Opinion on Article 11 of CRPD

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In the Great East Japan Earthquake, the mortality rate of persons with disabilities was twice that of the general population. The mortality rate of women was higher than that of men. These situation are related with the quite low participation rate of women in policy making processes and inquiry councils in Japan. The participation rate of women with disabilities in those processes and councils is desperately low.Consequently, Women with disabilities are more likely to be placed in more dangerous situations

We are seriously concerned with that the present disaster risk prevention plans and schemes for the disabled and the elderly do not have a decisive gender perspective. As a matter of fact, there is no clear perspective of women with disabilities in the disaster prevention plans and schemes for women.　Persons with disabilities are regarded as the object for protection, and their participation in study groups and disaster risk reduction planning has not become common.

At the time of the Great East Japan Earthquake, we created the leaflets (as attached this opinion paper) and sent them to each evacuation center in order to deliver useful and helpful Information for women with disabilities who were in crisis.

In addition, during the covid 19 pandemic it was clear that domestic violence and sexual victimization would increase.　However, women's consultation desks and DV shelters have been still inaccessible for women with disabilities and their situations became more serious. It is obvious and significant that the perspective of women with disabilities should be included in these general policies for women.