# WaA Program Achievements

# Presentation Outline

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# Program Background

- We are Able is a five-year(2021 to 2025) lobby and advocacy program
- Engages public authorities and persons with disabilities
- Capacitates local OPDs/CSOs
- Aimed at influencing laws, policies, practices and norms for improved food security for all

# Program Background(ctd)

**Pathway 1: Community mobilization**

Women and men with disabilities and other marginalized groups are actively *participating* in local OPDs/CSOs.

**Pathway 2: Strengthening CSOs / OPDs**

Local and inclusive OPDs/CSOs are actively involved, legitimate and have more ownership in lobby and advocacy at all levels and are able to influence the gender sensitive Local Inclusion Agenda and improve equal rights and access to basic resources for all.

**Pathway 3: Engaged public authorities**

Local authorities (formal and informal powerholders) are actively engaging with OPDs/CSOs to develop laws and practices and set norms for inclusive governance.

# Program Background(ctd)

- Consortium partners: ZOA(lead),TLM(ECDD and ENAPAL), ADF(FEAPD), THA

Implementation areas:

- Addis Ababa (Four Sub Cities)
- Dire Dawa,
- Harar and
- East Hararge(Four Districts)

Beneficiary type

- Mainstream Disabilities
- IDPs with Disabilities
- Refugees with Disabilities
- Persons affected by Leprosy

# VNGI’s role in the program

- Engaging public authorities by:
  - ➔ Enhancing their disability awareness
  - ➔ Facilitating local inclusion agenda (LIA) development sessions with OPD members
  - ➔ Supporting to identify and address gaps in laws, policies, practices and norms that are hindering disability inclusion in food security related services and programs

# Accomplishments

- Disability mainstreaming committee (DMC) was established
- Role model groups were organized
- Capacity building training on :
  - ➔Disability mainstreaming,
  - ➔Inclusive governance,
  - ➔ Inclusive planning and budgeting,
  - ➔Advocacy and lobby,
  - ➔Local inclusion agenda development,
  - ➔UNCRPD was provided

# Accomplishments(ctd)

- Quarterly DMC and role models meetings
- On job coaching
- Organizational disability audit
- Local inclusion agenda sessions
- Small grant supports
- Annual action learning workshops
- Experience sharing events

# Accomplishments(ctd)

- Inclusive urban agicululute workshop
- Inclusive finance dialogue
- National Disability Inclusion Coordination Forum in collaboration with MoWSA
- Media activity in collaboration with FEAPD

# Results

- DMCs and role models mobilized more than ETB 632,000 from local government offices and cascaded inclusive governance training to more than 2,000 colleagues
- The small grant support enabled MoWSA line offices to reach more targets in disability mainstreaming issues
- The partnership between OPDs and local government offices has been enhanced
- The number of persons with disabilities engaging in IGA activities increased

# Results(ctd)

- Local government enhanced capacity of local OPDs by constructing /providing offices for local OPDs
- Persons with disabilities voices are being heard in a more meaningful way
- Fertile ground has been created to implement the government budget and directions which indicates that all sectors need to mainstream disability issues
- Disability training resource persons created in each sub city

# Results(ctd)

- Particpation of OPDs in council assemblies
- Disability-sensitive monitoring and performance evaluation checklists developed by local councils
- Information accessibility improved
- Physical accessibility improved
- Commitment to disability mainstreaming enhanced

# Results(ctd)

- Collaboration among sector offices on disability mainstreaming strengthened
- Flexible working hour(fingerprint attendance) management for persons with disabilities
- Improved resource allocation for assistive devices

# Challenges

- Turnover of office heads, DMCs and Role Models
- Addis Ababa OPD reform
- Government budget limitation
- Weak commitment from some OPD members to engage in business activities
- Limited commitment from some government offices

# Thank You!




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