

We are the leading funder at the intersection of gender equality and disability, supporting women's grassroots efforts in more than 40 countries across Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Caribbean.

Our participatory approaches to grantmaking, learning, and advocacy foster collaboration between women's and disability rights organizations, leading to legislative and institutional breakthroughs in women's health, gender-based violence, care and support, climate action and other critical issues around the world.



Why this work is crucial:

More than 800 million women worldwide have disabilities.

- Women with disabilities are up to 3 times more likely to experience violence.
- As few as 1% are literate.
- Only 1 in 4 are employed in the formal workforce.

Our 2025 work on gender justice:

- 45% of our grantees prioritize gender justice as a cross-cutting issue.
- 73% of our grantees have women and girls with disabilities at the core of their mission.
- 32% of awarded grants supported implementation of CRPD's Art. 6, on the rights of women with disabilities.

Gender Justice: A top priority for 107 of our 2025 grantees globally.

DRF grantees are tackling structural inequalities on climate action, access to justice, violence, health and other critical challenges of our time, improving outcomes for all women around the world.

No Feminism Without Us: We must invest in the intersection of gender equality and disability.

One in five women worldwide has a disability. However, women with disabilities receive just 4% of private foundations' funding for women's rights, while only 9% of official development assistance for gender equality has a disability focus.

Private philanthropy allocates less than 5% of its funding to advancing disability rights, and only one third of that has a gender focus.

Funding for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights exemplifies the marginalization of women with disabilities in human rights.

About 10% of total human rights funding is allocated to SRHR, but only 2% of that amount includes women and girls with disabilities as beneficiaries.

DRF grantee spotlight: In 2018, a dangerous provision in Indonesia's Sexual Violence Bill allowed forced sterilization and contraception for women and girls with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities.

HWDI-National and Indonesia's Mental Health Association rallied a coalition of women with disabilities and feminist allies to fight back. The resulting Sexual Violence Crime Law, enacted in 2022, affirms **bodily autonomy, legal capacity, and access to justice, with reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.**

"Our successes show that when women with disabilities lead, the feminist movement becomes stronger, more inclusive and more just."

Dwi Ariyani, DRF Associate Director of Learning



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