Peace and Love!

I am pleased to raise my voice in this Annual Report 2022 together with the many voices of persons with psychosocial disabilities around the globe, our leaders, Board, mentors and partners.

I take this opportunity to congratulate us all and TCI Global for coming this far. I also appreciate the author of life for the gift of life that we are connecting together all around the world through this Annual Report 2022. This is a great milestone right from the founding of TCI by the founding members to highly esteemed as bringing us to TCI global work now.

This Inclusion movement is a great progressive force of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities and it is the first of its kind to bring hope for realizing the independent living of persons with disabilities as CRPD Article 19 states.

As TCI Global, we have a lot to be proud of in our journey to transform communities for inclusion. This report further brings out marks of excellence as we work towards growth and development as a movement for inclusion in this post COVID-19 era.

May we all see Light as you read this TCI report, I do encourage all of us to arise and shine by transforming for inclusion.

Am praying that as human beings in our diversity, we pursue peace with hope and above all Love.

God Bless you all.

Robinah Alambuya Nakanwagi,
President, TCI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

In 2013, when we started discussing the identity of persons with psychosocial disabilities, little did we imagine that it would soon be a global movement of individuals and organizations with a new vision for our Inclusion. We have had a tremendously empowering journey of peers from the global South, who, over a decade, have shown the potential of not only advocacy for the CRPD and our human rights; but also, what inclusive communities must look like. By the end of 2022, we are present in 50 countries, with grassroots national policy activism and support systems in at least 20 different country locations.

Our strength has been our members, with a strong facilitatory role provided by the Secretariat in creating opportunity and supports in capacity building emerging organizations of persons with psychosocial disabilities. We are proud that, today, there are several founding and other lead members who are leading the national, regional and global debates and actions on our inclusion, in various thematic areas.

The vision of ‘Inclusion’ of persons with psychosocial disabilities sets us apart from other movements. Our self-definition as a ‘post CRPD’ movement gives us a whole new canvas of strategies and advocacy ideas, to engage afresh with policy systems, much wider than ‘mental health’. Our achievement in the last year has been in providing more advanced concepts and advocacy around De-institutionalization and Community Inclusion.

We have been engaging groups in the global North, those groups which are working within the disability and inclusion space, and have found some incredibly strong members and partners in Canada, Europe and the UK. We will strive to build bridges across continents to fuel our movement further with the vision and the practice of Inclusion.

We are ever grateful to our members, partners and donors, particularly the International Disability Alliance, for steadfastly supporting the emergent global OPD with this inspiring name and strength of works: Transforming Communities for Inclusion.

Bhargavi Davar, 
Executive Director, TCI
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Who are we?

Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI) is an independent, post-CRPD
(Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) movement of persons with
psychosocial disabilities and its cross-disability supporters. We are bound by the
inspirational vision of the CRPD: We are known as the ‘Inclusive Movement’.
TCI is a membership-based global OPD (Organization of persons with disabilities)
foocussing on the right to live independently and be included in the communities¹.
It emerged as the largest representative voice of persons with disabilities worldwide, with members in 50 countries by December, 2022.

The identity of ‘Persons with psychosocial disabilities 2, for TCI, has been inclusive
of persons who identify as ‘users and survivors of psychiatry’, ‘mad’ persons,
persons with intersectional and neurodiverse identities and including persons who
self-identify with psychosocial disabilities. In 2022, persons and groups with
neurodiverse identities (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder-ADHD and autistic
persons) and persons with intersectional identities and those facing multiple
discriminations (e.g., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex-
LGBTQI+) have also participated in our events, reached out for membership,
resources, etc. Persons under legal charge or accusation of ‘unsound mind’,
‘insanity’, ‘consumer’, ‘patients’ and ‘mentally ill’ people, who ever experienced
being victimized by legal, psychiatric, societal barriers have also been welcome in
the movement. So are persons who may never have used a mental health service,
but experience high restriction of participation due to legal, social, attitudinal
barriers to full participation because of their neurodiversity.

We leave it to the persons to define and construct their own identities and their
belonging to TCI. We have, in these years, built a strong alliance with OPDs of other

¹ In December of 2020, considering its unique positioning as an ‘inclusion movement’, TCI Asia Pacific decided to become
TCI, a global organization of persons with psychosocial disabilities, and other identities thereof.
² Participants to the first Asia workshop on ‘Transforming communities for Inclusion’ who met in Pune, India, in May 2013,
decided to build an identity location as ‘persons with psychosocial disabilities’, considering this identity to be more inclusive
of diversity than ‘user and survivor of psychiatry’.

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under-represented groups based on our common experience of discrimination and exclusion.

1.2 Starting a ‘Reparations and Reconciliation’ language for a historically oppressed group

The wheels are turning: Withdrawing our location within ‘mental health’, resisting the ‘legal shackling’ that we are subjected to by this intractable system, keeping a core interest on developing personalized and specific psychosocial support services in communities, improving our access to mainstream services, empowered by the extraordinary vision of the CRPD and the potential of SDGs for our inclusion, TCI has successfully relocated itself at the center of the cross-disability movements in several sites- national, regional and global, as a way to reclaim our respect, dignity and autonomy and experience our independence to realize our right to live in the community on our own terms.

In keeping with the provision in the ‘Guidelines on De-institutionalization, including during Emergencies’, TCI began a process of self-education on the language of reparations and reconciliation, suitable for the purpose. TCI is inspired by the strong history and legacy of the movements of users and survivors of psychiatry, ex-patients’ liberation movements de-colonization, mad activism and a variety of mad pride movements, which have existed since the 1960s and the post War period. Thousands of people have given their lives to see the mental health system transformed in the direction of compassionate care. TCI pays our respect to those leaders and martyrs past, present and the future. We are inspired by the tremendous resilience of our leaders and the international disability caucus in fighting hard to get a Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) that ‘we can live with’.³

TCI turned 10 years old in May of 2022. It started as a workshop idea in Pune, with 5 countries, in 2012 and now is across 50 countries⁴ from various subregions of South Asia, South East Asia (SEA), Pacific, East Asia, Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

³ To commemorate our efforts to leaders who gave us the CRPD, TCI organized a webinar ‘Looking Back, looking forward: Remembering the CRPD’ in December, 2020, as a part of the #WhatWENeed Campaign. Find the video at https://youtu.be/XUaER7fwy8
⁴ https://tci-global.org/our-members/
region, East Africa and West Africa. TCI also has a small set of members from the United States of America (USA), Europe, Australia and Canada.

2. WHAT DID WE DO IN 2022 (AN OVERVIEW)

2.1 Visibility achieved in redefining the ‘entry point’

The greater the marginalization, the higher the risk of medicalization; and more severe, the restriction to participation, including institutionalization. While addressing the medicalization is one pathway for realizing human rights, removing restrictions to participation in the SDGs is a more sustainable way. TCI successfully brought world attention on the ‘entry point’ issue through the Bali Declaration of 20185: We do not enter disability rights discourse from ‘mental health’, but we do so from ‘inclusion’.

TCI in close partnership with our lead members, the support of the International Disability Alliance and grants from Open Society Foundation (OSF), Wellspring,  

5 https://www.tci-global.org/bali-declaration/
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Disability Rights Fund (DRF) and Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), is satisfied that by 2022, we are ready for advanced advocacy on Access to Justice, De-institutionalization and Community Inclusion. Through 2022, TCI engaged continuously with influencers, stakeholders, donors and OPDs to encourage the re-entry from the ‘human rights door’ as opposed to the ‘mental health door’. The real significance of ‘transforming communities so that they include’ (TCI) became clearer, with maturation of zero coercion pilot programs (Seher, of the Bapu Trust; Koshish, Nepal; Living Association, Thailand; and de-institutionalization efforts in India and Indonesia). ‘Peer’ and ‘community’ support acquired new momentum among our members, in this year. Continuous advocacy on the ‘entry point’ issue, with illustrative papers, blogs and webinars of the meaning and significance of this difference, in academia, programs on the ground and capacity building to suit grassroots inclusion initiatives, were highlights of 2022. High level political spaces such as Global Disability Summit (GDS) and United Nation (UN) bodies such as United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the CRPD committee have taken on their agendas ‘community inclusion’ and more prominently, de-institutionalization. TCI is doing its best to engage with these thematics however advocating for inclusion in SDGs related thematics as well (Disability Risk Reduction, Gender, Political participation, housing, health, sexual health and reproductive health rights, work and employment, etc.)

2.2 General comment 7 and strengthening OPD engagement at the national level

TCI appreciates the tireless work of the CRPD committee and particularly, the legacy of reporting by the erstwhile special rapporteur (Disabilities), Ms. Catalina Devandas’s, and her strong contribution to OPD engagement and the guidance of General Comment 7 (on participation)⁶. The movement building strategies of TCI are unparalleled for our constituency, following the adoption of the CRPD, enlisted below.

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⁶ CRPD/C/GC/7 General comment No. 7 (2018) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention
• **Membership development (with individuals and OPDs of persons with psychosocial disabilities)**

By December 2022, TCI has cultivated membership presence in over 50 countries worldwide with stronger cooperation and partnerships built with OPDs from newer regions (Latin America, United Kingdom, Canada). More than 60+ emails with information, opportunities and helpful resources created by TCI and others, were shared with the membership through 2022. African regions have supported TCI greatly by applying for memberships, being on live wire with TCI on social media, applying for opportunities, participating in the subregional convenings and participating in the yearly campaign. The Latin American countries showed an increasing interest in TCI's vision and initiatives, as evidenced by a growing number of new membership applications from the region. Stronger partnerships were built with new OPD members from the United Kingdom through a ‘Mapping positionalities’ initiative, exchanges with new members in the Knowledge Hub on Access to Justice in Canterbury and membership in Canada through continued contribution to design of a research project ⁷ as ‘user experts’ and the launch of a webinar series on ‘Mad Activism’ ⁸. Newer members also contributed immensely to the annual advocacy campaign, #WhatWENeed 2022. ⁹

• **2 streams of Fellowships (i. Emerging Leader and ii. Consolidation of Leadership)**

The 2023 cohort of **three fellows** moved closer to finish, by the end of the year. TCI’s fellow from Kenya was successful in refreshing the movement in his region, with TCI’s support and constant capacity building. He developed a new OPD and mobilized members at the national level, while defining his OPD and its mission and vision as an inclusion movement. TCI fellow from Sri Lanka, throughout her fellowship period, reframed her OPD’s perspective from a medical model to a human rights model and intensively built alliances with the cross-disability movement. TCI fellow from Uganda conducted works in her community on the inclusion of persons with psychosocial disabilities and engaged with cross disability

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⁷ ‘Realizing human rights and social justice in mental health’, at the School of Health Policy and Management, York University.

⁸ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sF8VQAOkiUc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sF8VQAOkiUc)

⁹ [https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/campaign-2022/](https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/campaign-2022/)
organizations and mainstream women organizations. She also received the Zero Project award for her work on de-institutionalization.

- **OPD support grants**

  Following fellowships and microgrants, the OPD support grants help build ‘tenacity’ of young, emerging OPDs to sustain their strengths and move forward despite challenges. TCI supported 4 of its organizational members as part of the OPD support grants in 2022. The scope of grants is determined by the OPDs who express interest in such support.

  → Championing for Inclusive Communities in Kenya (CIC-K) was supported to develop a position paper on community inclusion and de-institutionalization and it was launched in a multistakeholder meeting.

  → The Indonesian Mental Health Association (IMHA) was supported to hold a joint event with TCI and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) highlighting need of de-institutionalization in Indonesia, along with installing an ‘IRIS Award’ for recognising and felicitating the efforts of government personnel.

  → Nidahas Chinthana Sansadayya-Consumer Action Forum (NFS-CAF, Sri Lanka) conducted a 2 days’ workshop on community inclusion and developed a social media campaign along with an action plan for the inclusion of persons with psychosocial disabilities.

  → Rights for Disability Development Fund (RDDF, Uganda) was supported to develop four videos on topics such as access to justice, deinstitutionalization, community inclusion, lived experience etc. As part of the grant, along with financial support, the Secretariat intensively engaged with all the organizations and contributed to the development of program agendas, concept notes, interview guides, social media dissemination etc.
• Micro-grants (A new instrument developed during Corona times)

TCI focused on SITAN (Situational Analysis) in its members’ regions for this cycle of microgrants and successfully implemented 6 microgrants towards closure in 2022. The various thematics covered were gender and inclusion of women and non-binary persons with psychosocial disabilities, building community support systems, social protection, COVID 19 and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), employment and livelihood opportunities.

• Exploratory visits, Country Missions, subregional meetings and multistakeholder meetings

TCI engaged with stakeholders for supporting and capacity strengthening of rights-based movement in Maldives, with facilitation by MAPD (Maldives Association of Persons with Disabilities), through an exploratory visit in January 2022. Several stakeholders were met with and a support group identified. This group of persons with psychosocial disabilities changed their identity from a ‘mental health support group’ to an OPD after the visit. Mental Health Support Group (MHSG) was also introduced to CRPD and was provided with CRPD training opportunities (through IDA-BRIDGE-SDGs Training).

TCI, conducted a highly successful and transformative subregional convening in East Africa, followed by a country mission each in Uganda and Kenya, with the additional support of the Disability Rights Fund. These events marked a turning point in strengthening the movement in Africa and getting a realistic assessment of the needs and challenges in the subregion. A total of 24 participants attended the subregional meeting from 5 countries and 36 participants from 10 stakeholder groups were present for the multistakeholder meeting. Drafting of the Addis Declaration, with participation of the East African members, was a remarkable achievement. The 2 country missions in Kenya and Uganda were also followed up with multistakeholder meetings from the regions. These meetings were supported

10 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNi-R8ELUAQ
by partners, Triumph Uganda, United National Self Advocacy Initiative (UNSAI), Rights for Disability Development Foundation (RDDF) and Championing for Inclusive Communities Kenya (CIC-K).

- **#WhatWENeed Campaign**

  The 2022 campaign witnessed enormous interest from TCI members and networks to engage in advanced advocacy on the various thematics and was reflected in the quality of submissions made.

  As part of the #WhatWENeed campaign, a total of 50 submissions from 13 countries were received under 7 submission categories (27 blog pieces\(^{14}\), 6 photo series\(^{15}\), 5 videos\(^{16}\), 8 poems\(^{17}\), 2 messages\(^{18}\), 4 events conducted\(^{19}\) and 12 spotlight interviews\(^{20}\)). The posts saw a total of 20,000 profile visits to the website and 16,650 reach via social media platforms.

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\(^{14}\) [https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/blog/](https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/blog/)

\(^{15}\) [https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/the-stronger-project/](https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/the-stronger-project/)

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\(^{19}\) [https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/events/](https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/events/)

\(^{20}\) [https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/spotlight-interview-of-dorothy-gould/](https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/spotlight-interview-of-dorothy-gould/)
An award event (IRIS award)\textsuperscript{21}, conducted by IMHA, with TCI’s support, to honour government officials who have helped and supported in deinstitutionalization in Indonesia, was also a highlight of 2022 campaign. Newer members were encouraged to make submissions relevant to their contexts.\textsuperscript{22,23,24,25}

CIC-Kenya, organized a multistakeholder event during the #WhatWENeed campaign to engage with the various stakeholders including government, cross disability and civil society organizations\textsuperscript{26}. A position paper was published and shared with the stakeholders for de-institutionalization and inclusion of people with psychosocial disabilities\textsuperscript{27}.

TCI leaders have continued to contribute to academic and other speaking engagements as opportunities are provided (York university research initiative on Realizing Human Rights and Social Justice in Mental Health, a summer teaching module on arts and healing in McGill University, teaching support to a program by Institute for the Development of Human Arts (IDHA) teaching faculty team for the Transformative Mental Health Core Curriculum, technical assistance to designing and analyzing field data from Bapu Trust field projects, design of a trauma curriculum and tool that is culturally competent, interviews with disability news portals\textsuperscript{28,29} etc.

- \textbf{Help Desk and technical assistance to members national advocacy efforts}

A TCI fellow from Kenya, established a new organization (CIC-K), onboarded the first Board of their OPD and registered under Ministry of Gender and Social Protection (and not Health). This lateral thinking on registering with a social department built on the core strategy of TCI to enter through the ‘human rights door’.\textsuperscript{30} Psychosocial Disability Rights Network (PDRN), an OPD from Pakistan, that was developed with TCI support,

\textsuperscript{21} https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/iris-award-2022/
\textsuperscript{22} https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/submissions-by-liberation-and-its-members/
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\textsuperscript{26} https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/launch-of-cic-k-position-paper-in-a-stakeholder-meeting/
\textsuperscript{28} https://www.disabilitydebrief.org/debrief/a-disability-rights-view-on-community/
\textsuperscript{29} https://soundcloud.com/user-550129521/bhargavi-davar-interview-by-sai-prasad-vishwanath?ref=disability-debrief
initiated awareness and community mobilization activities around community inclusion. 19\(^{31}\) strong OPDs of persons with psychosocial disabilities were active in Asia, Pacific and Africa to lead national advocacy for our constituency and strengthened their vision and advocacy practice around inclusion with TCI interventions.

- **Supports to national focal members**

Regular review and mentorship meetings, learning webinars\(^{32,33}\), working groups, invitations to participate in webinars as speakers, co-teaching in an Integrated Arts Based Therapy course of the Bapu Trust\(^{34}\), connecting focal members with donors and key stakeholders, nomination of trainees, participation and facilitation of sessions at BRIDGE training (South Asia, in Kathmandu) Module II, extensive mentoring for Bapu Trust, oldest founding member of TCI to be groomed for the Zero project, facilitating member meets through different engagements of TCI: TCI secretariat strives to maximize the number of exchanges between national focal members and various strategic stakeholders, including donors, all the time providing opportunity for national capacity building. TCI members also participated in the Arts Based Therapy course conducted by Bapu Trust, TCI member.

- **Membership engagement and capacity strengthening**

TCI organized a side event during Global Disability Summit (GDS) 2022\(^{35}\) and Conference of State Parties (COSP) 15\(^{36}\) on ‘Capacity Strengthening of Organization of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities in the Global South’. Engagement opportunities to contribute to advocacy activities were facilitated for the members. A Working Group comprising of members was organized to provide feedback on the World Health Organization (WHO) and Office of High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) Guidance on mental health, human rights and legislation\(^{37}\); meaningful

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\(^{31}\) List of OPDs: REMISI (Indonesia), IMHA (Indonesia), LAT (Thailand), Koshish (Nepal), PSA (Fiji), Inclusive Asia (China), JNGMDP (Japan), TMA (Taiwan), BT (India), PDRN (Pakistan), PDIP (Philippines), MHSG (Maldives), Rainbow Star (Myanmar), Consumer In Action (Sri Lanka), Ya_All (Manipur), MIASA (Malaysia), CIC-K (Kenya), UNSAI (Uganda) and TRIUMPH (Uganda)

\(^{32}\) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNi-R8EULUAQ&t=5577s

\(^{33}\) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xss67xmLMl8&t=3731s

\(^{34}\) https://bapufoundation.com/abt-2023/

\(^{35}\) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sKti-13hA

\(^{36}\) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXnOFeSjIo8

participation of members in GDS, creation of a youth platform, speaking engagements at GDS and COSP, participation at the Global Platform on Disaster Reduction (Bali). Two members of TCI were supported with nominations to the Zero Project and were scheduled for being awarded in the Zero Project festival in February 2023.

The launching of the youth with psychosocial disabilities platform in partnership with IDA and IMHA was one of the highlights of the year\(^{38}\). The platform was created and launched online owing to requests from youth participants at a TCI event in Jakarta. The webinar was also organized to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities\(^{39}\). The Indonesian Mental Health Association organized a book launch event, supported by TCI, to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities in Jakarta. A member (Koshish), using the advocacy momentum of TCI, was able to negotiate funding for scaling a community support project on a human rights platform rather than on a ‘mental health’ platform.

2.3 Community Inclusion practices

TCI has engaged since long on advocating for Article 19, and in early years was inspired by the community works of Inclusion International and the Independent Living movement, particularly European Network on Independent Living (ENIL). TCI also learnt by applying CRPD principles to an existing ‘mental health’ program in Pune, India, steering the program towards CRPD compliance and Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID). In the past, TCI along with the Bapu Trust, organized the largest international platform on alternatives to psychiatry (in Pune, 2016), learning institutes on peer support, supported Fellows or member initiatives on building peer support, supported national efforts on building support systems (Japan, Nepal) etc. A visible shift was seen during Corona times, of an increasing number of members (individuals and OPDs) learning about, piloting and / or enabling a community of practice on community support systems, peer support and

\(^{38}\) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyjMc_i7Nz3c
\(^{39}\) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDXkMD11-w
enabling mainstream services for inclusion. Inclusion was not only a vision or a value, but for TCI, became an emerging Community of Practice in recent years.

TCI appreciated ‘community inclusion’ being taken up as an agenda in high policy circles for example the OHCHR, GDS etc. TCI focused on garnering funding and support to facilitate its members for documenting and presenting their inclusion practices, in all its forms and flavours. To this effect,

→ TCI successfully raised a 2-year grant on Community Inclusion with support of Wellspring Foundation. As part of this, a Working Group on Community Inclusion (WG-CI) was created with TCI members practicing community inclusion in their regions and two productive visits held as learning exchanges (one in Jakarta and one in Pune). These visits were arranged with an aim to exchange ideas on different ways of practicing community inclusion.

→ TCI also negotiated with various key stakeholders on an upcoming report (A/HRC/52/52) on support systems to ensure community inclusion of persons with disabilities with negative outcomes. TCI has struggled with the challenge on Article 4.3 in this context.

→ TCI provided comments on Special Rapporteur’s report Re-Imagining Services in the 21st Century’.

→ TCI gave a keynote speech at the World Community Development Conference (WCDC) 202240 on programming for disability inclusion, supported by CBM (Christian Blind Mission) International.

→ TCI presented at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) in Brisbane on highlighting the role of communities in inclusive DRR response for persons with psychosocial disabilities, supported by DFAT.

40 https://wcdc2022.online/speakers/
As part of the helpdesk assistance,

→ TCI supported Bapu Trust in compiling a list of indicators for Seher, the flagship community inclusion project of Bapu Trust, to elevate the work to the Asia Pacific context.

→ TCI worked along with Bapu Trust to analyze the program data gleaned from Seher program and is developing a monograph on the same.

Community inclusion was an important thematic in the advocacy campaign, #WhatWENeed and received many submissions (blogs, videos, workshops, spotlight interviews) on it. A workshop was organized on Community Inclusion of persons with psychosocial disabilities in Sri Lanka by one of the fellows of TCI during the #WhatWENeed campaign and an advocacy action plan was developed in partnership and support with the cross-disability stakeholders.41

As part of the work towards drafting the deinstitutionalization guidelines, TCI presented its members’ work on de-institutionalization as well as the prevention of institutionalization during the GCDI thematic workshops. TCI also led a spotlight session on community inclusion as part of the GDS 2022 proceedings42.

2.4 **TCI global advocacy**

A strident advocacy strategy in 2022 for TCI has been around inclusive OPD engagement, recognizing and respecting the identities of persons with psychosocial disabilities as persons with disabilities, having the voices of persons with psychosocial disabilities included in all human rights, CRPD and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) discussions, in all United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) and United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UN DIS) initiatives and deeply engaging with agendas of Deinstitutionalization (DI), Community Inclusion (CI) and removing legal, social and cross disability movement barriers to our full and effective participation.

41 [https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/a-workshop-on-community-inclusion-sri-lanka/](https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/a-workshop-on-community-inclusion-sri-lanka/)
42 [https://www.regjeringen.no/no/aktuelt/gds_info/id2900571/](https://www.regjeringen.no/no/aktuelt/gds_info/id2900571/)
2.4.1 Engaging UN Disability Inclusion Strategy

The UN and allied agencies, under the aegis of has been harmonizing their current documents and strategies with the CRPD, to review the resources and provide critical feedback. TCI was approached by different UN organizations as a part of this process.

→ TCI made formal submissions to UNICEF on a report titled ‘Inclusion of children and young people with disabilities in routine general health care’ to

→ TCI reviewed United Nations Sexual and Reproductive Health Agency (UNFPA)’s report on ‘Deciding for Myself: Forced, coerced or otherwise involuntary sterilization of people with psychosocial disabilities: The struggle for reproductive autonomy in law and practice in the Asia Pacific region’.

→ TCI participated in the WHO review of their report on ‘WHO European Framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022-2030’ and their ‘Fora on Disability Inclusion in the Health Sector’.

→ TCI participated in a UNICEF feedback process on their global social protection report, where TCI alerted the authors about leaving out persons with psychosocial disabilities.

→ TCI also launched a response statement to the proposed WHO & OHCHR Mental health guidance on mental health, human rights and legislation.43

2.4.2 UN Human rights mechanisms

→ TCI is a member of the Global Coalition on De-institutionalization (GC-DI)44. TCI actively contributed to the drafting of the DI guidelines. This was adopted by the CRPD Committee in October 2022.

→ With support and moderation by TCI, through the Civil Society Co-ordination Mechanism (CSCM) of IDA, COSP 15 included a full panel on ‘Taking advantage

43 https://tci-global.org/abolishmhlaws/
44 https://gc-di.org/
of opportunities to move forward on Deinstitutionalization’ at the Civil Society Forum (CSF)\(^{45}\) in the light of adoption of the UN Guidelines for De-institutionalization, including in Emergencies.

→ TCI was invited into the UN ESCAP Review of the Decade of persons with disabilities as an expert, and lead members participated through the process of review and planning for the next decade.

→ In partnership with UN Women, TCI sent a list of recommendations to UNESCAP on planning document for the next decade of persons with disabilities including legal capacity, access to justice and DI.

→ At COSP, TCI partnered with Centre for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (CHRUSP) on a side event on ‘Remedy and Reparation following institutionalization’\(^{46}\).

→ TCI in partnership with IMHA also organized a hybrid side event on de-institutionalization during the UN ESCAP meeting held in Jakarta\(^{47}\).

→ TCI mobilized and supported its 2 members to give interventions from the floor, at the UN Round Tables during COSP. TCI also gave an opening speech at COSP 15.

→ TCI was invited to make a speech at the 27\(^{th}\) closing session of the CRPD Committee to welcome the adoption of the DI guidelines and also to make a statement on the proposed draft “WHO & OHCHR guidance document on mental health, legislations and human rights”.

### 2.4.3 Other global engagements

→ A submission was made at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2022 for the Global Online Consultation on the SDGs under Review.\(^{48}\)

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\(^{45}\) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyDOPPrri-w&list=PL6QxXqEB474ZJs9lWBS8tNdjXY8xOdr7-&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyDOPPrri-w&list=PL6QxXqEB474ZJs9lWBS8tNdjXY8xOdr7-&index=1)

\(^{46}\) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0Sp7i9z0Nk&t=1060s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0Sp7i9z0Nk&t=1060s)

\(^{47}\) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e24MNWJdxs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e24MNWJdxs)

\(^{48}\) [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nMFAhvW3uR814dPC9r9kve5AgUupwYxxlmfsG48tZ8Uw/edit#gid=93711696](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nMFAhvW3uR814dPC9r9kve5AgUupwYxxlmfsG48tZ8Uw/edit#gid=93711696)
IMHA invited TCI to be an expert witness at the Constitutional Court hearing over judicial review of the guardianship law.

TCI, participated in a webinar on de-institutionalization organized by ENIL-ECCL where Bapu Trust’s ‘Going Home Project’ was presented as a case study on DI by TCI. This session was designed and moderated by TCI.

TCI conducted a post GDS workshop in Jakarta (October 2022). It was attended by TCI members and associates from Nepal, Indonesia and Pakistan who developed their own national advocacy plans based on countries’ commitments during GDS 2022.

2.4.4 Mapping positionalities of global north OPDs on the spectrum of inclusion

With a growing member base in a Global North country, TCI wanted to gain an understanding on the positionalities of OPDs in these regions with respect to the inclusion spectrum and launched a project titled ‘Inclusion at the centre: Mapping positionalities of UK/European OPDs on the spectrum of inclusion’. Exploratory calls were arranged with 5 OPDs and TCI envisions launching of a Conference in 2023 (virtual) to discuss this thematic. The #WhatWENeed campaign in 2022 was a truly global one, with wide participation from members from the global north as well.

2.4.5 Deinstitutionalization program works

DRF/DRAF supported DI dissemination work with a grant to GCDI. This helped in a set of co-ordinated activities around DI.

TCI, along with other members of the Global Coalition on Deinstitutionalization (GC-DI) organized an exploratory webinar to relay information on the processes involved in drafting the guidelines and submission procedures.

Through the DI grant, translation support was provided to Bapu Trust, Y’All, Red Door, CIC-K, IMHA, Remisi, UNSAI and Japan National Group of Mentally

49 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W1pAlD3cdw&t=2980s
50 https://whatweneed.tci-global.org/campaign-2022/
Disabled People (JNGMDP), so that their networks and communities can access the Draft DI guidelines in the local language.

→ These and other organizations among TCI members engaged their communities through online or offline consultations to provide feedback on the draft DI guidelines.

→ TCI, also disseminated the information with its members and provided financial and technical support for 7 member organizations (across India, Kenya, Indonesia, Uganda and Japan) to hold consultations in their regions and prepare feedback for the Committee along with providing support for translation of guidelines into local languages.

Members of TCI were involved from South Asia, Pacific, and East Asia. TCI also conducted a session at Nairobi BRIDGE training on deinstitutionalization (2022). DI filtered through every aspect of TCI’s works- programs, advocacy and engaging the UN human rights mechanisms.

2.4.6 Access to justice

TCI has been emphasizing on the role of legal barriers as the crucial element leading to exclusion of persons with psychosocial disabilities from development agendas. It has been voiced by the movement globally that ‘legal shackling’ in the form of mental health laws and legislations leads to ‘civil death’ rendering us as non-persons in the eyes of law and hence, replacing us from the position of primary holders of human rights. The thematic of access to justice and legal capacity of persons with psychosocial disabilities has become a clarion call for TCI and our movement in the last few years has been engaging in advanced advocacy on this topic.

Towards this goal, TCI was invited to participate in the World Justice Forum and Realizing Human Rights and Social Justice in Mental Health; Realizing Human Rights and Social Justice in Mental Health Knowledge User Meeting; the Knowledge Hub in Canterbury on disability based carceral systems; a University of Galway initiative on Legal capacity; etc. Discussions were also held with UN Women, Women Enabled International and Validity Foundation to explore and look for common grounds to
work and collaborate on this extremely important topic. TCI was also a part of a discussion on the MAiD law (Medical Assistance in Dying) in Canada. Additional dialogues have been initiated with Validity Foundation, UN Women, Women Enabled International and DRF towards developing a strategy and grant proposals on Legal capacity and Access to Justice, in the coming months and years.

3. CHALLENGES FACED

→ TCI has been bringing awareness to technical support partners such as CBM Global, cross disability stakeholders including the International Disability Alliance, and donor agencies on making community inclusion an independent strategy, separate from mental health funding.

→ TCI was concerned about the over medicalization of the movement in East African sub-region; but was rejuvenated with the encouragement of members and their enthusiasm in welcoming TCI to the subregion. TCI witnessed that the strategy of capacity building of OPDs and national leaders led to weaning them off the medical model and mental health funding; and redefine their entry through the development door being included in disability rights discourse and seek disability rights funding. One of our key members, in a strategic move, moved their registration from the health ministry to the gender ministry. Another moved it from health department to the disability department.

→ TCI has faced the challenge of fully understanding and maintaining the integrity of CRPD jurisprudence when various organizations and stakeholders bring reports, papers, strategy working papers, internal communiques etc. for our review. By reading relevant resources, talking to technical experts, and consulting our movement through working groups, etc. we have done our best to draw attention to the CRPD / human rights-based interpretations to such perspectives and about inclusive practices.

→ TCI has been challenging the introduction of new mental health laws (Nigeria, in 2022) which always has the consequence of perpetuating institutions and institutional mentality. Donors continue to fund or support
such laws, propelled by the WHO’s universalist position on modernizing mental health care through such laws. We have expressed our concerns in multiple platforms.

→ We, being the largest representative voice of persons with psychosocial disabilities, have the expectation of inclusion from all stakeholders. We are far away from having this expectation fulfilled. Multiple forces are at work, including the powerful mental health industry, the professional lobbies, the institutional infrastructure, many medical movements assuming status as ‘persons with lived experiences’ along with mass media advertising, to provide an appeal of a concrete and tangible machinery to various policy makers, our allies and our stakeholders. The voices of persons with psychosocial disabilities continues to be inaudible!

4. GOVERNANCE

To complete the registration process and legal existence in Geneva, TCI held its first General Assembly and in conjunction with a strategy meeting in April 2022 and had onboarded its first board members of TCI till May 2024. The first board meeting was convened in Addis Ababa during the East Africa Sub regional meeting and a half day strategy meeting was organized to share the program and advocacy plans of TCI for 2023. The legal registration was received before the year end, in 2022.
TCI supported many of its members in following due diligence procedures, streamlining accountancy tasks, facilitating invoicing and payment processes, contracting, providing support during events for co-ordination tasks, billing procedures, collating quotations etc. The Secretariat also maintained regular contact with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) for managing the fiscal sponsorship works. At the program front, members were supported by developing and sharing report templates, monitoring tools, constant mentoring during programs, addressing queries and brain storming solutions etc.

5. WAY FORWARD

Keeping the above learnings, risks and challenges as context, TCI proposes the following strategies for the coming year:

→ TCI will continue to foster relationships and capacity building of our members through our programs including fellowship opportunities, OPD support grants, Micro-Grants and organizing exploratory, country and sub regional missions along with sharing opportunities, resources and information.

→ TCI will be engaging deeply and advancing its advocacy on our core thematics of de-institutionalization, community inclusion and access to justice in programs, research and advocacy.

→ We will continue work on influencing global policies, reports and resolutions on community inclusion.

→ We will exchange on identity issues (whether user / survivor or persons with psychosocial disability or other...) in our dialogues with independent groups in the global north, building understanding, trust and co-operations with other regional and continental groups and join their advocacy.

→ We will strengthen the platform for young persons with psychosocial disabilities in our networks and membership, giving them opportunities to participate in the international human rights movements, and other significant platforms for advocacy.
→ TCI will support member initiatives on implementing DI in their countries, support with technical consultations, resources creation and sharing, creating accessible resources, translations, etc. other than campaigns and pilots.

→ TCI will continue to participate and engage with resources and other interagency initiatives on access to justice, right to live in the community, DRR, Political participation, right to health, disaster risk reduction and other emerging areas for action.

→ We will continue to engage inclusion in SDGs through influencing GDS commitments, HLPF, Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)s, Universal Periodic Review (UPR)s, etc.

→ TCI will aim to reach 70 countries (via memberships) by the end of 2023 and have at least 30 live projects and fellowships around the world.

→ TCI will also work on in bringing representation in the Board from every region, adopting policies and processes for good governance of TCI, strengthening the Secretariat, program management frameworks, and developing an executive structure for the organization; other than statutory compliances and financial management.
Thank you to all our members and partners!

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International Disability Alliance TRIUMPH
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European Network for Independent Living
Championing for Inclusive Communities, Kenya
Nidahas Chinthana Sansaydaya-Consumer Action Forum
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry
Centre for Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry
Pan African Network for Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities
Mental Illness Awareness & Support Association
Rights for Disability Development Foundation
REMISL Global Coalition on Deinstitutionalization
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