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CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS (CAN DO)

INTRODUCTION TO CAN DO

Child Advocacy Network of Disability Organizations (CAN DO) is a network established by ARC on 11 March 2014, to protect and promote the rights and wellbeing of children with disabilities. Founding members include Advocating the Rights of Children (ARC), Association for Disability and Development (ADD), Beautiful Eyes Down Syndrome Association, Blind and Visually Impaired Association of Maldives, Care Society, Maldives Autism Association, Maldives Deaf Association (MDA) and Maldives Association of Physical Disabilities (MAPD).

CAN DO aims to work together to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Provision of Financial Assistance Act (Disabilities Act), so that children with disabilities in the Maldives can live with full rights, dignity and receive opportunities to realize their full potential. Through this network, member organizations work towards:

- Positively engaging with relevant authorities on disability-related issues.
- Improving access to information, on State and other benefits for children with disabilities.
- Raising awareness on issues and challenges faced by children with disabilities.
- Improving access to education.
- Enhancing early detection and intervention.
- Improving physical accessibility.
- Facilitating disability-related trainings.

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