

What is inclusive recovery – explainer from Ukrainian ODP Fight For Right

Of course Ukraine faced unprecedented damage due to Russian aggression which is deepening every day. At the same time right now Ukraine is doing its best to come up with short-term and long-term strategies of recovery and works with international partners. FFR appreciates the efforts of the government and wants the Recovery Plan to become comprehensive and intersectional to ensure recovery process benefits all Ukrainians and brings strength to Ukrainian systems.

FFR has several key points to stress out:

- recovery is not just physical rebuilding, Ukraine has a very responsible task ensuring it carefully plans and undergoes systemic reforms to ensure international reconstruction aid is not watering the desert of inefficient systems;
- policy development should be data and evidence driven, for this the first 2 steps should be installing intersectional and desegregated data collection and conduct current needs assessment to feed further Recovery Plan shaping and implementation both at the national and local levels;
- recovery should include meaningful participation of civil society sectors including OPDs and other actors representing diverse groups in Ukrainian society.

Long before the full-scale invasion, Ukraine chose the path of European integration and began reforming many sectors, trying to bring domestic legislation to EU standards and obligations under international human rights agreements. This process was not always fast enough and not all problems were addressed, in particular regarding the implementation of [the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) – gaps remained in the development of an accessible environment,

guaranteeing support services, equal opportunities to study and work and participate in political life. Yet right now, the Convention should be a torchlight to inclusive recovery and FFR is working to ensure it via monitoring, evaluation and advocacy work.

FFR analyzed all 24 chapters of the Recovery plan and has a number of recommendations that are crucial if we are to ensure the Recovery of Ukraine is inclusive at heart:

1. Ensure each of 24 plans contains intersectional connections
2. Ensure coherence of the Recovery plan and other national strategic and policy documents
3. Provide effective and realistic mechanism for meaningful participation of all beneficiaries in the policy shaping and implementation, including access to monitoring and evaluation processes
4. Mainstream disability inclusion lens and accessibility as underling principal to all recovery processes
5. Allocated resources should be balanced against covering urgent needs to ensure human rights of persons with disabilities and all other Ukrainians right now and to provide baseline for developing systemic reforms to cover pre-existing gaps in social services policy, employment, education and accessible infrastructure Ukraine had before the full-scale invasion.

3 issues Ukraine has to commit right in 2023 to ensure inclusive recovery:

- to design and kick out the deinstitutionalization reform as part of the social services reform;
- conduct legal capacity reform and introduce supported decision-making mechanisms;
- prevent forced institutionalising of persons with disabilities and elder people by ensure inclusive humanitarian response and accessible reconstruction.