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1. Introduction:

Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust-BDDT, an organization working for the Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) since its inception. Apart from the core goal of the development and inclusion of PWDs in the mainstream, BDDT has extensive prioritization of the safeguard of this community from disaster and its impacts. BDDT, having its base in Barguna alongside Dhaka(head office), Bangladesh- a coastal district which is extremely disaster prone has provided BDDT with firsthand experiences, pictures and a measurable capacity to work in alignment with climate actions, management and priorities. For the broader inclusivity and disaster resilience BDDT is committed to work not only with community of PWDs, but also physically abled groups for the disaster and socio-economic vulnerability for the climate impacts.

This Climate Policy outlines the commitment of the Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust (BDDT) to address climate change impacts, particularly concerning individuals with physical and visual impairments. Recognizing the vulnerability of these communities, this policy aims to integrate climate considerations into our programs, ensuring resilience and sustainability.

2. Vision and Mission Statement Vision: To build a society where all individuals, regardless of their physical abilities and disabilities, are empowered to adapt to climate change and participate in disaster risk reduction and sustainable livelihood.

Mission: To strengthen the ability of PWDs and their communities to withstand climate-related difficulties by advocating for and implementing inclusive climate policies and practices in organizational activities and projects.

3. Objectives:

- Incorporate climate risk assessments into the development and execution of programs.
- Improve vulnerable populations' resistance to the effects of climate change, particularly among those with any disabilities.
- Encourage employees, beneficiaries, and stakeholders to learn about and become informed about climate concerns.
- Encourage both local and national climate action and policy that is inclusive.
- Gendered representation of the climate vulnerabilities and planning for the inclusion in creation of training, education, project priorities and advocacy that emphasizes gender equality.

4. Scope:

This policy reiterates and will ensure that BDDT remains aligned with the COP24 where major focus has been put on collaborative measures, climate financing for projects and nations and reducing inequality. With alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals no-4(Quality Education), 5 (Gender Equality),10 (Reduced Inequalities), 13(Climate action)- BDDT aims to reduce inequality and address the struggles faced by the PWD community. BDDT works with education, advocacies, and livelihood training for the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)-particularly with the visually impaired persons to ensure that in the present and future where climate concern is alarming- the vulnerable groups don't lag behind. Alongside that, the Disaster Risk Reduction remains a key focus for any resilience and capacity building with the PWDs and Youth community.

5.Principles

- **Inclusivity:** Ensure all interventions consider the unique needs of persons with disabilities.
- **Sustainability:** Commit to environmentally sustainable practices across all organizational activities.
- **Collaboration:** Foster partnerships with local authorities, other NGOs, and community groups to address climate challenges collectively.

6. Climate Risk Assessment Conduct comprehensive climate risk assessments to identify potential risks, including:

- Extreme weather events (e.g., floods, storms, droughts).
- Impacts on livelihoods, health, movement, and safety for persons with disabilities.
- Vulnerabilities in infrastructure and access to essential services.
- Migration and migration related risk in disasters and necessary presence of rescue media.

7. Strategies and Actions

- **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR):**
 - Develop and implement DRR plans that include the specific needs of disabled individuals.
 - Organize community drills and training sessions focused on disaster preparedness.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Actively involve disabled persons in climate adaptation and disaster response initiatives.
 - Conduct community forums to gather input and feedback on climate issues.
- **Capacity Building:**

- Provide training for staff and community members on climate resilience and adaptive practices.
- Develop resources and tools to support disabled individuals in climate-related planning.
- Having collaborative measures with OPDs to ensure fast and swift action in any disaster combats.
- **Advocacy:**
 - Collaborate with policymakers to promote inclusive climate policies.
 - Participate in local and national forums to raise awareness about the needs of disabled persons in climate action.
- **Gender Focus Initiatives:**
 - Ensuring a gendered lens in every action and policy adoption for any project and organization.
 - Having gender expert consultations for initiatives that work with inclusion of PWD and non-PWD beneficiaries in case of Climate adaptive initiatives in education, health concerns and livelihood training of any kind.

8. Implementation Plan:

- **Roles and Responsibilities:** Assign clear roles to staff members for implementing various aspects of this policy.
- **Timeline and Milestones:** Establish timelines for key actions and measurable milestones to track progress.
- **Partnerships:** Identify and engage with relevant stakeholders and organizations for collaborative efforts.

9. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Set specific indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy, such as:
 - Number of community members trained in disaster preparedness.
 - Level of participation of disabled persons in climate initiatives.
- Conduct regular reviews of the policy to adapt strategies based on lessons learned and changing climate conditions.
- The Committee of 3 persons (Managing Trustee, Assistant Program Officer and a Climate Consultant)- will be responsible for looking over the progress and effectiveness of the projects implemented in compliance with the policy.
- To have the policy updated according to goals and prioritization in different times and focuses.

10. Communication

- Develop a communication plan to disseminate the policy to staff, beneficiaries, and stakeholders.

- Create educational materials (e.g., brochures, workshops) to raise awareness about the policy's goals and objectives.

11. Conclusion: The Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust is committed to fostering resilience against climate change for all individuals, particularly those with disabilities. Through the implementation of this policy, we aim to create an inclusive and sustainable future where every member of our community can thrive despite climate challenges.

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