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Item 4: UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents

I am Anna Paula Feminella, I have worked in the defense of human rights since the 90s, I am a public servant, teacher, union leader and currently National Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship of the Government of Brazil.

In Brazil, we have a National Secretariat whose mission is to develop, propose and coordinate public policies to promote and defend the human rights of these people, confronting ableism. We are committed to advancing the implementation of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, impacting the quality of life and promoting the social participation of the population with disabilities throughout the national territory.

In this third government of President Lula, institutional measures have as guidelines the recognition of the intersectionality between the identities of people and groups; the dialogue of specificities of the demands for the promotion and protection of people with disabilities throughout their entire life cycle, as well as the qualification and production of information to better identify and address existing demands.

In this context, we launched the New Plan “Viver sem Limite”, a National Plan for the Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that will last 4 years and includes 95 actions divided into four axes: inclusive and participatory management; confront violence and ableism; accessibility and assistive technology and promotion of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

We have actions that dialogue directly with Unicef, both with regard to the search for the qualification of information about people with disabilities and their specificities and in the field of comprehensive protection of children and adolescents. We have begun a dialogue to strengthen access to assistive technologies and can move forward together in other areas.

In this sense, we understand that the efforts of Unicef and the Government of Brazil must focus on extremely vulnerable people, be based on verifiable empirical data and on social realities so that we can consolidate all rights and build an inclusive society.