

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES & THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

- Women with disabilities make valuable and meaningful contributions to society.
- Their participation in society, and respect for their rights, creates a more inclusive, just and accessible world.



RIGHTS UNDER THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD)

- The CRPD outlines the rights persons with disabilities have, including rights to education, health, employment, justice, to live independently and be included in the community, own property and take charge of financial affairs (money), and more.
- Countries have agreed to promote and protect these rights, and make sure that women with disabilities can enjoy all their rights and fundamental freedoms.



THE RIGHT TO ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Women with disabilities have the right to take part in legal cases or proceedings and have their testimony heard and respected.
- They have the right to receive appropriate support and information in a format they understand so they can take part in justice processes on an equal basis with others.
- Justice system staff should be trained to support women with disabilities throughout the process, including at the police station and the courthouse.



THE RIGHT TO MAKE DECISIONS AND USE SUPPORT

- Women with disabilities have the right to make decisions about every part of life, and have those decisions respected by everyone, including by family, lawyers, government officials, public administrators, and health professionals.
- They have the right to access support to make decisions.



WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES CAN USE THE LAW TO CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS

- Women with disabilities can use the law to make sure they are able to fully, freely, and equally participate in their communities, and their rights are respected.
- They can use justice systems (such as courts), justice practices within their local communities, and justice advocates (such as organisations of persons with disabilities) to claim their rights and ensure that they are treated fairly.



Scan this QR code to learn more about a project on access to justice for women with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities in Asia and the Pacific by UN Women and the University of Galway.



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