

The ASEAN Enabling Masterplan and COVID-19 Response

<p>Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic (PDR), Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam are countries in Southeast Asia.</p> <p>These countries have ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). “Persons” is another word for “people.”</p>	
<p>The CRPD was adopted on December 13, 2006.</p> <p>The CRPD is about human rights and fundamental freedoms of people with disabilities.</p>	

The CRPD includes:

- The right to be part of the community.
- The right to work.
- The right to go to school.
- The right to make choices.



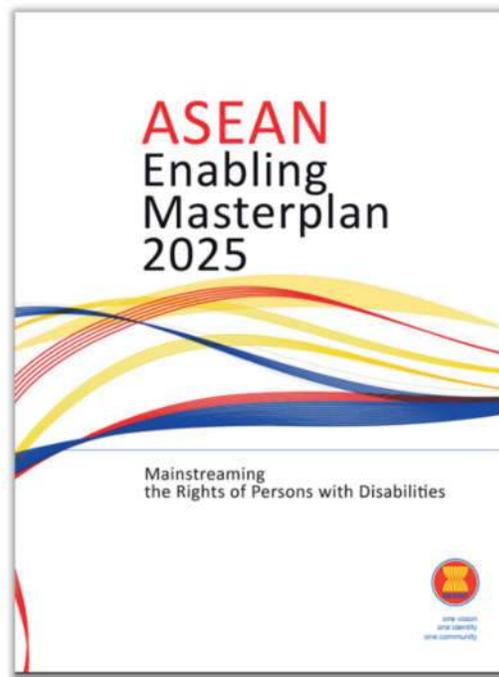
The CRPD also includes more rights.

ASEAN wrote a document about the human rights of people with disabilities in Southeast Asia.

The document is called the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan.¹

ASEAN used rights from the CRPD to write the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan.

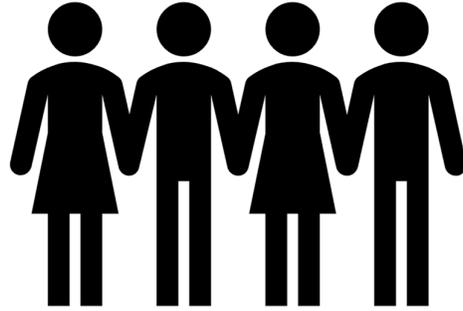
The ASEAN Enabling Masterplan can help people with disabilities access their rights.



¹ Association of Southeast Asian Nations ([ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#))

The ASEAN Enabling Masterplan:

- Raises awareness on the rights of people with disabilities.
- Makes sure that policies and programs include people with disabilities.
- Makes sure that people with disabilities can participate in all areas of life.



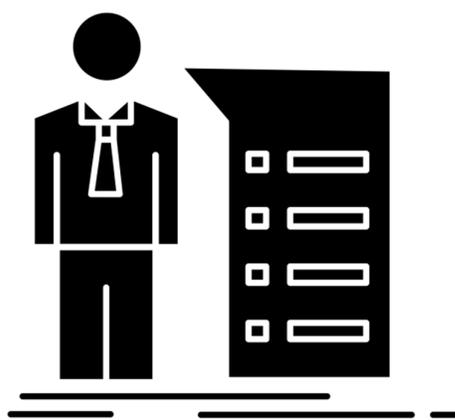
The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) talked to people with intellectual disabilities from a self-advocacy organization in Myanmar called Future Stars.

Future Stars helped IFES on this easy-to-understand document.

Future Stars shared ideas to make this easy-to-understand document more accessible.

This easy-to-understand document has information about the Enabling Masterplan.



<p>Disabled people’s organizations (DPOs), civil society organizations (CSOs) and governments can use this document to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn more about the Enabling Masterplan action points. • Learn how the action points can be used towards a disability rights-based COVID-19 response. 	
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Area of COVID-19 Response	Related Enabling Masterplan Action Point
<p>Disaster Risk Reduction</p> 	<p>APSC 12 and ASCC 20: Make sure that COVID-19 responses follow international disability rights standards.</p> <p>APSC 13 and ASCC 21: Create action plans with people with disabilities.</p> <p>APSC 15 and ASCC 22: Be creative, use good practices, and think of lessons learned for disaster management.</p> <p>APSC 16: Local officials and the ASEAN region officials should work together.</p> <p>ASCC 23: Make sure that people with disabilities can access emergency resources.</p>

Disaster Management and Response



APSC 13: Create action plans with people with disabilities.

APSC 14: Make sure that emergency responders and disability rights professionals can understand and work with people with disabilities

ASCC 24: Create a plan to communicate with people with disabilities and older people.

Health



APSC 13: Create an action plan so that people with disabilities can receive healthcare, accommodations, and assistive devices.

<p>Education during a pandemic</p> 	<p>ASCC 11: Make sure that everyone is included and can access online education.</p> <p>ASCC 12: Make sure that students with disabilities can participate in online educational activities.</p>
<p>Employment during a pandemic</p> 	<p>AEC 1: Create economic policies for employees, employers, and business owners with disabilities.</p> <p>AEC 25: Make sure that people with disabilities have the equal opportunity to work.</p>
<p>Economic Transactions</p> 	<p>AEC 3: Make sure that people with disabilities can access banks in-person and online.</p>

Accessibility



APSC 1: Make sure that people with disabilities can fully participate in political and public life.

APSC 2: Make sure that information and communication is inclusive of people with disabilities.

ASCC 15: Make sure that public offices and buildings are accessible to people with disabilities.

Tourism and Travel



AEC 16: Make sure that transportation, communication, and buildings are accessible to people with disabilities.

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