

Names of civil society organizations working on disability rights and their respective contact details and address

Gambia Association of The Physically Disabled (GAPD)

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Gambia Association of The Physically Disabled (GAPD) was established in The Gambia in 1993, it is a registered National NGO. GAPD aims to promote the avoidance of physical disabilities and the positive advocacy for equal opportunities, rights and lobbying institutions for the enhanced participation and integration for people with disabilities in the Gambia and in all strata of society. The Association also advocates for educational sponsorship for children of disabled people as well as with disabilities. The Association also works in partnership with the DSW and other International NGOs operating the Gambia.

Gambia Association of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (GADHOH)

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Gambia Association of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (GADHOH) was renamed in 1995 from The Gambia Association of the Hard of Hearing formed in 1992. as the Gambia Association of the Hard of Hearing. GADHOH cooperates ministries and Agencies of the Government of the Gambia as it seeks to improve the lives of disabled people. The Association linked to national and international organizations in the furtherance of its work. They also provide educational services.

Gambia Federation of the Disabled (GFD)

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Gambia Federation of the Disabled (GFD) is the national umbrella body for disability. It has eight DPOs registered under it. GFD was formed by the Disabled Peoples Organisations (DPOs) and its history of formation dates to the early 1990s. The GFD advocates for the promotion, protection and empowerment of PWDs and encourage, support and monitor activities done by stakeholders in the Disability sector that improve the living conditions of the Disabled. There are eight DPOs that are registered with GFD.

Gambia Organization of the Visually Impaired (GOVI)

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Gambia Organization of the Visually Impaired (GOVI) was established in 1991 by an amalgamation of The Gambia Society for the Blind and The Gambia Association of the Blind. GOVI is a national organization for the visually impaired people, is recognized and registered by the Gambia government. GOVI undertakes a number of activities to help uplift the status of the blind and visually impaired in the Gambia. The supreme aim of GOVI is the prevention of blindness, the rehabilitation of the visually impaired and active promotion of the rights to equal opportunities and full participation in all spheres of national development and at all levels for the blind and visually impaired.

The Gambia Epilepsy Association (GEA)

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The Gambia Epilepsy Association (GEA) aims to improve the quality of life for epilepsy sufferers & their carers via equal opportunities, self-sufficiency, supervised medication & counseling.

Gambian Physical Disability Sports Association (GODSA)

GPDSA c/o GAPD

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Gambian Physical Disability Sports Association (GODSA) is a civil society organisation that represents young, physically challenged people & is committed to advocating for recreational programs & facilities.

National Union of Disabled Youths (NUDY)

National Union of Disabled Youths (NUDY) is a registered organisation representing disabled Gambian youth. NUDY works to ensure the empowerment of young people.

Gambia Organisation for Learning Difficulties (GOLD) offers short-term stays for kids with learning problems. Hart House also gives parents and care providers respite from caring for their children and to exchange ideas and progress reports. The respite home covers the developmental stage of children and helps them attain their highest potential by providing a number of stimulating sets of learning and play activities.

Rural Support Organisation for the Disabled (RSOD)

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Rural Support Organisation for the Disabled (RSOD) is a village focused non-governmental organisation. It was established because most of the DPOs were concentrated in the western half of The Gambia and those people in the rural areas were not being represented

by their own associations. The organisation campaigns for people with disabilities to gain access to public health services, general amenities and medical treatments.

Sightsavers-The Gambia

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Sightsavers-The Gambia since the 1950s, has been testing & treating people with eye diseases such as cataracts. It also provides spectacles for those who need them and also help set up new vision centres in the country, which are publicised through radio shows, billboards and posters.

Government entities responsible for advancing the rights of persons with disabilities

Ministry of Women Affairs, Children & Social Welfare

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The Ministry of Women's Affairs, Children, and Social Welfare was established with effect from 1 March 2019. Consequently, the Office of the Vice President, and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare were duly relieved of the portfolios of Women Affairs, and Social Welfare, respectively and consolidated under the new ministry.

Department of Social Welfare (DSW)

Social Welfare Department

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The Department of Social Welfare (DSW) now under the newly established Ministry of Women Affairs, Children & Social Welfare is responsible for protecting the rights of persons with disabilities. DSW's Disability Unit works with GOVI and School for the Deaf and Blind to help educate children with disabilities and to develop relevant skills. The department also works with international donors to supply wheelchairs and technical aids to some persons with disabilities.