



BiH Civil Society Initiative for UPR

Rights of persons with disabilities in  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

# Statement on the rights of persons with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Despite some progress, Bosnia and Herzegovina has yet to reach a satisfactory level in implementing the rights of persons with disabilities



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- While some recommendations from the last Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycle have been partially addressed, critical areas still require systematic and coordinated actions for comprehensive and sustainable improvements.



# Recommendations on the rights of persons with disabilities in BiH

1. Develop a plan with clear deadlines and responsibilities to ensure a human rights-based approach to disability in all relevant laws across all administrative levels in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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2. Implement mechanisms for consultation and meaningful inclusion of persons with disabilities in policy and law-making processes from the outset, to ensure these truly reflect their rights.



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3. Ensure allocation of financial and other resources across all levels of government for implementation of strategies to advance the position of persons with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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4. Introduce legal requirements for providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, with clear guidelines stating that failure to provide such accommodations constitutes discrimination based on disability.



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5. Amend education laws at all levels to mandate the provision of reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities, and ensure sufficient budget allocation for quality inclusive education for all students with disabilities.





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6. Ensure women with disabilities have accessible healthcare services and effective, inclusive protections against gender-based violence, tailored to their specific needs.



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7. Strengthen anti-discrimination law by better defining intersectional discrimination and implementing measures to address overlapping challenges of gender and disability, focusing on the disproportionate impact on women with disabilities.



# Recommendation to the participants of the UPR pre-session

Your support in delivering the presented recommendations on behalf of your respective states urging the authorities to better protect, respect, and fulfill the rights of persons with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, would be greatly appreciated.

