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Disability Rights Fund Announces Opening of Request for Proposals Process for 2017 First Round

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BOSTON, MA – The Disability Rights Fund (DRF) – a grantmaking collaboration between donors and the global disability community which supports the human rights of persons with disabilities – announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for invited Disabled Persons’ Organizations (DPOs) from Indonesia and Ghana, as well as any DPOs from Haiti, Malawi and Myanmar. The deadline for submission of applications for funding is March 16, 2017.

Interested organizations are urged to review the full eligibility criteria and RFP details posted at the Fund’s website, at http://www.disabilityrightsfund.org/for-grantseekers/. Any questions on the Request for Proposals process should be directed to info@disabilityrightsfund.org.

The broad objective of the Fund is to empower DPOs in the developing world to use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD) to participate in rights advancement and inclusion in development.

Invited organizations from Indonesia and Ghana, as well as any Disabled Person Organizations from Haiti, Malawi, and Myanmar may apply as:

a) Single organizations or partnerships for one-year Small Grants;

b) State (in federal system), provincial, regional, or district-level DPO-led coalitions for two-year Mid-Level Coalition grants; and/or

c) National DPO-led coalitions for two-year National Coalition grants.

Small Grants will range from USD 5,000 – 20,000 and will support efforts to increase DPO participation in decision-making on the CRPD and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to implement projects on specific CRPD articles or SDG goals. Mid-Level Coalition grants will range between USD 30,000 – 40,000 per year (USD 60,000 – 80,000 over two years) and will support advocacy for passage of specific legislation, policy, regulations, and/or ordinances to accord with the CRPD, advocacy to national or international agencies responsible for development planning to ensure that sub-national action plans and programs aiming to implement the SDGs are inclusive of persons with disabilities and use the CRPD as a guiding document, advocacy for governmental budgetary measures to implement the CRPD at the sub-national level, and/or advocacy for implementation of SDGs at the sub-
national level in line with the CRPD. **National Coalition** grants will range from USD 30,000 to 50,000 per year (USD 60,000 – 100,000 over two years) and will support advocacy for ratification of the Optional Protocol (OP) to the CRPD (where not ratified), advocacy for the passage of specific national legislation to accord with the CRPD, the production of and/or follow up to Alternative Reports to the CRPD Committee and other human rights treaty bodies or reports to the Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), support for DPO engagement with national government SDG focal point and civil society SDG platforms to ensure national action plans, programs and monitoring frameworks aimed at implementing the SDGs are inclusive of persons with disabilities and use the CRPD as a guiding document, and/or advocacy to ensure formal inclusion of DPO representatives in national governmental implementation and/or monitoring of the CRPD.

With its sister fund, the Disability Rights Advocacy Fund - which supports advocacy for ratification and legislative change in DRF’s target countries – DRF has granted more than $20.2 million to 294 different organizations in 34 countries and additional regional and international organizations, since 2008.

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