trieste on CBR project of AIFO in Cina related with psychosocial disability (February 2017)
- Trainer in Palestine on Peer counselling and CRPD in the project “Peer to peer” managed by EducAid and speaker in the conference on Emancipatory Disability research (March 2017)
- Involve as trainer on inclusive development in the master on International cooperation of the Pavia University (March 2017)
- Trainer in the course for civil corps of peace on international cooperation and disability in Rome (May 2017)
- Member of the editorial board to write the Italian guidelines on international cooperation and disability of the AICS (April-October 2017)
- Speaker in the workshop on International cooperation and disability in the Festival of economy in Trento (June 2017)
- Participate to the training on SDGs organised by the European Disability Forum and International Disability Alliance in Brussels (June 2017)
- Participation as expert in the meeting on the European program “Bringing the gap” in Brussels (July 2017)
- Participate as speaker in various workshop (on SDGs, humanitarian aids, Italian cooperation) in the Festival of International cooperation organised by AIFO and RIDS in Ostuni (Italy, October 2017)
- Participation as speaker in the launching of the European program “Bringing the gap” organised by the European commission in Brussels (December 2017)
- Speaker in the European Parliament of person with disabilities on International cooperation and disability in Brussels (December 2017)
- Representing IDA in the meeting in Roma of UN civil society representatives on how financing the SDGs (December 2017)
- Speaker in the seminar in Rabat “Les Jeunes levier du developement inclusif au Maroc” on the “L’evolution de la RBC dans le monde et la CIDPH” in the project of OVCI with the same name of the seminar (February 2018)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the training in Guinea Bissau (Bissau and Gabu) on the CRPD and national strategy on disability in the project “Promozione dell’autonomia delle donne verso una società inclusive in Guinea Bissau” managed by AIFO (February 2018)
- Provide expert trainer from AICS in Karthoum (Sudan) on the CRPD and national strategy on disability for the European project “Bringing the gap” (April 2018)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the training in Palestine for the student of universities of Ramallah and Nablus on the micro grant plan on social economy for the project “Let’s start up” (June 2018)

- Provide expert trainer from AICS in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) on the CRPD and national strategy on disability for the European project “Bringing the gap” (July 2018)
- Participate as speaker in various workshop (on SDGs, Italian cooperation) in the Festival of International cooperation organised by AIFO and RIDS in Ostuni (Italy, October 2017 and October 2018)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the training in Liberia (Ganta) on the CRPD and national strategy on disability in the project “Disability start-up. Civil society as protagonist of inclusive development in Liberia-DASU” managed by AIFO and financed by AICS (October 2018)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the project Rise up for training women with disabilities in West Bank in Palestine as peer counsellors (Ramallah January-February 2019) managed by EducAid and financed by AICS
- Speaker in the seminar to present to EU delegation in Palestine the Emancipatory Disability research (May 2017)
- Participate as expert in the Technical Advisory Group related with emancipatory disability research and in scientific advisory committee in the Liberian project “Disability start-up. Civil society as protagonist of inclusive development in Liberia-DASU” managed by AIFO and financed by AICS (2018-2020)
- Participation as speaker in the launching of the European program “Bringing the gap” organised by the European commission in Brussels (December 2017)
- Speaker in the European Parliament of person with disabilities on International cooperation and disability in Brussels (December 2017)
- Representing IDA in the meeting in Roma of UN civil society representatives on how financing the SDGs (December 2017)
- Speaker in the seminar in Rabat “Les Jeunes levier du developement inclusif au Maroc” on the “L’evolution de la RBC dans le monde et la CIDPH” in the project of OVCI with the same name of the seminar (February 2018)
- Member of the IASC team responsible to write the Guidelines to inclusion of persons with disabilities in emergency activities (2018-19)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the training in Guinea Bissau (Bissau and Gabu) on the CRPD and national strategy on disability in the project “Promozione dell’autonomia delle donne verso una società inclusive in Guinea Bissau” managed by AIFO (February 2018)
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- Involve as partner provide expert in the project Rise up for training women with disabilities in West Bank in Palestine as peer counsellors, managed by EducAid and

financed by AICS (Ramallah, January-February 2019)

- Participate as speaker in the seminar Diversamente altri, organised by Fondazione Fontana and CUAMM with a presentation on CRPD and International cooperation (Trento, March 2018)
- Participate as speaker in international conference Essere Persona, organised by Aifo, Ovci and Don Gnocchi Foundation (Milano, April 2019)
- Participate as Teachers in the Master on International cooperation with a presentation on migrants with disabilities organised by the University of Ravenna (Ravenna, April 2019)
- Involve as partner provide expert in the training in Guinea Bissau (Bissau and Gabu) on the CRPD and national strategy on disability in the project “Promozione dell’autonomia delle donne verso una società inclusive in Guinea Bissau” managed by AIFO (April 2019)
- Participate as Teachers in the Master on Inclusive education in International cooperation organised by the University of Bologna (Bologna, May 2019)
- Participate with an expert and trainer in the project managed by OVCI in South Sudan and financed by AICS (Juba May 2019)
- Participate as speakers in the European seminar on the role of the DPO in international cooperation organised by European disability forum (Bruxelles June 2019)
- Participate as expert in the Technical Advisory Group related with emancipatory disability research and in scientific advisory committee in the Mongolia project managed by AIFO and financed by AICS (2018-2019)
- Participate with an expert to the project in El Salvador “Escuelas y Comunidades Inclusivas para otra Ciudadanía” managed by Soletterre and financed by AICS (June 2019)
- Participation as speaker in the World Food Programme Executive Board side event “When we design for disability, we all benefit” with a presentation on Guidelines to inclusion of persons with disabilities in emergency activities (Rome June 2019)
- Participate as expert in the project SUMUD in Palestine managed by CRIC and financed by AICS (June 2019)
- Participate as speaker in the side event in a Pre-Congress Workshop on Participation as innovation: best practices in CBR/CBID on Peer counsellor experiences in occasion of the Asia-Pacific CBR Congress (Ulaan Baatar, July 2019)
- Participate as invited speaker in two seminars organized by the AICS of Jerusalem for donors in Ramallah (disability mainstreaming) and for the EU delegation in Jerusalem (Role of the DPOS in international cooperation) (24 July 2019)
- Participate as speaker in the international workshop The Protection of Persons with Disabilities during Armed Conflicts, organised by the Wallemberg Institute and Law Faculty of University of Lund (Lund 3-4 October 2019)
- Participate as speaker to the European assembly of the European project Bringing the gap, organised by FIIAP and AICS (Rome, 14.11.2019)
- Participate as speaker at distance on ITC and disability in the conference Understanding Universal Design of ICT and status of ICT accessibility in Mozambique organised by AIFO (Maputo 12-11-19)
- Participate as speaker in the conference Occupazione e coesione sociale: buone prassi dal Mozambico, organizzato dall’AIFO (Bologna, 17.11.2019)

- Participate as speaker with a presentation on CRPD and quality of life in the conference *Io valgo...nella mia qualità di vita* organised by EducAid (3 december 2019 Rimini)
- Participate as speaker in the international seminar *Towards an inclusive development. Disability as opportunity*, organised by the Italian Agency of international cooperation (10 December 2019, Ciudad de San Salvador)
- Participate as trainer to the training for DPOs in El Salvador organised by EducAid on CRPD and national strategy on disability (13-14 December 2019, Ciudad de San Salvador)
- Participate as trainer in the project “*Appui à la mise en oeuvre de la Convention Internationale relative aux droits des personnes handicapées*” managed by AIFO and financed by AICS to the Tunisia Government (Tunis, El Kef, Tozeur, Gabes, January-February 2020)
- Participate as trainer in the project “*Health inclusion and participation. Developing skills for promotion the health and the inclusion of persons with disabilities and support socio-economic actions in Syria*” promote by UNDP and managed by Felcos (Damascus, February 2020)

- The RIDS edit publications and collaborate in the publications with their experts as following:
 - Ministero italiano degli affari esteri-Cooperazione italiana allo sviluppo. *Piano d’Azione sulla disabilità della Cooperazione italiana. Il documento è stato redatto in applicazione delle “Linee Guida per l’introduzione della tematica della disabilità nell’ambito delle politiche e delle attività della Cooperazione Italiana” approvate dalla DGCS nel novembre 2010. Redazione finale: luglio 2013.* Roma, Ministero italiano degli affari esteri-Cooperazione italiana allo sviluppo – Unità tecnica centrale, 2013. (the RIDS contribute to write the document) (in italian and english)
 - <http://www.cooperazioneallosviluppo.esteri.it/pdgcs/italiano/speciali/Rete.Disabili/Intro.htm>
 - RIDS. *Disabilità e sviluppo. Come includere le persone con disabilità nella cooperazione allo sviluppo.* Rimini, Guaraldi, 2015. (in italian and english)
 - Ministero degli affari esteri e della cooperazione internazionale. *Aiuti umanitari e disabilità. Vademecum.* Roma, Cooperazione italiana allo sviluppo-MAECI, 2015 (the RIDS contribute to write the book) (in italian and english)
 - *Disabilità, scuola e cooperazione. Linee guida per insegnanti*, prodotta nell’ambito del progetto “*Cooperare per includere. L’impegno dell’Italia su disabilità e cooperazione allo sviluppo*”. Bologna, Aifo-Rids-MAECI, 2015 (the RIDS contribute to write the document) (in italian and english)
 - Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale-Cooperazione italiana allo sviluppo, Rete Italiana Disabilità e Sviluppo. *Inclusione, disabilità, cooperazione internazionale. L’esperienza della cooperazione italiana 2009-2014.* Rimini, Guaraldi, 2016 (the RIDS contribute to write the book)
 - AICS and MAECI. *Guidelines of italian cooperation on disability.* Roma, AICS, 2018 (the RIDS contribute to write the document) (in italian and english)
 - Article in the international review “*Minority reports*” on innovation in international cooperation (2018)


Trought their members edit

ARCO, RIDS. Emancipatory disability research EDR. West Bank Palestine. Rimini, EducAid, 2016 (in english and arab)

Educaid DPI, Manual on peer counselling. Gaza City, Educaid-AICS, 2015 (in arab)

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I give my consensus to utilize the data included in this curriculum vitae.



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