

CISP approach to disability

Who we are

CISP (Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli – **International Committee for the Development of Peoples**) is a **non-governmental organization, non-profit, established in Italy in January 1983 and currently operating in 25 countries** in Europe, Asia, Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean countries.

The Declaration of Intents of CISP, titled *For the Right and Against Poverty*, describes the main values and policies of the Organization. Both internationally and within the European Union, CISP is committed to work for the social inclusion of vulnerable groups, promoting neglected rights.

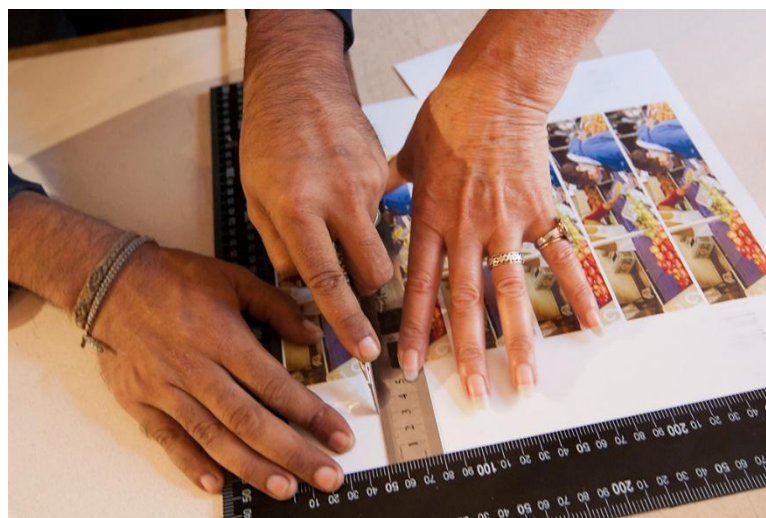
CISP seeks alliances and collaborations with national and international political bodies having the capacity, the power and the lawfulness to promote and extend citizenship rights through legislative and political measures.

Mainstreaming disability in our projects

The inclusion of people with disabilities (PWD) is an issue that crosscuts development and is essential to the eradication of poverty. PWD, particularly women and girls, consistently rank among the poorest of the poor, yet continue to be overlooked. CISP actively seeks to understand the needs, behaviors and capacities of PWD and tries to incorporate them into the intervention, recognizing the risks of a disproportionate impact on PWD due to existing inequities and disparities.

That is why **we adopted the Disability Inclusion Action Plan**, which indicates how our projects will address barriers for PWD relevant to the projects. We are committed to ensure that **persons with disabilities are included throughout the project period, from the design and implementation to the monitoring and evaluation phase.** For effective implementation, we create linkages to a local Disabled People's Organization (DPO), who will eventually provide technical support to the program. In addition, as integral part of this approach, we use to make effective use of resources and/or expertise.

We usually conduct a disability mainstreaming analysis at the beginning of the program with major stakeholders and target groups. Program implementation procedures will be generally responsive to the needs of PWD and their families and specific attention and adherence will be given to the greater involvement of PWD, which goes beyond their inclusion as program participants.



Projects focussed on disability

Furthermore, CISP has developed in several countries **specific projects addressed to safeguard and affirm the rights of persons with disabilities**

Latin America

- In the framework of EUROsocial (EU programme aiming cooperation between Latin America and the EU) CISP supports social protection as technical assistant. Among the most relevant results, we recall ***Elaboración de la nueva Política de Discapacidad*** (Honduras 2013) and ***Reglamentación de la Ley sobre inserción laboral personas con discapacidad*** (Colombia 2014).
- In Argentina I.So.L.E. (***Social and economic integration and combating social exclusion***) **Project**, targeting 3.800 persons with disability of psychic origin, has created social inclusion through employment opportunities according to the new law on mental health that protects the rights of this target.



Africa

- In Kenya, we run the project aimed at guarantying the ***access to primary school and social inclusion of deaf children in Malindi District*** (2008-2010). We built a special school for these children, from kindergarten up to the end of primary school; then we engaged parents and families in order to improve the communication with their children and the educative role of parents; trained teachers and involved community in information and awareness activities focussed on stigma reduction
- In DRC we are managing the project ***Empowerment and socio-economic reintegration of people with disabilities in Western Kasai*** as partner of Handicap International NGO. A group of disabled young women is involved in a training programme which goal is to learn managing small autonomous economic activities supported by microcredit local institutions and project staff

Europe

In **Italy**, since 2012, CISP has established, and is currently managing, a **Career Service** aimed at promoting the employment of **students and graduates with disabilities**. The Service targets young adults supporting them in the transition from education to the labour market. Service's team seeks to encourage identifying users to make a reliable choice of career.

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