# THE GLOBAL DISABILITY DIRECTORY PROGRAM



## WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO DO?

This program aims to establish and maintain a comprehensive international directory of organizations that provide support services for people with disabilities.

The directory will provide as much information as possible on the types of services particular organizations offer, disabilities they target, and the locations/countries they serve. It will be available online and we will work to make it translatable, so that various individuals and organizations from around the world can easily search and contact organizations that meet their needs.

## WHY IS DSI DOING THIS?

In short, because (as far as we've been able to determine) an accurate, international directory like this does not currently exist. The directory will serve a few different functions:

1. DSI often receives inquires for help from organizations, parents, and individuals with disabilities. The Directory will provide DSI with information we can use to connect people and organizations with potential services, in countries where we don't work yet.

2. Making it available on our website will allow individuals and organizations to search for needed services, that they may not know about. Did you know, more people now have cell phones than toilets(1)? So let's use technology to everyone's advantage.

3. Inform DSI's development and scaling, because it will give us (and others working in the sector) a better picture of the scope of the current situation.

## HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

We use any available outdated information and any partial directories we can find as a starting point. We prioritize our focus first on countries and regions where inquiries originate. Instructions and how-to procedures will be provided, so you understand exactly what to do to research and add organizations to the directory.

DSI hosts Directory Days, when DSI volunteers can come together to research and build the directory, because it's always more fun to work together! Not near a Directory Day location? Get a group together and we will provide you with the tools and information to host one wherever you are.

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1. (2015) WHO & UNICEF, Joint Monitoring Programme