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Query	To provide a summary document of the Donor Landscape Mapping, which was conducted in June 2025. The aim is to provide and present this to the GLAD Network and its Steering Committee, to inform discussions about financing for disability inclusive development and widening of the GLAD Membership.
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Introduction

This query report provides a summary of the recent Disability Donor Landscape Mapping, commissioned by FCDO, which mapped current donors and funders globally that have a focus on disability inclusion, in June 2025. These include bilateral and multilateral donors, private sector actors, philanthropic donors, foundations, and high-net-worth individuals. The report provides an overview of current donors who are currently engaged with disability inclusion and what they are funding.

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Summary of Findings

- > The donors reviewed show strong interest in funding diverse population groups, with a strong focus on gender, children, and youth.
- > Disability inclusion is a common interest, but funding is often limited, especially from some multilaterals (e.g., African Development Bank), private foundations, and philanthropic funds. Focused disability funding exists but is usually small, fragmented, and spread across multiple donors.
- > There is very little focus from donors on LGBTIQ+ disability inclusion.
- > The main target group for most donors is women and girls. Other groups are included intersectionally through cross-cutting thematic areas, such as education or economic empowerment.
- > Accessing foundation and fund support often requires pre-existing relationships, making fundraising costly and inefficient for Civil Society Organisations and disability-focused organisations.
- > There is need for more donor dialogue and collaboration to improve the transparency, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of disability inclusion funding.
- > There is very little information available on the engagement of high-net worth individuals and families with disability inclusion, including their level of interest or appetite for funding disability-inclusive programmes.
- > It is important to flag that this mapping document is a snapshot of a rapidly changing donor landscape, so the evidence presented is not full or final. On-going mapping should be undertaken at regular intervals to ensure that this document is a work in progress to stay as up

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to date as possible.

Bilateral and Multilateral Banks

The Bilateral and Multilateral Banks have overlapping thematic focuses and operate across different regions with different population groups. Most of the Banks have a specific focus on advancing gender equality and disability inclusion through their policies and programmes, however a few, such as African Development Bank (AfDB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF), only focus on gender equality with limited support to people with disabilities or other marginalised groups. The bullet points below show which Banks are involved in different thematic sectors.

- > **World Bank:** Agriculture and rural development; Climate change, natural resources and environment; Conflict and violence; Digital technologies and science; Education; Finance; Fragility and disasters; Gender equality; Health; Infrastructure; Rural development; Post-disaster reconstruction and preparedness; Public sector development; Private sector development; Social development; Social protection; Transport; Water and urban development.
- > **Asian Development Bank (ADB):** Agriculture and rural development; Climate change, natural resources and environment; Digital technologies and science; Education; Employment; Energy; Finance; Fragility and disasters; Gender equality; Governance and civil society; Public sector development; Private sector development; Social development; Transport; Water and urban development; Rural development.
- > **African Development Bank (AfDB):** Agriculture and rural development; Climate change, natural resources and environment; Digital technologies and science; Education; Energy; Finance; Gender equality; Governance and civil society; Health; Infrastructure; Private sector development; Social development; Transport; Water and urban development.
- > **Inter-American Development Bank (IADB):** Agriculture and rural development; Climate change, natural resources and environment; Digital technologies and science; Education; Energy; Finance; Gender equality; Health; Private sector development; Social development; Transport; Water and urban development.
- > **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD):** Agriculture and rural development; Climate change, natural resources and environment; Digital technologies and science; Employment; Energy; Finance; Food security; Infrastructure; Transport; Social development.
- > **European Investment Bank (EIB):** Agriculture and rural development; Climate change, natural resources and environment; Digital technologies and science; Energy; Finance; Security; Social development.
- > **Caribbean Development Bank (CDB):** Agriculture and rural development; Climate change, natural resources and environment; Digital technologies and science; Education; Energy; Finance; Gender equality; Governance and civil society; Health; Infrastructure; Post-disaster reconstruction and preparedness; Private sector development; Social development; Social protection; Transport; Water and urban development.
- > **International Finance Corporation (IFC):** Climate change, natural resources and environment; Conflict and violence; Education; Finance; Gender equality; Health; Infrastructure; Public sector development; Private sector development.

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- > **International Monetary Fund (IMF):** Economic development (expenditure, budgets, tax); Growth and financial stability; Public sector development.

Funds and Philanthropy

Various funds that were explored have a focus on gender equality, disability inclusion, and inclusion of other marginalised communities, including indigenous people, youth, racial minorities, LGBTIQ+ people (such as Global Greens Grants Fund, Ford Foundation, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, the Disability Rights Fund, and the Gates Foundation). The bullet points below show which funds and foundations are involved in different thematic sectors:

- > **United Nations Global Disability Fund (GDF):** OPD leadership; Essential Services; Women and Girls' Health and Protection; Climate and Humanitarian Crises; Urban Development.
- > **Global Green Grants Fund (GGGF):** Climate justice; Health (including SRHR, maternal and newborn); Livelihoods; Land, water and resource rights; Supporting grassroots organisations; Gender/women's empowerment; Disability rights; Youth rights; Indigenous rights.
- > **Ford Foundation:** Climate justice; Racial justice; Gender-based violence; Disability rights; Civic engagement; Global governance; Technology and digital.
- > **Disability Rights Fund (DRF):** Climate justice; Racial justice; Youth rights; Indigenous rights; LGBTIQ+ rights; Economic justice.
- > **Hewlett Foundation:** Climate justice; Racial justice; Gender/women's empowerment; Disability rights; Education; Global governance.
- > **Gates Foundation:** Health (including SRHR, maternal and newborn); Nutrition; Gender/women's empowerment; Gender-based violence; Disability rights; Employment; Education; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.
- > **Mastercard Foundation:** Health (including SRHR, maternal and newborn); Supporting grassroots organisations; Disability rights; Youth rights; Refugee and internally displaced people's rights; Technology and digital; Education.
- > **Atlas Foundation:** Health (including SRHR, maternal and newborn); Gender/women's empowerment; Education.
- > **Wellspring Philanthropic Fund:** Racial justice; Disability rights; Human rights; Youth rights; LGBTIQ+ rights; Conflict; Economic justice; Gender/women's empowerment.
- > **Open Society Foundations:** Gender/women's empowerment; Disability rights; Global governance; Human rights; LGBTIQ+ rights.
- > **Pivotal (Melinda Gates):** Gender/women's empowerment; Gender-based violence; Disability rights; Youth rights; LGBTIQ+ rights; Economic justice.
- > **Foundation Chanel:** Gender/women's empowerment.
- > **Education Outcomes Fund:** Disability rights; Employment; Education.

Business Donors, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Corporate Foundations

Most business donors or corporate foundations include disability inclusion within their hiring

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and employment practices, with some providing grants or funds that support disability inclusion (such as Lego Foundation, Standard Chartered Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation and Lloyd's of London Foundation, ILO Global Business and Disability Network, Primark, and Adobe). Some also focus on youth employability and supporting disadvantaged young people, women's economic empowerment and addressing systemic inequalities. Below is a list of the thematic areas that different business donors and corporate foundations focus on:

- > **Lego Foundation:** Inclusive education (including Education in Emergencies); Early childhood development (through play); Disability inclusion; Child and youth rights.
- > **Standard Chartered Foundation:** Disability inclusion; Child and youth rights; Addressing inequalities and social impact; Women's economic empowerment; Youth employment and skills; Financial inclusion.
- > **Lloyds Bank Foundation & Lloyd's of London Foundation:** Disability inclusion; Addressing inequalities and social impact; Inclusive research; Capacity building.
- > **ILO Global Business and Disability Network:** Disability inclusion; Accessible workplaces; Corporate Social Responsibility; Private sector development; Sustainability and climate change/justice.
- > **Accenture:** Disability inclusion; Addressing inequalities and social impact; Youth employment and skills; Capacity building; Accessible workplaces; Corporate Social Responsibility.
- > **Primark:** Disability inclusion; Accessible workplaces; Inclusive supply chains.
- > **Adobe:** Disability inclusion; Addressing inequalities and social impact; Capacity building; Accessible workplaces.
- > **John Lewis Foundation:** Disability inclusion; Child and youth rights; Women's economic empowerment; Youth employment and skills; Capacity building; Sustainability and climate change/justice.
- > **Unilever:** Capacity building; Accessible workplaces; Corporate Social Responsibility; Sustainability and climate change/justice.

High-net-worth individuals and families

Information about high-net-worth individuals and families, and their pledges to fund development initiatives, is minimal. However, the full report did look at a variety of such donors and found some pledges to disability inclusion, youth wellbeing, medical research, supporting locally led development and capacity building of grassroots organisations, and governance and democracy, to name a few. Some individuals have pledged to put a significant portion of their wealth to charitable causes, for example John Cauldwell pledging 70% of his wealth and Robert Bosch Stiftung funding €100 million. The below highlights the findings:

- > **John Cauldwell:** Children and youth; Disability inclusion; Mental health and wellbeing; Medical research.
- > **Ansara Family Fund:** Disability inclusion; Global poverty; Social justice; Locally led development; Building capacity; Health (equity); Energy and infrastructure; Sustainable livelihoods.
- > **Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation:** Children and youth; Disability inclusion; Mental

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health and wellbeing; Health (equity); Education; Governance and democracy.

- > **Oak Foundation:** Children and youth; Disability inclusion; Locally led development; Education; Human rights; Women's empowerment; Environmental protection; Inclusive housing.
- > **Robert Bosch Stiftung and Foundation:** Disability inclusion; Mental health and wellbeing; Education; Capacity building; Participatory and rights-based grant making; Climate justice.
- > **The Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation:** Children and youth; Disability inclusion; Inclusive and assistive technology.

List of useful resources, recent studies, and analyses

- > [Donor support to inclusive education for children with disabilities: What does what in GPE Partner Countries?](#)
- > [Foundation for Giving Disability – An Overview of Priorities and Trends](#)
- > [Institutional philanthropy – A focus on disability](#)
- > [Disability inclusion in philanthropy – A working paper for grant makers and the consultants who support their work](#)
- > [Disability and Philanthropy Forum – About the disability inclusion pledge](#)
- > [Celebrating disability and working toward disability justice – MacArthur Foundation](#)
- > [Disability inclusion: 'it's not about charity, it's not about CSR, this is a business imperative'](#)
- > [Disability inclusion makes good business sense](#)
- > [The disability inclusion imperative – Accenture](#)
- > [Global Disability Innovation Hub – Our Founding Organisations](#)
- > [CBM – lets ensure Official Development Assistance is effective in promoting disability-inclusive education](#)

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