



WORLD FEDERATION
OF THE DEAF

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Vision

A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere

Mission

We work towards the full realisation of linguistic rights and human rights in all areas of life, with full recognition and implementation of these rights across local, national and international levels

Building Capacity Across the Globe

Our guiding mission is to strengthen and grow our global network of representative organisations of deaf people by:

- Strengthening the capacity of current National Associations of Deaf People
 - Provide effective capacity building programmes for members, with a particular focus on the Global South
 - Work with organisational members to promote intersectional work with diverse deaf communities
 - Increase grant development and scope of implementation among our members
 - Promote the participation of deaf youth in deaf organizations
- The 60 Country Project: Developing and Sustaining New National Organisations of Deaf People
- Ensure the participation of women, youth, and underrepresented communities in our work
- Aim to achieve equality and equal opportunities across all areas of life

Putting Deaf People on the Agenda

The WFD will continue to put deaf people on human rights and development agendas

- The WFD is a credible source for all sign language and deaf rights data
 - Develop deaf-led evidence based advocacy tools
 - Promote disaggregated data collection and monitoring on deaf people and sign languages
- We continue to monitor and respond to emerging trends affecting deaf people
 - WFD is visible and active in shaping policies and practices in emerging policy areas
- We will actively promote IWDP and IDSL as globally recognized celebrations

Realising Nothing Without Us

The WFD continues to be the leading global authority for deaf people and sign languages

- The WFD has a robust presence at the UN and other important international forums
 - Proactively promote the WFDs interpretation and analysis of human rights treaties as they pertain to deaf people
 - Participate, with national and international partners, in UN Human Rights Monitoring processes and post-review monitoring and implementation
 - Increase the number of deaf people on UN Treaty Bodies
- Collaborating on tools and resources for national advocacy
- Ensuring the centering of deaf people in policies and practices
 - Promoting best practices in economic, social and cultural and health policies for deaf people
 - Ensuring deaf people are not left behind in humanitarian actions
 - Addressing the impact of climate change and natural disasters on deaf communities

Achieving Sign Language Rights for All

Our national sign languages are fundamental to the achievement of deaf people's human rights

- Promoting the legal recognition of national sign languages through training and advocacy at the national and international levels
 - Advising policy and legislative makers on sign languages
 - Increase the number of countries with sign language recognition
- Achieving National Sign Languages for All:
 - By 2033, 25% of national populations can sign in their national sign languages
- Full recognition of deaf people/sign languages as a part of human diversity
 - Implementing and achieving CRPD Articles 21 and 30 around the world
- Advocating for early childhood language acquisition and inclusive multilingual education policies
 - WFD Views on Inclusive Education are Understood and Implemented by Governments
 - Empowering Ordinary Members to actively participate in monitoring efforts

Investing in a Strong and Sustainable Organisation

To carry out our Mission, we need a strong and sustainable organization

- Build a Diverse Global Secretariat
 - Strong, growing, and sustainable organisational structure and financial management
- Strengthen and utilise WFD sections and Regional Secretariats to promote our work
- Increase and strengthen partnerships and alliances at all levels
- Increase visibility of the WFD work in all levels and areas of work

About

the World Federation of the Deaf

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is an international non-governmental organisation representing and promoting approximately 70 million deaf people's human rights worldwide. The WFD is a federation of deaf organisations from 135 nations; its mission is to promote the human rights of deaf people and full, quality and equal access to all spheres of life, including self-determination, sign language, education, employment and community life. WFD has a consultative status in the United Nations and is a founding member of International Disability Alliance (IDA).

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