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Don't leave anyone behind in disasters – count me in

The Disability Promotion & Advocacy Association (DPA) Vanuatu highlighted the importance of ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities during disasters to participants at a Port Vila training they organised.

The training emphasised the concept of “don't leave anyone behind, count me in” campaign which was developed from experiences of persons with disabilities during Cyclone Pam in which some persons with disabilities were left behind.

Hence, DPA urged Vanuatu Government to develop, implement and monitor legislations, laws, policies and frameworks that would purge discrimination against persons with disabilities.

The struggles of persons with disabilities were further highlighted during the training through a movie called “End the Cycle”.

Furthermore the participants were actively engaged through case studies related to certain articles of the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disability (CRPD). These case studies were developed by the facilitator to help participants to have some knowledge on how to overcome challenges faced by persons with disabilities.

Ms Caleb went through the CRPD articles one to four and the remainder were discussed in groups, so participants could fully engaged in the discussion of the articles and understand article thoroughly through sharing and discussions.

The 14 participants at the training were the Community Base Rehabilitation group that includes representatives from all provincial committees in Vanuatu.

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