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ABSTRACT

Title:	Story telling as an instrument of inclusion: from personal experience of people with disabilities to the participatory monitoring process.
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Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

Despite the CRPD demanding State Parties to involve persons with disabilities into monitoring processes, the voice of this group is often lacking in measuring disability inclusive development. As a response to this notion a partnership of ADD international, NUDIPU, and Light for the World Netherlands implemented the project 'My Story My Rights' with the purpose to test the methodology of Participatory Narrative Inquiry (PNI) for CRPD monitoring based on individual experiences of people with disabilities.

PNI is an approach in which groups of people participate in gathering and interpreting raw stories of personal experience in order to make sense of complex situations in which these stories take place. The project 'My Story my Rights' invited people with disabilities from 8 districts of Uganda to share their individual stories what resulted in 200 narrative reports. All stories were analysed through narrative catalysis and 4 sense-making sessions during which people with disabilities together with community members were able to produce meaning of own experiences.

The stories collected through PNI as well as their analysis through sense-making sessions give insight into barriers and their underlying causes that persons with disabilities experience in Uganda. They provided information on actors involved in in- and exclusion and informed on the ways respondents overcome those barriers in their lives. Besides, the PNI approach contributed to awareness raising about disability issue among the community and gave respondents a feeling of being heard in the discussion of possible solutions.

In conclusion, we think that the stories and their analysis done within the framework of PNI methodology can be an important aspect of measuring inclusion of persons with disabilities in monitoring processes. Furthermore, the participatory nature of this method may contribute to the empowerment of persons with disabilities, thereby stimulating the societal change towards and inclusive world for all.

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