**UNITED NATIONS-HUMAM RIGHTS ISSUES IN FOCUS SOCIAL PROTECTION.**

Specific Information Request

1. a) There is a policy that all children must attend school regardless of any disability. However, in some circumstances, it is applicable but not in all situations. This is because many institutions lack specific or special equipment e.g. Braille-perkins, hearing aids etc.

b) Legislative and administrative protection programmes e.g. poverty reduction and housing are in place and are being implemented to a certain extent but social insurence and public work is still non- existent; not even pensions or mobility grants.

Fiscal adjustments are being made for accessibility to PWDs.

1. There is a National Council for People with Disabilities. The council is always consulted together with National Organizations of and for PWDs in addition to the umbrella organization for PWDs

(NUDIPU).

1. For good practices, Uganda has representatives in all decision-making bodies right from village to parliament.

Secondly, parents of people with disabilities have been mobilized, educated on existing services and their rights as parents by organizations of people with disabilities like ours. The results are good and the majority are committed.

Thirdly, the PWDs themselves and their families have been empowered to advocated for their rights and they are still striving to achieve more. The training seminars that are being carried out are providing a great deal of enlightment and encouragement to not only PWDs and their families but also communities as well.

The complaints are normally from Disabled Peoples’ Organizations (DPO’S) through mass media and advocacy activities.

1. On the whole there is no reliable source of information as regards statistics on disability. It is estimated that we have about 3.6 million disabled people of all categories. However, the existing problems related to HIV/AIDS and auto-vehicle accidents seem to increase the number of people with disabilities much faster. It is estimated that people with intellectual disabilities are 1.5 million; this figure includes those who are autistic, down syndrome, spine Bifida hyperactive and learning difficulties. The blind are estimated to be .7, those with hearing impairment .6 million, while those with physical disability are estimated to be .8 million.

The social protection for PWDs is not existing at the moment while the rates of poverty is very high among PWDs apart from very few special cases catered for by their families.

There are no additional costs or expenses provided on account of disability.

1. Proper assessment of PWDs is still inadequate and therefore many do not get the necessary services as PWDs or in the mainstream. The PWDs live on subsistence economy with their families; therefore, they are found in the groups of the poorest of the poor.

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