



To: UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Subject: **Response to [call for input](#): Draft Guidelines on identifying and addressing disability-based violence**

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## 1. Introduction

1. This input relates to [Draft Guidelines \(DG\) on identifying and addressing disability-based violence](#) (DG-DBV).
2. Separate input on DG - identifying and addressing intersectional discrimination against women and girls with disabilities (DG-I) also applies.
3. Please treat the current input, separate NRWC input on DG-I and [NRWC input on CEDAW Committee draft General Comment 41 – gender stereotypes](#) as **input on the CRPD draft General Comments on [Art 29](#), [DC 9](#), and [DC 10](#)**.

### 1.1 CRPD and people with disability

4. The [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) (CRPD) relates to all people with disabilities (Art 1). That this includes people with disability wherever located including in remote, rural, maritime and other non-urban areas, is clear from the inclusive approach of the Convention not limited to references to 'rural' in [Articles 9 -](#)

[Accessibility](#), [25 - Health](#) and [26 - Habilitation and rehabilitation](#).

5. Although ‘rural’ is not defined by the CRPD, and the term has not been considered by the Committee in a General Comment,<sup>1</sup> due to human rights treaty vernacular and practice, the meaning includes all non-urban areas, whether functionally ‘rural’ or not. This submission uses the term *remote, rural, maritime and other non-urban areas (RRM+ areas)* to better reflect the diversity of non-urban areas and experiences.
6. Globally, disability is likely to be more prevalent in RRM+ areas and more people with disabilities are likely to be in RRM+ areas ([WHO 2019, 291](#); [Theiss et al 2026](#)). Globally, there are higher rates of multi-dimensional poverty in RRM+ areas ([World Bank, 2024, 75](#)), simultaneous disadvantage ([Nogales, May 2026](#)) and people with disabilities are disproportionately reflected ([UNDESA, 2024](#); [WHO, 2021, 22](#);). More of the world’s Indigenous people are in RRM+ areas ([ILO, 2019, 58](#)), Indigenous people far more likely to experience poverty ([ILO, 2019](#)) and disability ([WHO, 2025](#)), compared to the general population.

## 1.2 Geographically absent stance

7. The DG-DBV reflects a geographically absent stance in relation to people with disability in urban and non-urban areas. This stance is maintained to an extreme extent throughout with no clear or operative references to the relevance of non-urban location. This approach incorrectly portrays no relevant dynamics or circumstances concerning location relevant to identifying and addressing disability-based violence (**DBV**).
8. While the geographically absent stance does not exclude people with disability in RRM+ areas, it does not engage with lived experiences, circumstances, contexts, dynamics and barriers. It does not express how power relations relating to RRM+ areas can adversely and multiply affect human rights, wellbeing and inclusion of people with disability in RRM+ areas.
9. The scale of the geographical absence in relation to RRM+ areas is indicated by the key word and context review at **Table 1**, input about the text of DG-DBV (**section 2**) and additional issues (**section 3**).

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<sup>1</sup> The Committee has made 8 General Comments which are [here](#).

**Table 1: Key word occurrences in the [Draft Guidelines on identifying and addressing disability-based violence](#)**

| Terms       | ‘reside’ / ‘resid’* <sup>2</sup> | ‘urban’ | ‘rural’         | ‘remote’ | ‘region’ <sup>3</sup> | ‘maritime’ | ‘geo’ (geo*) <sup>4</sup> | ‘island’ | ‘isolated’ <sup>5</sup> | ‘Indigenous’ <sup>6</sup> / ‘39’ <sup>7</sup> | ‘farm’* <sup>8</sup> | ‘peasant’ | ‘34’ /11/ ‘16’ re rural <sup>9</sup> | ‘CEDAW’ or full words |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Occurrences | 0                                | 0       | 1 <sup>10</sup> | 0        | 1 <sup>11</sup>       | 0          | 0                         | 0        | 0                       | 7 <sup>12</sup> 13                            | 1 <sup>14</sup>      | 0         | 0                                    | 0                     |

<sup>2</sup> Search terms include all capitalisations. ‘reside’/ resid\* with wildcard for variations, includes ‘place of residence’ and ‘residential’ where this could signify or include urban/rural/remote or other geographic location. The following, if present, are not counted as meeting criteria: ‘residential ~’setting(s)’, ~ institutions’, ~‘services’, ~‘structures’ where referring to the nature of the residence etc., ‘resident status’ when as a resident/non-resident (immigration etc.),

<sup>3</sup> ‘region’ where it does or may refer to a region/s within a nation State.

<sup>4</sup> Geo\* is a search on ‘geo’ with wildcard for all terms with ‘geo’ in it.

<sup>5</sup> ‘Isolated’ when referring to an isolated geographic area, like a ‘remote’ area.

<sup>6</sup> Column total includes occurrences of ‘indigenous’ and references to [CEDAW Committee General Rec. No. 39: Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls, \(2022\)](#) (‘39’) without double counting. Separate footnotes for occurrences to show patterns.

<sup>7</sup> ‘39’ when refers to [Gen Rec. 39 on the Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls](#). Column count is the total for this and ‘Indigenous’ without double counting.

<sup>8</sup> Search on ‘farm’ / ‘farm\*’ including wildcard for variations. Note however that most, but not all, farms are in non-urban areas.

<sup>9</sup> i.e. [CEDAW Gen Rec. No 34 \(March 2016\)](#) rights of rural women; [Gen Stat. Rural Women](#) (2011) (‘GS 11’); [Gen Rec. No 16 \(1991\) Unpaid women workers rural & urban enterprises](#).

<sup>10</sup> Under heading ‘J. Violence and harassment, including sexual harassment in work and employment’, para 66 (b) “An indigenous woman with disabilities narrated: “*I was a teacher in rural schools and after an accident that caused me physical impairment was dismissed from work without compensation and mistreated. ...*”.

<sup>11</sup> Under Heading ‘V. Context and forms of disability-based violence’, sub-heading J, para 98, see section quoted in the following footnote.

<sup>12</sup> Under the heading I. Introduction, para 6 first sentence “Survey responses also demonstrated that when persons with disabilities experience discrimination based on one or more factors, including disability as well as age, sex, religion, gender, **indigenous** or afro-descendant identity or migrant or refugee status, the risk of violence increases.’; under the heading ‘III. Scope of disability-based violence’, sub-heading ‘B. Social systems underpinning disability-based violence’ para 31. “Marginalization of persons with disabilities means that disability-based violence occurs in isolation and that it remains hidden, unreported and thus, non-addressed. Sexual violence, including rape compounded by physical and psychological aggression affects children and women with disabilities at home, in schools, in residential settings and psychiatric facilities, at work, public transport or in the street. **Indigenous** women with disabilities who have been victims of marital rape were also subjected to rape and sexual abuse in institutions.”; footnote at end of para 31 ‘Testimony. **Indigenous** woman- survey results on sexual violence’; under the heading ‘V. Context and forms of disability-based violence’ sub-heading ‘J. Violence and harassment, including sexual harassment in work and employment, para 67(b) ‘An **indigenous** woman with disabilities narrated..’; para 77(b) ‘An **indigenous** woman with disabilities expressed...’; under the sub-heading ‘M. Violence and abuse in health care and other settings’, para 98 “Persons with disabilities are not a homogeneous group. Violence experienced by them often heightens when disability intersects with other prohibited grounds of discrimination according to international human rights law, including but not limited to age, caste, citizenship, colour, class, descent, gender -gender expression and identity -sexual orientation and sex characteristics, **indigenous** or social origin, marital status, migrant or refugee status, nationality, national origin, language, political or other opinion, racial or ethnic origin, **region**, religion, health and other status. “; under the heading VI. Aggravated forms of disability-based violence on intersectionality between disability and other social conditions’ para 99 ‘Among these heightened experiences of disability-based violence, the Committee has found: ‘ ...’(e) **Indigenous**, Afro-descendants persons with disabilities are exposed to increased risks of police brutality’;

<sup>13</sup> No references to CEDAW Committee General Rec. No. 39: Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls.

<sup>14</sup> Part IV Context & forms of disability-based violence, K Trafficking, para 69 “Economic exploitation affects children with disabilities .. subjected to trafficking by begging, slavery and servitude, including abduction and forced labour, including in **farms** and institutions or care homes where they have been subjected to institutionalization....”

### 1.3 Upgrade Guidelines: include people with disabilities in RRM+ areas

10. DG-DBV should be upgraded to reflect multiple and intersectional dimensions in identifying and addressing disability-based violence (**DBV**) in RRM+ areas, by considering:

- a) How DBV arises in the lives of people with disabilities in RRM+ areas.
- b) How multi-dimensionality and intersectionality relate factually and conceptually to identifying and addressing DBV in RRM+ areas.
- c) How the rights of people with disabilities in rural areas in Art 9 (accessibility), 25 (health) and 26 (habilitation and rehabilitation) relate.
- d) How the Committee's General Comments can assist, including reviewing how 'rural' is reflected in previous GCs (see **Table 2** below), and where and why 'rural' should be *visibly reflected in* current drafting.
- e) How CEDAW<sup>15</sup> relates to identifying and addressing DBV in RRM+ areas.

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<sup>15</sup> CEDAW Art 14(1) that States parties' 'take all appropriate measures to ensure the application of the provisions of the present Convention to women and girls in rural areas'; including CEDAW Committee [GR34 \(2016\) rights of rural women](#) and [General Statement on Rural Women](#) (2011).

**Table 2: ‘Rural’/‘rural’ in General Comments by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

|                             |      |                 |                 |      | Since CEDAW Committee General Rec. No 34 (March 2016) on the rights of rural women |                 |                 |                 |       |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Year                        | 2014 |                 |                 | 2016 | 2017                                                                               | 2018            |                 | 2022            | Total |
| CRPD General Comment        | GC1  | GC2             | GC3             | GC4  | GC5                                                                                | GC6             | GC7             | GC8             |       |
| ‘Rural’/‘rural’ occurrences |      |                 |                 |      |                                                                                    |                 |                 |                 |       |
| More than 4                 |      |                 |                 |      |                                                                                    |                 |                 |                 | 0     |
| 4                           |      | 4 <sup>16</sup> |                 |      |                                                                                    |                 | 4 <sup>17</sup> |                 | 2     |
| 3                           |      |                 |                 |      |                                                                                    |                 |                 |                 | 0     |
| 2                           |      |                 |                 |      | 2 <sup>18</sup>                                                                    |                 |                 |                 | 1     |
| 1                           |      |                 | 1 <sup>19</sup> |      |                                                                                    | 1 <sup>20</sup> |                 | 1 <sup>21</sup> | 3     |
| 0                           | 0    |                 |                 | 0    |                                                                                    |                 |                 |                 | 2     |

<sup>16</sup>Para 13 “Article 9 of the [CRPD] stipulates that, “to enable persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life, States parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure to persons with disabilities access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communication, including information and communication technologies and systems, and to other facilities and services open or provided to the public, both in urban and in **rural** areas”.; para 16 “The application of universal design makes society accessible for all human beings, not only persons with disabilities. It is also significant that article 9 explicitly imposes on States parties the duty to ensure accessibility in both urban and **rural** areas. Evidence has shown that accessibility is usually better in bigger cities than in remote, less developed **rural** areas, although extensive urbanization can sometimes also create additional new barriers that prevent access for persons with disabilities, in particular to the built environment, transport and services, as well as more sophisticated information and communication services in heavily populated, bustling urban areas. In both urban and **rural** areas, access should be available for persons with disabilities to the natural and heritage parts of the physical environment that the public can enter and enjoy.”

<sup>17</sup> Under III. Obligations of States parties, para 45 refers to obligations of states parties ‘in both urban and **rural** settings’; para 50 last sentence ‘The obligation of States parties to involve organizations of persons with disabilities also encompasses those persons with disabilities with a specific sexual orientation and/or gender identity, intersex persons with disabilities, and persons with disabilities belonging to indigenous peoples, national, ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities, and those living in **rural** areas.’; under heading ‘IV. Relationship with other provisions of the Convention’, para 87 ‘The realization of the right to an adequate standard of living and social protection (art. 28) is directly interrelated with article 4 (3). The participation of organizations of persons with disabilities in public policies is crucial to ensure that specific situations of exclusion, inequality and poverty among persons with disabilities and their families living in poverty are addressed by the authorities of the States parties. States parties should, in particular, seek to engage with organizations of persons with disabilities and persons with disabilities who are unemployed, who do not have a fixed income or who cannot work because of the implied loss of entitlements or allowances, those in **rural** or remote areas, and indigenous peoples, women and older persons.....; and para 91 makes recommendations about data disaggregation should include ‘urban/**rural**’.

<sup>18</sup> Under ‘II. Normative content of article 19’, sub-para ‘E. Art 19(c)’, para 35 ‘Support services must be available within safe physical & geographical reach to all persons with disabilities living in urban or **rural** areas. They have to be affordable, taking into account persons living on low incomes. They also need to be acceptable, which means that they must respect standard levels of quality and be gender, age and culturally sensitive.’; under heading III. Obligations of States parties’ subheading ‘C Obligations to fulfil’ para 63 ‘Support for persons with disabilities should be assessed using a personalized approach and tailored to the specific activities and actual barriers to inclusion in the community that persons with disabilities face. The assessment should acknowledge that persons with disabilities require access to participate in activities that varies over time. States parties should ensure that personalization of support, including cash transfers/personal budgets, take into account & address the challenges that persons with disabilities face when living in **rural** and/or urban areas.

<sup>19</sup> Under the sub heading ‘Accessibility (art. 9)’ para 48, ‘The lack of consideration given to gender and/or disability aspects in policies relating to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, including information and communications technologies and systems, and to other facilities and services open or provided to the public, both in urban and **rural** areas, prevents women with disabilities from living independently and participating fully in all areas of life on an equal basis with others.”

<sup>20</sup> Under ‘VI. General obligations of States parties under the Convention relating to non-discrimination and equality, para 33 ‘Regarding the consultation obligations of States parties, article 4 (3) and article 33 (3) of the Convention emphasize the important role that organizations of persons with disabilities must play in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention. States parties must ensure that they consult closely and actively involve such organizations, which represent the vast diversity in society, including children, autistic persons, persons with a genetic or neurological condition, persons with rare and chronic diseases, persons with albinism, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex persons, indigenous peoples, **rural** communities, older persons, women, victims of armed conflicts and persons with an ethnic minority or migrant background. Only then can it be expected that all discrimination, including multiple and intersectional discrimination, will be tackled.”

<sup>21</sup> Under heading ‘II. Human rights model of disability’, para 26 ‘The right to just and favourable conditions of work is a right of all workers with disabilities in all settings, regardless of impairment, gender, age, cultural or linguistic background or migrant status, or whether they are employed in the formal or informal sectors, self-employed or employed in the agricultural sector or in **rural** and remote areas. Further, the right to just and favourable conditions of work requires that payment below the minimum wage on the basis of disability not be justified under any circumstances.’

## 2. Text of the Draft Guidelines

1. This section gives examples of adjustments to increase the conceptual, intersectional and visible inclusion of the human rights of people with disabilities in RRM+ areas.
2. The recommended language is ‘remote, rural, maritime and other non-urban areas’ for the reasons at para 5 above. This is like language in para 8 [CSW70 agreed conclusions](#) namely ‘women and girls in rural, remote and maritime areas’.

### I. Introduction (paras 1-6)

- Para 1
  - Add ‘Persons with disability wherever located including in urban and remote, rural, maritime and other non-urban (RRM+) areas...’ so location is visible from the outset.
- Para 3
  - For transparency and capacity building give hyperlinks to the contents.<sup>22</sup>
  - Add at the end: ‘This reflects issues for people with disabilities around the world including in urban and RRM+ areas.’
- Para 4-6
  - Reflect people with disability in urban and RRM+ areas

### II. Framework for freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (para 7-13)

- Section II sub-headings below – add about how each advances the rights of people with disability in urban and RRM+ areas.

|                                   | Paras |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| A. The Preamble of the Convention | 7     |
| B. The Convention                 | 8-10  |
| C. The Committee                  | 11    |
| D. Individual complaint           | 12    |
| E. Inquiry procedures             | 13    |

### III. Scope of disability-based violence

|                                 | Paras | Input                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Conceptualization and causes | 14-25 | Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ experiences of DNV in RRM+ areas</li><li>○ ways DBV may be caused, perpetuated</li></ul> |

<sup>22</sup> e.g. hyperlinks to the concluding recommendations, refined selection of [Concluding observations and Recommendations](#), the General Comments and [inquiry material](#) under Art 6 Optional Protocol.

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|                                                          |       | and worsened, including by insufficient: duty bearer actions and safeguards in RRM+ areas.       |
| B. Social systems underpinning disability-based violence | 26-31 | Include operation of social systems for the diversity of people with disabilities in RRM+ areas. |

## IV Gaps in realising the right of persons with disabilities to be free from all forms of disability-based violence

- Para 32 (a) to (o)
  - (a) – (c) and (h) include:
    - gaps in implementing legislation, policies, programs and services in RRM+ areas and how this impacts DBV for the diversity of people with disabilities in RRM+ areas
    - prevalence of urban normativity and barriers to resource sharing with populations in RRM+ areas. How de-prioritizing RRM+ areas is normalized. How this produces systemic barriers, across multiple, interlinking domains.
  - (d) – (e) include:
    - that people with disabilities in RRM+ areas can be at increased risk of denial of legal capacity and/or forced institutionalization due to vulnerability, inadequate access to health, support and reduced oversight.
  - (f) include:
    - increased risks of forced medical interventions for people with disability in RRM+ areas.
  - (i) include:
    - shortfalls in consultations with people with disability in RRM+ areas.
  - (j) include:
    - risks for people with disability in RRM+ areas including factors contributing to impunity, limited security, aid and logistics.
  - (k) include:
    - limited access to technology-based communication and support for many people with disability in RRM+ areas.
  - (l) include:
    - especially in RRM+ areas.
  - (m)-(o) include:
    - especially in RRM+ areas due to less inclusion in justice, access to justice and barriers to remedies and redress.

## V. Context and forms of disability-based violence

- Para 33 and 34: include people, and obligations to people with disabilities, in RRM+ areas.

| Sub headings                                                                                       | Paras | Input                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Institutions, care facilities and residential schools                                           | 35-42 | Include RRM+ examples and issues<br>( <b>Include RRM+ E/ I</b> )                                                                                                                                 |
| B. Home and family violence                                                                        | 43-46 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| C. Spousal abuse/intimate partner violence                                                         | 47-48 | Reflect dynamics and issues for people with disabilities in RRM+ areas                                                                                                                           |
| D. Coercive family control and stigma over the sexuality of women and girls with disabilities      | 49-51 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| E. Forced separation of children from parents on the basis of disability in either child or parent | 52-56 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| F. Economic exploitation and denial of the right to manage personal and financial affairs          | 57-60 | Include RRM+ E/ I                                                                                                                                                                                |
| G. Disability-based violence driven by conceptions of disability as a curse                        | 61    | Include RRM+ areas                                                                                                                                                                               |
| H. Violence in non-residential school settings                                                     | 62-64 | Include RRM+ E/ I                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Bullying Perpetrated by Students, Teachers, School Administrators, and Parents                     | 62-64 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I. Corporal punishment and use of physical restraints against learners with disabilities           | 65    | Include RRM+ areas and potentially greater prevalence and abuse                                                                                                                                  |
| J. Violence and harassment, including sexual harassment in work and employment                     | 66-68 | Include RRM+ E/ I                                                                                                                                                                                |
| K. Trafficking in persons through begging, commercial or sexual exploitation and forced labour     | 69    | Include RRM+ patterns and issues, including increased risk of disabling injuries and more limited medical presence. Include forced labour in RRM+ areas, and vulnerabilities from out-migration. |
| L. Violence in justice and policing                                                                | 70-77 | Reflect justice and access to justice                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Police violence against persons with disabilities                           | 70-76 | barriers in RRM+ areas and effects on people with disabilities. Less oversight and increased risks of abuse.                                                                           |
| M. Violence and abuse in health care services and settings                  | 77-78 | Include issues for people with disabilities in RRM+ areas and Art 25 obligation to provide health services as close as possible to people's own communities, including in rural areas. |
| Barriers to sexual and reproductive healthcare rights                       | 79-80 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Forced or coerced procedures or medication without informed consent         | 81-82 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Denial of free and informed consent and biomedical practices                | 83-84 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Discrimination in medical triage practices and end of life care             | 85-86 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Diagnostic overshadowing                                                    | 87    |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| N. Community and social forms of violence                                   | 88    | Include:<br>▪ RRM+ examples<br>▪ vulnerability of people with disability in RRM+ areas including barriers to digital access and literacy.                                              |
| Online violence, cyberbullying, and inaccessibility of digital environments | 88-89 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Dating violence                                                             | 90    | Include RRM+ areas and issues                                                                                                                                                          |
| Hate speech                                                                 | 91-91 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Hate Crimes                                                                 | 93-94 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| O. Emergency and conflict settings                                          | 95-97 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## VI. Aggravated forms of disability-based violence on intersectionality between disability and other social conditions (paras 98-99)

- Add to para:
  - 98 about prohibited grounds of discrimination - add impermissible
    - geographic and locational discrimination
    - place of residence discrimination
  - 99 about groups experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage – add
    - people with disabilities in RRM+ areas.

## VII. State party obligations concerning the right to be free from exploitation, violence and abuse

- Add to para:
  - 100 about where the abuse occurs - make RRM+ areas visible.
  - 101-103 about obligations of States parties – add obligations to people with disabilities in RRM+ areas.

| Subheadings              | Paras   | Input                                                                 |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Obligation to respect | 104-105 | In A-E include obligations to people with disabilities in RRM+ areas. |

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| B. Obligation to protect                                                        | 106-107 |                                                                                                   |
| C. Obligation to fulfil                                                         | 108-109 |                                                                                                   |
| D. Obligations related to non-State actors, including service providers         | 110-110 |                                                                                                   |
| E. Tackling disability-based violence in the scope of care and support services | 111-113 |                                                                                                   |
| F. Reparation                                                                   | 114-115 | Reflect people with disability in RRM+ areas including barriers to justice and access to justice. |

## VIII. Conclusions and recommendations

|                                                                                  | Paras   | Input                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| A. Conclusions                                                                   | 116-120 | Include intersectional dynamics relating to RRM+ areas, issues in RRM+ areas, and how this contributes to experiences and responses to DBV in RRM+ areas.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| B. Recommendations                                                               | 121     | Make it visible that the obligations outlined apply to all geographic areas including urban and RRM+.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>Addressing structural discrimination to prevent disability-based violence</i> | (a)-(d) | Reflect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RRM+ areas</li> <li>• Educating to increase human rights awareness in relation to RRM+ areas and dispel myths and practices which propose that lower standards of human rights, wellbeing and inclusion for people with disabilities in RRM+ areas are acceptable.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Protection against violence through support in the community</i>              | (e)-(h) | Visibly reflect RRM+ areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Prevention through independent monitoring</i>                                 | (i)     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 3. Additional Issues

### 3.1 Issues briefs and tools

1. The Draft Guidelines reflect systemic drafting, expressive and operative norms which de-visibility the rights of people with disabilities in RRM+ areas.
2. Issues briefs, prompts and tools are needed to address RRM+ inclusion in all drafting and Convention activities.
3. Research tools for CRPD operations and stakeholders, should include RRM+ research guides including search functionality across content including [Statements, declarations and observations](#) all [inquiries](#), [activities](#) and databases.<sup>23</sup>

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| <b>2026<br/>STATEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Institutionalization, lack of support in the community and violence in institutions are grave and systematic violations of the rights of persons with disabilities, says the Committee on Inquiry report<br/>27 March 2026</li><li>• Statement on persons with disabilities affected by armed hostilities impacting civilian infrastructure in the Middle East, the Arab Gulf region and the Persian region<br/>27 March 2026</li><li>• The impact of the liquidity crisis on accessibility services: lack of funding for the provision of international sign interpretation and remote captioning negatively impacts the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, preventing the latter to carry out its functions and mandated activities under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities<br/>31 January 2026</li><li>• Time for the Council of Europe to withdraw the Draft Additional Protocol to the Convention for "the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being regarding the Application of Biology and</li></ul> | <b>DATABASES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treaty body database </li><li>Universal Human Rights Index </li><li>Jurisprudence database </li><li>Indicators/Ratification database </li></ul> |
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### 3.2 Survey/s

4. The [survey](#) quoted at para 4 did not ask about urban and RRM+ areas.
5. Guidelines are needed for surveys and consultations for inclusion of issues for people with disabilities in RRM+ areas. The Guidelines should be monitored and be publicly available.

### 3.3 Reporting Guidelines

6. The Committee has issued [Reporting Guidelines](#) for States parties, Guidelines for follow-up, concluding observations, independent monitoring. [Additional Guidelines and tools for all treaty body reporting](#) also apply. However, the content of these Guidelines does not establish focus on people with disabilities in RRM+ areas as a cross-cutting theme for all relevant areas covered e.g. the States parties reporting Guidelines

<sup>23</sup> Screenshot is to [this link to Databases](#); Databases outline is [here](#).

([CPRD/C/2/3](#)) only refer to Art 9, 25 and 26 plus statistical disaggregation. As there is similarly no cross-cutting theme for the broad aspect of all people and issues in RRM+ areas, people with disability in RRM+ areas are doubly impacted.

7. It is submitted that the Committee should consider:

- Upgrading all Guidelines to reflect RRM+ areas as a cross-cutting theme.
- Recommending that the OHCHR:
  - Do likewise about Guidelines for all treaty body reporting.
  - Advance these issues with all Treaty bodies, mandate holders and operations.
  - Include the human rights of people with disability in RRM+ areas, and all people in RRM+ areas, in all relevant actions and strategies, including post 2030.

### 3.4 Recommendation for RRM+ General Comment

8. It is recommended that the Committee consider scheduling a work program to develop a General Comment on people with disability in RRM+ areas regarding non-discrimination and multi-dimensional and intersectional inclusion.