Opinion on Article 11 of CRPD

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(Hello, my name is Yayoi Mashimo, today I speak on behalf of DPI Women’s Network Japan)

In the Great East Japan Earthquake, which took place in March 11, 2011, the mortality rate of persons with disabilities was twice that of the general population. Furthermore, the mortality rate of disabled women was higher than that of disabled men.

Disabled women are more likely to be placed in more dangerous situations.

The existing disaster risk prevention plans and schemes for the disabled and the elderly do not have a decisive gender perspective. On the other hand, there is no clear perspective of women with disabilities in the existing 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, which is attached to the opinion paper we have previously submitted, and we sent them to evacuation centers 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 assaults would increase. However, women's help 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.