



SAFOD RESEARCH PROGRAMME (SRP)

Botswana Society of People with Disabilities (BOSPED) Country Report



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1. Name of organisation: Botswana Society of People with Disabilities

2. Date formed: 1986

3. Member organisations affiliated to organisation:

None

4. History or the organisation

The first DPO to be formed in Botswana in 1986 by people from NORAD, left at a later stage living organisation too

5. Office bearers in the organization

Chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, publicity secretary

6. Employees: roles and qualifications

No (paid) employees

7. Location of office(s), facilities, equipment, internet etc

Francistown SAFOD offices

8. Membership

a) number

b) coverage

a) Not sure

b) all ages, all genders, moderately covers all types of disabilities, created branches in some parts of the country

9. Benefits/ disadvantages to member organizations of being part of the umbrella organization:

BOSPED is not an affiliating organisation or an organisation built of organisations forming an umbrella.

10. Benefits/ disadvantages to members themselves of being part of the umbrella organization

Information, dissemination, self motivation.

11. Excluded/ under-represented groups (on the basis for example of disability type, sexual orientation, religious or political views)

Deaf and mentally disabled people are underrepresented in the organisation.

12. Mission:

None

13. Vision:

None

14. Aims:

None

15. Objectives:

To develop and maintain an effective and united movement in Botswana, independent of any external or internal domination and dedicated to the task of promoting and protecting rights and interests of disabled people.

16. Projects

To develop and maintain an effective women's programme. Health and youth programme to facilitate advocacy and lobbying.

17. Is there a strategic plan? When was it written or updated?

Written in 1987 and updated at 2005 national assembly.

18. Plan of action? When was it written or updated?

(unanswered)

19. How are activities monitored and evaluated? Has efficiency been monitored and if so in what way, and what were the results?

No tool for monitoring and evaluation developed at present.

20. Governance and decision-making – how are decisions made, who makes decisions?

The board and ultimately the chairperson of the board are responsible for decision making.

21. Stakeholder/ partner relationships:

- a) Government: sometimes take part in developments when necessary and on areas of concern, especially disability;
- b) Civil society: The organisation hardly develops strategies and programmes to be implemented with civil society because of poor planning;
- c) Other DPO's: Works only with a few and so far did not develop or extended our coordination with other DPO's;
- d) NGO's: n/a;
- e) Private sector: no comment

22. Relationship with constituent organizations – successes and challenges; communication

(Unanswered)

23. Relationship with SAFOD - successes and challenges; communication

Insufficient feedback, coordination and reports from SAFOD and delegates. It seems to be under development.

24. Funding – all funders and funding challenges

There used to Botswana Council for Disabled funding BOSPED 2000, DEBSWANA ceased funding BOSPED in 2005.

25. Influence on:

- a) Health
 - i. HIV/AIDS
- b) Education
- c) Employment
- d) Transport
- e) Accessibility to information (e.g. sign language on TV)

HIV/AIDS: Designed programme – not implemented due to lack of funds;
EDUCATION: No programme;
EMPLOYMENT: No programme;
TRANSPORT: No accessibility;
ACCESSIBILITY TO INFORMATION (E.G. SIGN LANGUAGE ON TV): No design, attempt or strategy.

26. Gender issues in the organization

Programme designed, but implementation failed due to resource restrictions.

27. Youth and children focus

Programme designed, but implementation failed due to resource restrictions.

28. Relationship with African Decade on People with Disabilities

No comment

29. Relationship with the UN convention

No comment

30. Programmes towards implementation of UN convention

No comment

31. Did the organization make inputs into the development of the UN convention? If yes, describe.

(Unanswered)

32. Has the DPO made a contribution to the government in the country in implementing the convention?

(Unanswered)

33. Other international partnerships and influence internationally

a) relationship with international DPO's

Exchange of ideas and programmes with other DPO through SAFOD;

b) relationship with international research partners

c) relationship with international development agencies

Not affiliated to anybody but only makes contribution when invited through the government of Botswana.

34. Successes and challenges in mainstreaming (E.g. inclusive education; inclusion of disabled people in gender-based violence programmes; sustainable livelihood programmes)

Challenges include a lack of resources, difficulties in developing an agenda for disabled people in government and private sector, and creating an inclusive environment.

35. Major achievements successes and challenges; communication

N/A

36. Major challenges

Board meetings, resource mobilisation and sourcing resources, programme design and programme implementation, available strategic planning

37. Future plans

Design a sound strategic action plan for the organisation, and sourcing of funds.

38. Anything else

The need of strong leadership and leadership skills and development of national and branch levels.