

## What's new in 2019?

### What is Making It Work?

The Making It Work Gender and Disability project aims at **eliminating discrimination and violence against women and girls with disabilities**, by advocating for their rights using well-documented good practices as evidence and by supporting grassroots organizations.

#### The MIW project involves:

- A project team located at HI headquarters,
- A Technical Advisory Committee made up of individual members & representatives from key organizations working on disability rights, women's rights & human rights,
- Regional & country partners including the Good Practice Holders.

### The 2018 Making It Work Gender and Disability report is available at

[www.makingitwork.hi.org](http://www.makingitwork.hi.org)

#### Criteria used for the selection of the good practices

- Achieved **positive changes**,
- **Diversity** of persons involved in the practices,
- **Leadership** of women with disabilities,
- Aiming for **gender equity**,
- **Collaboration** with women and girls with disabilities,
- **Scaling up** potential.

In October 2018, the Making It Work team released its 2<sup>nd</sup> call for good practices to eliminate discrimination and violence against women and girls with disabilities in Africa. 55 submissions have been reviewed by MIW's Technical Advisory Committee, and in 2019, **8 good practices have been selected, in Burundi, Kenya, Mali, Rwanda, and Uganda.**

These practices, carried out by Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs) and Women's Organizations are concrete examples of successful programs and sustainable changes led by women and girls with disabilities.



"Sports for change" SRHR conversations, Easter Okech, Executive Director and Programs Coordinator KEFEADO

### Being a MIW Country Partner, what does it mean?

- **Being supported for evidence-based advocacy at all levels.** Country Partners are helped in their submissions to international Human Rights bodies and women activists are being given opportunities to participate in major advocacy events. In 2018, 10 of them had the opportunity to carry the voice of women and girls with disabilities on the international stage.
- **Receiving technical and financial support from the MIW project team.** It includes support in proposal writing, in the organization and design of national networking events and access to a Seed Fund to support the scaling up of their good practice.
- **Participating in a Forum, in Nairobi, bringing all Country Partners together around the intersectionality of Gender and Disability.** It is an opportunity to analyze each practice and design scaling plans; to support the good practice and develop cooperation between Women's Organizations and DPOs.

### What else is going on?



Eza Nkaka, Program Officer & Acting Director of the Rwanda National Association of Deaf Women

In 2019, Making It Work is still supporting the 9 Country Partners from Kenya, Uganda, Cameroon, Rwanda and Malawi selected in 2017. With now 17 grassroots partners in Africa, MIW carries on its work of mainstreaming the intersectionality of Gender and Disability and reinforcing cooperation between all actors involved in the response to violence against women and girls with disabilities.

The global advocacy effort is strengthened, with multiple participations to international events, both by the MIW team and country partner activists. The Making It Work Gender and Disability project reaffirms how **the leadership of women with disabilities, their recognition and inclusion in the global feminist movement** are critical to implement sustainable practices, and to instill change.

## Meet the 2019 MIW Country Partners!



Country Partner	Their Good Practice	Country
Union des Personnes Handicapées	Promotion of practical rights (socio-economic and cultural) through managerial capacity building for women and girls with disabilities	Burundi
United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK) with FIDA Kenya (Federation of Women Lawyers)	Amplifying voices of women with disabilities in Kenya	Kenya
KENYA FEMALE ADvisory Organization (KEFEADO) and KADDNET	Community dialogues through art and sport to end violence against women and girls with disabilities	Kenya
Women and Realities of Disability Society (WARD)	Inclusion dialogues – “Preventing Violence by promoting Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of Women with Disabilities”	Kenya
Organisation pour un développement intégré au Sahel (ODI Sahel)	Improving the reproductive health status of women and girls with disabilities by increasing their decision-making power and reducing harmful practices	Mali
Rwanda National Association of Deaf Women	Sustainable partnership for accessible social protection and poverty reduction programs by Deaf and Deafblind women in the Districts of Kamonyi and Ruhango	Rwanda
Mubende Women With Disabilities Association (MUDIWA)	Protection and prevention of violence against Women and Girls with Disabilities in Kassanda, Mubende District	Uganda
National Union of Women with Disabilities of Uganda (NUWODU)	Strengthening Structures to Address Gender Based Violence against Girls and Women with Disabilities	Uganda



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