

GADRA Response Announcement for Morocco

The Global Alliance for Disaster Resource Acceleration (GADRA) has activated our Virtual Emergency Operations Center (V-EOC) to respond to the urgent earthquake-related needs of disability-led organizations (DLOs) in Morocco following the September 8 catastrophic 6.8 magnitude earthquake.

The World Health Organization has reported that 17% of the global population has one or more disabilities. Among the adult Moroccan population, it is reported that 9.5% have a disability, however, included in the regions affected by the earthquake are some of the most densely disability populated regions of the country with an average of 10-15% people with disabilities. These areas are also characterized by lower economic productivity and lower access to medical care.

Communities with a pre-disaster baseline of limited economic and health resources and greater numbers of people with disabilities always result in disproportionate impact from disasters and great difficulties for Disability Led Organizations (DLOs) to access much needed humanitarian assistance to help their disaster-impacted communities.

GADRA exists to connect these communities with the resources they need during and following catastrophic crises. GADRA has a successful history of connecting with DLOs and accelerating requested resources from humanitarian aid partners to the disability-led organizations using a virtual Emergency Operations Center with global reach. Unique to GADRA is the departure from a traditional charity model to one of responding to the requests of the DLOs and opening doors for inclusive humanitarian aid.

GADRA has been in conversation with our local partners in the

region from various community sectors and even as search and rescue continue, we are working towards matching DLO disaster needs with resources and partners and DLO opportunities.

There are various ways to support the DLOs of Morocco and GADRA is how you can ensure that your response gets directly to the disability community who are so often left behind.

- Encourage Moroccan DLO's to submit a [Virtual Emergency Operations Center application](#)
- Expedite your assistance by inputting it into the [Virtual Emergency Operations Center](#)
- Reach out to [Join GADRA](#) and be connected to our targeted disaster response activities
- Collaborate at gadra@wid.org to maximize your earthquake response efforts

The need is tremendous but so is the power of collaboration and connection to support DLOs who are working on the ground to save lives.

About GADRA: GADRA, founded in 2020 by the [World Institute on Disability](#), [The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies](#) and [ONG Inclusiva](#) brings together foundations, corporations, and NGOs to accelerate urgent disaster resources to where they are needed most by local disability-led groups and has been actively responding in Puerto Rico, Haiti, Ukraine, Türkiye, Syria, and Hawaii.