



## TCI FELLOWSHIP 2026 OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY FELLOW

### 1. Background

Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI) is a global Organization of Persons with Disabilities (OPD) led by persons with psychosocial disabilities, working to advance the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). TCI's work emphasizes deinstitutionalization, community inclusion, and the reframing of mental health agendas towards rights-based inclusion.

As part of its Fellowship Program 2026, TCI seeks to appoint an Outreach and Advocacy Fellow to strengthen national-level advocacy on deinstitutionalization and community inclusion, with a specific focus on youth and gender-diverse persons with psychosocial disabilities.

### 2. Objective of the Fellowship

#### 2.1 The Outreach and Advocacy Fellowship aims to:

- Strengthen national advocacy leadership among persons with psychosocial disabilities
- Support the development or consolidation of OPDs and advocacy platforms at the national level
- Advance CRPD-aligned advocacy on deinstitutionalization, community living, and inclusion
- Ensure meaningful participation of youth and gender-diverse communities in disability and development processes

### 3. Scope of Work and Key responsibilities:

- ✓ *Lead or support national advocacy initiatives on deinstitutionalization, community inclusion, legal capacity, access to justice, and related CRPD themes. Fellow shall take forward the dissemination, awareness and implementation of DI guidelines with national stakeholders*
- ✓ *Lead and facilitate engagement of youth and gender-diverse persons with psychosocial disabilities in national advocacy initiatives such as consultations, policy dialogues, and participation in cross-disability platforms. The fellow shall contribute to national mobilization and hold awareness sessions, trainings, TCI country missions, or workshops for inclusion youth and gender diverse persons with psychosocial disabilities in development*

- ✓ Support the establishment or strengthening of national or sub-national networks, organizations, and groups of persons with psychosocial disabilities from youth and gender diverse communities
- ✓ The fellow shall make maximum use of social media platforms for creating possible awareness about human rights-based approach to psychosocial disability through #WhatWENeed campaign of TCI
- ✓ The fellow shall work closely within TCI networks for developing advocacy content, engaging with human rights mechanisms, supporting submissions, and contribute to TCI's regional and global advocacy by sharing national developments, learnings, and challenges
- ✓ Conduct possible outreach activities to mobilize persons with psychosocial disabilities, particularly those from youth and gender diverse communities. Initiate peer-led, community-based support mechanisms (e.g., peer support groups, crisis response initiatives) aligned with UNCRPD principles
- ✓ The fellow will be responsible to establish partnerships with cross disability organizations, government stakeholders, human rights duty bearers and participate in national level advocacy initiatives to support the movement of people with psychosocial disabilities in the country.
- ✓ The fellowship action plan shall be in-line to the proposed objectives and context laid out in the policy note and shall finalize it in consultation with secretariat after selection for the fellowship.
- ✓ The fellow shall influence the public policy at the national level and work with various stakeholders for inclusive development and inclusion of people with psychosocial disabilities
- ✓ The fellow will also support in expanding TCI membership within their sub-region/region for stronger regional representation of TCI movement. The fellow will engage in advocacy initiatives facilitated by secretariat at national, regional and global levels.

### **3.1 Reporting and Supervision**

- ✓ The Fellow will report monthly to the TCI Secretariat
- ✓ Ongoing mentoring and technical support will be provided by TCI senior members and Secretariat