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ABSTRACT

Title:

My Story My Rights: using stories of persons with disabilities for measuring disability inclusion.

Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

Within the framework of UN CRPD participation of persons with disabilities, "nothing about us without us", proves to be one of the essential principles for assuring inclusive approach to reporting and monitoring processes for State Parties (Article 33(3)). Light for the World, together with its partners ADD International and NUDIPU, initiated the pilot project My Story My Rights with the purpose to test the methodology of Participatory Narrative Inquiry (PNI) as a tool for inclusive participation of people with disabilities in CRPD monitoring process in Uganda.

The PNI methodology was adopted by three mentioned organizations as a human rights instrument to tackle the disadvantages of people with disabilities by offering them a platform to raise their voices in the monitoring process of CRPD. During the process of implementation they reflected on lessons learned with regard to the process and its outcomes.

The results of reflection show how the organization of PNI process took place through its different stages (Collection, Sensemaking and Return) and what lessons Light for the World together with its partners were able to learn from applying this methodology in their disability mainstreaming practices. Through the analysis of challenges and best practices during project implementation we will draw on the invaluable experience for every organization to fine-tune their project strategies and vision in regard to the experiences of people with disabilities.

In conclusion, we think that this project enabled Light for the World and its partners to meaningfully interpret and utilize the experiences of people with disabilities by engaging them and their community members into the qualitative analysis of their own stories. Besides, Light for the World together with partners were able to learn through the project how best to profile disability at community, national, and international level using all 200 stories as a quantitative instrument of visibility.

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