**The right of persons with disabilities to participate in decision-making - Call for submissions**

**Specific information request:**

1. *Please provide information on the legislative and policy framework in place in your country related to the status, establishment, resourcing, and functioning of representative organizations of persons with disabilities at the national, regional and local levels;*

*According to officials of the MSS that there are no laws governing the establishment of* organizations of persons with disabilities, but national policies issued by MSS on "Para inclusão e promoção dos Direitos das Pessoas com deficiencia" has given the widest opportunity for people with disabilities to form organizations to accommodate and assist people with disabilities in Timor-Leste. In now Timor Leste has established more than 20 organizations which working in supporting the DPW (DPO) and 13 of the DPOs now obtaining support from the relevant Ministry specially from Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS).

1. Please provide information on existing legislation and policies aimed at ensuring that persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, including children with disabilities, are consulted and involved in decision-making processes that directly or indirectly concern them;

*Timor Leste is a democratic country and upholding human rights, so that every individual, including those with disabilities also have the same rights.*

*Example:*

***The CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE***

***Section 21***

**Disabled citizens**

1. A disabled citizen shall enjoy the same rights and shall be subject to the same duties as all other citizens, except for the rights and duties which he or she is unable to exercise or fulfill due to his or her disability.

2. The State shall promote the protection of disabled citizens as may be practicable and in accordance with the law.

**Decreto Lein n.o 19/2008 (*decree Law no 19/2008*)**

 **Subsídio de Apoio a Idosos e Invalidos (Subside for the elderly and invalid/Permanent disable).**

Capitulo (Chapter II), Artigu (article 6o ). In general People with Invalids, people in 18 years of ages up with totally unable to do anything event for moving around need someone help has the right to subsides from the government.

*Source Information obtained from the official of the Ministry of Solidarity Social (MSS)*.

National policy issued by the Ministry of Solidarity and Social (MSS)

“Para Inclusão e Promoção dos direitos das Pessoas com Dificiente (*To involve/inclusion and promote the right of the People with Disabilities*). Issued on 5 July 2012.

According to this Policy that all the people with disabilities has the right to get education up to Secondary (Senior High) School).

*Source Information obtained from the official of the Ministry of Solidarity Social (MSS)*.

1. *Please provide information on any consultative body or mechanism established to consult and engage with representative organizations of persons with disabilities, including information about their composition, criteria for membership (nomination, appointment, election, etc.) and functioning;*
	* At National level; Ministry of Solidarity and Social is the Government agency which directly takes responsibility for vulnerable people in Timor-Leste include the disabilities people. The MSS have assigned their staff to the sub district level to monitor the disabilities people. The Ministry of Social Solidarity is the main consultation body.
	* At civil society; Associação de Deficiente de Timor Leste (ADTL) is an umbrella (forum) for all the organization those working with the People with Disabilities. All the member of the ADTL is civil society member no government staff allocated in this organization*.*
2. *Please provide information on the efforts undertaken at national, regional and/or local levels to strengthen the capacity of representative organizations of persons with disabilities, in order to facilitate their participation in legislative, policy and other decision-making processes*;

The effort has been doing by the Government of Timor-Leste in supporting the Disabled People in Timor-Leste are;

The Ministry of Social Solidarity (MSS) has assigned their focal point at all sub district (66 sub districts) to coordinate and collect information of people with disabilities.

*Official of Ministry of Social Solidarity*.

Provide regular training to members of the DPO on relevant issue of the DWP especially about the right of disabilities.

*Director of the CNR (Centro National de Rehabilitação)*

Involving the representatives of members of the drafting of the national policy on disabled people*.*

*Source of information Mr. Joaozito dos Santos. Director of Ra’es Hadomi Timor Oan*.

Provide subsidies to invalids (disabled people), providing school fee (bolsa da Mãe) to support the disabilities (children with disabilities/the parent with disabilities). *Official of Ministry of Social Solidarity*.

1. *Please explain whether and how persons with disabilities participate in monitoring the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (art. 33, para. 3), and in the nomination of experts to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (art. 34, para. 3);*

No information related to committee established in connection to the art 33 paragraph 3 UN convention on the DWP, but according to the information from the DPO, that the representative of DPO also involve drafting national policy for disabled people, and monitoring the implementation of government policy on the disabilities right.

1. *Please identify the main challenges faced by the diversity of persons with disabilities in participating in mainstream and disability-specific decision-making processes at the national, regional and local levels, including challenges faced by persons who experience multiple discrimination (e.g., on the basis of disability, age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical location).*

According to Mr. Joao, the Director of the Associação de Deficiente Timor Leste (The Association of Disabilities Organizations), there are no big challenging in facing the DWP different background, gender, ethnic or other. The main challenge is taking care of the people with eyes and ear problem, but he did not mention or describe what kind of the problem whether to acquire aid kit.