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Cover image: Bishan is a student at AutismCare Chitwan Society, a local chapter to Autism och Aspergerförbundets partner ACNS in Nepal.

2019 – WHAT TO CHOOSE?



Göran Alfredsson



Jesper Hansén

How do you sum up a year? A year with so many activities at MyRight, our member organisations and our partner organisations. Operations in ten countries to promote and protect human rights of persons with disabilities and, above all, activities to strengthen organisations with persons with disabilities and their work on human rights.

Should it be mentioned that MyRight was given the opportunity to arrange a Development Talk together with Sida? A half day started by Sida’s Director General, Carin Jämtin, which became a good opportunity to disseminate information to a large audience about the importance of international cooperation having a disability perspective. Or maybe we should say something about the fact that the collaboration with Sida continued and that they asked for, and received, support on accessibility issues, where MyRight was able to assist in close cooperation with one of our member organisations.

Or maybe we should say something about our regional coordinators’ visit to Stockholm in the spring? During the visit we had important internal discussions combined with meetings with those who are active in the member organisations’ project groups.

One could mention something about the important decision taken by the UN Security Council in July. The Security Council then adopted Resolution 2475, on the protection of persons with disabilities during conflict. The resolution states, among other things, the responsibility of all states to ensure that persons with disabilities are not discriminated against in situations where humanitarian aid is provided. It also addresses the importance of participating in peace processes, a question MyRight otherwise delves into in 2020. In general, the question of the situation of persons with disabilities during armed conflicts has been ill-informed, although MyRight organized a well-attended and appreciated seminar around the fall.

Nor would it be wrong to mention that MyRight appeared in several different contexts where we could raise the issue of human rights for persons with disabilities in an international perspective. Among other things, we were present at the Göteborg Book Fair and at Sida’s Civil Society Days, where together with Lika Unika we talked about the importance of seeing Agenda 2030 and the sustainability goals in a disability perspective if the No-one left behind-ambition is to become reality.

Yes, these are some of the things we remember from last year. Is there a red thread, a trend? Hard to say, but maybe we notice a greater interest from other international cooperation organisations for the disability perspective. If this is the case, it is about time. And maybe this is not a temporary trend. Maybe this is an interest that has come to stay. In any case, we know that nothing can be taken for granted and that the effort must continue. The effort to make human rights a reality for everyone.

It is with great pride that we look back at 2019 and with a strong commitment that we look into the future

Göran Alfredsson
Chairperson

Jesper Hansén
Secretary General

MyRight is the Swedish disability movement's organisation for international development cooperation. We work to ensure that people with disabilities around the world gain greater access to their rights.

MyRight's development cooperation is done in partnership with Swedish disability organisations and their counterparts in our programme countries. Together, we carry out projects and programmes in 10 countries on 4 continents.

OUR VISION

MyRight's vision is a world where everyone with a disability enjoys equal rights and opportunities for a dignified life free from poverty in an inclusive society.

MyRight was formed in 1981 during the UN International Disability Year and is not bound by any party political or religious affiliations.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen disability organisations so that people with disabilities gain power over their own lives.

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 1. Greater capacity for disability organisations to fulfil their mandate through improved internal systems, expertise and working methods enabling them to better represent their members and ensure that they are provided with the support they need
- 2. Focus on disability issues in the services, policies and development processes of international organisations, governments and social institutions
- 3. Strengthening of people with disabilities and their organisations through cooperation between the Swedish disability movement and disability organisations in the programme countries
- 4. MyRight is generally regarded as a legitimate, well-respected body in the area of development cooperation and disability both in Sweden and abroad due to the extensive, skilled and sustainable work it carries out



KENAN TOPALOVIC
Bosnia-Herzegovina

Kenan Topalovic has an intellectual disability and has been a member of the Oaza Association for several years. Kenan's great love and interest in life is football and previously, the only times he went out, were when he went to the football stadium to watch games with his favorite team. As sport became increasingly popular at the Oaza Association, Kenan joined the football section, at the same time he became extremely interested in starting to participate himself. In short, when the project "My right to sport" started to grow, Kenan did too. From being a quiet, calm and withdrawn boy he became one of the best athletes in the association. For Kenan, it has also led to him making new friends. Nowadays he is often given assignments that range from managing groups in training to being a group leader during trips and holiday activities.



MILKA
Bolivia

Milka is a member of the Asociación de Hipoacústicos de La Paz (AHLP). Before Milka joined the AHLP, she felt like a hidden person. - I hid my disability and my hearing impairment, which I didn't know then what it actually was. When I became a member of the AHLP, they gave me guidance so I could understand exactly what it means to have a hearing loss. I felt free and no longer hid myself, but I came out more in society. Milka began to do things she had previously not imagined to do, such as lobbying against the media or having meetings with the authorities. - I learned many things in a short time. For me, being a part of the organization has been a radical change in my life. In the future, I want to be a person who shows examples and helps others. I want to continue to raise awareness about hearing loss because it is so important.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Here you can read personal stories from our operations around the world and find testimonials from people who have been affected by MyRight's work.



EUGENIE NIWEMUGENE
Rwanda

Eugenie Niwemugene is a 37-year-old member of Igire-nawe RUB branch located in Muhanga district. She grew up like any other child; playing, having fun and doing housework. When she was 16 years old everything changed as she got an eye disease. She was brought to various hospitals but the disease was not possible to stop. Soon she became completely blind and found herself unable to do anything. - It was very sad to me and to my family. I started experiencing the life of being alone, isolating from my colleagues and felt totally hopeless of my future. In 2005, she got to know Rwanda Union of the Blind (RUB) which helped her to join Masaka Resource center for the blind to get access to rehabilitation training. At the center, she met other people with visual impairment and they shared information, experiences and ideas which supported Eugenie to feel like a human being again. - After 6 months of training, I went back home with hope, confidence and skills that encouraged me to start engaging in different activities. Later on, I also started to work with other people with and without disabilities in different associations and cooperatives. With support from RUB, I continued to expand my knowledge and opportunities to attend vocation training. Today, I have a knitting machine provided by RUB that is helping me to increase my income. She is also representing women with visual impairment in the branch. - I have understood well that women with disabilities, particularly those with visual impairment, are facing double discrimination. It is my role now, wherever I will be, to advocate for the rights of women with visual impairment.



FRU DISNA
Sri Lanka

Fru Disna is a 42-year-old woman from the village of Buttala and she has a physical disability since birth in her left leg. She used to support herself by producing brooms, but was subjected to stigma and had to live an isolated life because of her disability. She joined WOPD in 2017 and with their support she was able to attend an education provided by a well known broom maker in the area. After only six months, Fru Disna put her new skills into practice and opened a small brush manufacturing plant. Ever since, she has developed a strong image as a female leader and has become a role model for women with and without disabilities in her community. Fru Disna is now a board member of WOPD and in recognition of her entrepreneurial skills, she was awarded the bronze medal for the national best entrepreneur at a ceremony organized by the Ministry of Social Services in 2019. - When women come with their children, I get to tell my story and how I created a passion that led me to own my small factory. It reminds me of how far I've come. If you give up, you never know what you might have achieved.

HOW WE WORK

All over the world, people with disabilities run the greatest risk of being poor. And all over the world, poor people run the greatest risk of having disabilities. MyRight helps people to break out of poverty and live their lives to the full.

Partnership

MyRight works in partnership with local disability organisations in our programme countries and with Swedish disability organisations (MyRight's member organisations). Virtually all activities are based on co-operation between a local organisation and its Swedish counterpart. A relationship is therefore formed between people and organisations with common experiences relating to disability.

Theory of Change

MyRight's activities are based on four steps to inclusion, which can be seen as a development staircase that we endeavour to climb in collaboration with our partner organisations. Step 1: enable individuals Step 2: enable organisations Step 3: strengthen stakeholders Step 4: strengthen the demanding of rights.

Results-based management

MyRight uses a results framework with clear goals and indicators as a planning and monitoring instrument – both for each partner organisation and for MyRight's overall global work – and can therefore monitor the extent to which activities help to achieve goals. A local presence in all partner countries provides a sound basis for continuous, close monitoring of partner organisations' activities and development.

Learning and Improvement work

MyRight seeks to carry out activities with a high degree of quality and cost-effectiveness. In order to constantly improve, MyRight continuously evaluates major and minor internal processes and carries out regular large- and small-scale external evaluations of the global programme.

Gender equality perspective

All MyRight's projects and programmes have a comprehensive gender equality perspective. The systematic gender discrimination that exists in many countries of the world is particularly hard on women with disabilities. That double discrimination can both lead to poverty and consolidate it. The discrimination leads to marginalisation and vulnerability that can have an adverse effect on the women themselves and their children and relatives.

With the Convention as a tool

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities imposes a requirement that human rights must include everyone, regardless of the conditions and the country we live in.

MyRight's work is based on the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The aim is to strengthen the voice of persons with disabilities and increase their participation in the development of society.

The 2030 Agenda and The Global Goals

Equality and equal access to resources and development can never become a reality without including persons with disabilities. In order for Agenda 2030 and the global goals to be met, everyone must be included.

The 17 global goals apply to all people and to all parts of society. They focus particularly on reaching the most vulnerable and marginalised people. An important principle of the agenda is "Leave No One Behind".

MyRight contributes directly and indirectly to the achievement of several of the sustainability development goals. The goals that specifically include persons with disabilities are goals 4, 8, 10, 11 and 17.



IMPACT REPORTS

MyRight is a member of Giva Sverige, which is engaged in quality assurance among fund-raising organisations. As a member, we must submit annual reports on the impact of our work. On this page, we answer Giva Sverige's questions by referring to the pages on which the answers are described in detail.



Edna and Irfan participate in Oaza's games in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

What does your organisation wish to achieve?

MyRight's vision and mission are described on page 4, where you can also read about our goals and what we want to achieve for persons with disabilities.

What is the organisational context in which your organisation operates?

On page 4, you can read about the organisational context MyRight operates in. Our international work is focused on certain regions and countries, which are specified on pages 8 and 9.

You can read about how MyRight cooperates with partner organisations in the disability movement on pages 4 and 6.

What strategies do you have in order to achieve your goals?

On page 6, you can read about the tools MyRight uses and the perspective on which our activities are based, as well as how we cooperate with our members and partner organisations.

In order to achieve our long-term goals, we base our work on a theory of change and results-based management, which is described briefly on page 6.

What capacity and what expertise do you have in order to achieve your goals?

An overall view of how our organisation is financed is provided on page 25. You can find more details on this in the annual report on pages 27–37. In the annual report, on page 30 and in note 4 on page 34 we describe our organisation and its human resources.

Our capacity and expertise on disabilities and development cooperation rests with our employees and our 22 member organisations who have personal experience and contribute with commitment, expertise and legitimacy.

How do you know whether your organisation is making progress?

MyRight's method for reaching and measuring results is described on page 6.

What have you achieved so far?

You can read examples of the main results of our development cooperation in relation to our strategic goals 1–3 on pages 12–21. Our achievements in relation to strategic goal 4 in our communication work are described on pages 22–23.

MYRIGHT'S WORK AROUND THE WORLD

MyRight supports, together with our Swedish member organisations, 32 partner organisations which are included in projects and programmes in ten countries on four continents.

NICARAGUA

BOLIVIA

SWEDEN

BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

NEPAL

SRI LANKA

GHANA

RWANDA

TANZANIA

NAMIBIA

BOLIVIA

We cooperate with four organizations in five projects from our Cochabamba office.

Partner organisations: Federación Boliviana de Discapacidad Intelectual (FEBOLDI), Asociación de Hipoacúsicos de Cochabamba (ASHICO), Federación Boliviana de Sordos (FEBOS), Federación Cochabambina de Personas con Discapacidad (FECOPDIS)

NICARAGUA

We cooperate with four organizations in five projects from our Managua office.

Partner organisations: Organización de Ciegos de Nicaragua Marciela Toledo (OCN-MT), Asociación de Sordociegos de Nicaragua (ASCN), Asociación de Padres de Familia con Hijos con Discapacidad "Los Pipitos", Federación Nicaragüense de Asociaciones de personas con discapacidad (FECONORI)

RWANDA

We cooperate with three organizations in four projects from our Kigali City office.

Partner organisations: Rwanda Union of the Blind (RUB), Collectif Tubakunde (CT), National Union of Disabilities in Rwanda (NUDOR)

TANZANIA

We cooperate with three organizations in four projects from our office in Dar es Salaam.

Partner organisations: Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Tanzania (ASBAHT), Tanzania Users and Survivors of Psychiatric Organisations (TUSPO), Tanzania League of the Blind (TLB)

REGIONAL PROJECT IN AFRICA

MyRight supports, together with SRF, a regional project that is run by the African Union of the Blind (AFUB) having its seat in Kenya. AFUB's ongoing project focus on Ghana where AFUB's project partner is Ghana Union of the Blind (GBU) and Namibia where the project partner is Namibian Federation of the Visually Impaired (NFVI)

BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

We cooperate with five organizations in six projects from our Sarajevo office.

Partner organisations: Association of the Blind of Canton Sarajevo (USGKS), Association of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Canton Sarajevo (OAZA), Information Centre for Persons with Disabilities (IC LOTOS), Youth association "Ružičnjaka – Los Rosalesa" Mostar, Association for Mutual Help in Mental Distress (TK Fenix)

NEPAL

We cooperate with eight organizations in eight projects from our Kathmandu office.

Partner organisations: National Federation for the Deaf Nepal (NDFN), Nepal Hemophilia Society (NHS), Nepal Association of the Hard of Hearing (NAHOH), Deaf Association of Kailali (DAOK), Blind Youth Association of Nepal (BYAN), Autism Care Nepal Society (ACNS), Parent Federation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Nepal (PFPID), National Federation of DPO Nepal (NFDN)

SRI LANKA

We cooperate with four organizations in four projects from our Colombo office.

Partner organisations: Sri Lanka Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (SLFDR), Association of Persons with Rheumatic Diseases (APRD), Sri Lanka Central Federation of the Deaf (SLCFD), Disability Organisations Join Front (DOJF)

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

MyRight’s mission is to strengthen disability organisations so that persons with disabilities gain power over their own lives. We do this by promoting inclusion and participation through the exchange of experience between our member organisations and their partner organisations in our programme countries.

MyRight’s development cooperation is done in partnership with our member organisations in Sweden and our partner organisations in the programme countries. The member organisations and partner organisations are all disability organisations.

In 2019, MyRight had 22 member organisations, whose combined membership base amounted to 266,000 members. Our member organisations are:

- The Swedish Asthma and Allergy Association
- The Autism and Asperger Association
- Participation, Determination, Freedom of Movement
- Swedish Hemophilia Society
- The Swedish Association of the Deafblind
- Association for Children, Youth and Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- The Swedish Heart and Lung Association
- The Swedish Hard of Hearing Society
- The Swedish National Association for Disabled Children and Young People
- The Swedish Rheumatism Association
- Riksföreningen Grunden Sverige
- The Swedish National Association for Social and Mental Health
- The Swedish National Association of the Deaf
- Swedish Youth National Association of Deaf
- The Swedish Epilepsy Association
- SOHAF – Somaliska Handikappades Förening
- The Swedish Association of the Visually Impaired
- The Founders of Independent Living in Sweden
- The Swedish Parasports Federation
- Hard of Hearing Young People Sweden
- Organisation of Young Mobility Disabled
- Visually Impaired Youth Sweden

” SDR has contributed a lot in the language and communication areas where DAOK learned how good communication works and how they can be good role models for other deaf people.

SDR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DAOK IN NEPAL

The project focuses on strengthening the position of deaf persons in Kailali, which DAOK works with wholeheartedly. Through the two workshops we have held on bilingualism and the labour market, we strengthen the knowledge of deaf persons of how to properly use the languages both at school and at home.



” For periods, our collections have been the only source of factor concentrate in Nepal.

FBIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NHS IN NEPAL

FBIS collect and distribute factor concentrate, which is used in cases of severe bleeding trauma and which is very costly but form the basis of good haemophilia care. As a result of new legislation, the situation has developed in a good direction for persons with hemorrhagic illness in Nepal, one example is that the Bir Hospital will take over a ward, which today is run by the organisation NHS.

” The obvious thing is to to be a part in a project’s success, but being invited to a conversation about the real difficulties the organisation is living in, shows confidence and trust. And it creates a strong a strong sense of community which generates energy and solidarity in the project.

JÄMTLANDS LÄNSFÖRENING OF FUB AND FUB ÖSTERSUND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS PIPITOS IN NICARAGUA

” As parents of children with intellectual disabilities, it is always very inspiring to meet the children with intellectual disabilities who receive a direct benefit from our project.

FUB ÖREBRO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PFPID IN NEPAL

During our visit to the organisation in Nepal, we had a workshop with teachers and staff from Nepal on working methods and materials in school activities. We also had a section on the importance of communication and how different AKK (alternative communication) can be used. Both our visit in Nepal and their visit to us in Örebro have been very rewarding. It is also very rewarding to meet people involved in the project and see their great interest and commitment.



” The most rewarding is to see the language development of persons with deafblindness. The organisation has also worked extensively and has come a long way in a short time. Despite various challenges such as the lack of internet and social isolation, they have managed to identify several persons with deafblindness.

FSDB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ROPDB, RUB, RNWAD IN RWANDA

FSDB participated in meetings with politicians in Rwanda to highlight the importance of paying attention to what support people with deafblindness need in society, and emphasized the importance of adapting communication to the person they meet.

” The most rewarding thing is that we get to learn about the conditions of our partner organisations that they live under when they try to function as organisations.

SRF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TLB, TAS OCH ZANAB IN TANZANIA

In Zanzibar, the situation for students with visual impairment and albinism is very difficult. There are no textbooks available, there are insufficient resources and a lack of the educational skills in regular schools that would have allowed teachers to provide the right support to students with visual impairment and albinism.

Our joint meetings have been used to exchange experiences between us and our partners on general impact work in our respective organisations, regardless of project activities, and on member activities in Sweden and Tanzania. It is mostly about understanding the different conditions in our different countries and spreading this knowledge here at home in Sweden.



US on a visit to Nepal where they submitted a proposal on how to build an inclusive school to Nepal’s Ministry of Education. Photo: Martin Kleveland



SRF working at their partner TLB’s office in Morogoro district during their visit to Tanzania.



During RBU’s visit to their partner AS-BAHT in Tanzania, RBU attended a parent meeting which informed about what spinal bifida and hydrocephalus are.



Photo: Jonas Hong Soo Eriksson

PROJECT ON SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In 2019, MyRight's partner organisations in Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Nepal conducted a study to counteract sexual and gender-based violence against people with disabilities. The study was ongoing for six months and could be carried out thanks to support from Swedish Radio Aid (Radiohjälpen/Musikhjälpen).

Statistics from UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) show that young women and girls with disabilities suffer from gender-related violence ten times more often than young women and girls without any disability.

Girls and boys with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities are even more vulnerable. They are four times more likely to suffer sexual and gender-based violence than children without disabilities. The risks are even higher in the complicated situation of a humanitarian crisis, such as armed conflicts and natural disasters and often, gender-based violence continues even after the crisis itself is over. Sexual and gender-based violence is generally high in countries with a high general level of violence, but it can also be high in countries with relatively low levels of violence, such as Bolivia.

The final reports confirm that persons with disabilities are at greater risk of being exposed to sexual and gender-based violence. In addition, it is shown that they have significantly less access to the justice system.

The organisations involved in this study in Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Nepal stated that they themselves, prior to this study, only had a limited understanding and knowledge of the extent to which persons with disabilities are at risk of sexual and gender-based violence. However, the organisations state that their participation in the study changed this.

Good prospects for the future

After only six months, it is difficult to draw any long-term conclusions, but the results that have been obtained indicate a good basis for future work to counter sexual and gender-based violence against persons with disabilities in the three countries involved. Something that strengthens this, is that in these three countries, platforms for evidence-based knowledge have been created and impact tools for the country-specific situation have been developed. The platforms make it possible for the organisations to be significantly better equipped to promote the necessary legal and political changes regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), protection against sexual and gender-based violence and access to justice in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

One of the most important results of the project is that the level of commitment for continued strate-

gic advocacy work against sexual and gender-based violence has become significantly higher among the partner organisations. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, for example, contact persons have been appointed to focus on the work against gender-related violence within the four networks / coalitions. These contacts are responsible for leading the strategic work within the disability movement in their respective regions.

In total, 74 non-governmental and governmental organisations have been identified in Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Nepal whose commitment is important to combat sexual and gender-based violence against persons with disabilities. Identifying and influencing these actors is crucial to achieving the necessary changes.

Work ahead

In Bolivia, the organisations involved in this study have decided to give high priority in 2020 to advocacy work linked to this issue.

In Nepal, the umbrella organisation the National Federation of the Disabled Nepal (NFDN) is motivated to push the issue forward with both preventive and reactive measures. The integration of recommendations linked to the issue into their strategic plans for advocacy work has begun, and they will work with internal capacity building as well as with advocacy work targeting selected authorities. The recommendations in the land report deals with different parts of society, such as schools and the importance of children and youths receiving an education that contains good sex education.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, the results of the country reports were presented at a public event involving a number of relevant stakeholders such as representatives of governmental organisations and institutions, foreign embassies, researchers, CSOs including disability and SRHR organisations, human rights activists, women's rights activists and the media.

It is very positive that the organisations that participated in the project after only six months started organising advocacy activities to promote measures to combat sexual and gender-based violence against people with disabilities. MyRight see this as an indication that the organisations have the capacity to reach actual change within this area.

AFRICA

MyRight, together with our member organisations, runs eight projects with six partner organisations in Rwanda and Tanzania. MyRight's operations in Africa are important and diverse, the partnership projects being run by a number of different disability organisations. SRF is also a partner in a regional project run by three organisations based in Ghana, Namibia and Kenya.



Students at RUB's rehabilitation center Masaka Center in Rwanda.

RWANDA

The program in Rwanda consists of four projects with a total of three partner organisations, excluding the regional project that involves a different partner organisation. The projects are implemented together with MyRight's member organisations and aims, among other things, to strengthen people who are deafblind, strengthen a partner organisation that works for people with visual impairments, to provide quality education for children with intellectual disabilities and to do advocacy work to promote human rights and welfare for persons with disabilities.

Like in many other countries, much work remains to be done on equality in Rwanda and the situation in the disability movement is no exception. In 2019, the four partner organisations NUDOR, RUB, ROPBD and Collectif Tubakunde trained their members in gender equality issues and considered how an organisation can integrate these issues into its work from a holistic perspective. The first stage would be increasing the number of women and girls participating in the projects and increasing the visibility of women's participation by, for example, paying attention to the International Women's Day. The first sta-

ge would be increasing the number. The organisation RUB has started this work by selecting women in local committees and thus being able to speak for the local branch of RUB that they represent.

In the regional project, the partner organisations are successfully using the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as an impact tool. The aim is to increase the capacity of AFUB, GBU and NFVI to advocate for human rights and equal conditions for persons with visual impairments in Africa.

When organisations work together for change, this has in many ways led to very good results. A good example of work that improves the finances and welfare of the target group is the joint advocacy work that NUDOR and the partner organisations in Rwanda did to include people with disabilities in the social protection program VUP. The work resulted in nearly 25,000 people being granted financial support to their families, which amounts to a total of 2.5 billion RWD, which is just over 27 million SEK. Furthermore, 595 persons have received start-up loans and 92 cooperatives for persons with disabilities have received financial support. Another example is that NUDOR

has been given the opportunity to organise a roundtable at national level with the aim of promoting inclusive education. The purpose is to discuss, with the government and other stakeholders, the challenges that disabilities entail in education and to propose solutions.

There is a lack of mechanisms to ensure that the views, experiences and perspectives of persons with disabilities are taken into account in legislative work and policy making. In particular, this applies to women, children and persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities. Therefore, an important result of the work in 2019 was that new guidelines for the labor market were developed. These were achieved through a joint advocacy effort between partner organisations and the National Council for Persons with Disabilities. As a result, the Ministry of Labor and Public Service developed guidelines for the integration of people with disabilities. The aim was to increase access to the labor market and all institutions, public as well as private companies, organisations and recruitment agencies are obliged to follow the guidelines. In order to ensure that this is done, special inspectors have been assigned to ensure that job seekers and employees with disabilities are taken into account, both in recruitment processes and at workplaces.

TANZANIA

In Tanzania, MyRight's member organisations have four projects with a total of three partner organisations, excluding the regional project that involves one more partner organisation. These projects include strengthening people with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus, developing a partner organisation that works for people with mental and psychosocial health issues, and to do advocacy work to increase access to social services for children with visual impairments.

Thanks to investments made in the development of the advocacy work, members of partner organisations can now better express themselves. They have also strengthened their ability to bring their challenges and demands to the attention of decision makers. Increased self-confidence and self-esteem have allowed members of the organisation TUSPO, in the Moshi Rural area, to demand free medicine for the members of the orga-

nisation. In addition to improved health for a number of individuals, the amount of members also increased in the organisation. The aim is that more members will have access to free medicine. In the same area, TUSPO also established an income-generating project with pigs for members to provide for themselves.

Thanks to an active commitment to identifying and enrolling children with visual impairment and albinism, a total of 118 children were enrolled in schools by 2020. Those involved in this work include both family members and others in the areas where TLB, TAS and ZANAB operate.

Through joint, strategic communication work, the partner organisations have reached out to different media on different subjects, from increasing the general knowledge of the general public to more targeted information about a specific disability. This has not least increased the contact areas with the rest of society. Another positive result of the joint advocacy work between the partner organisations is that the journalists have started to contact the organisations, instead of the other way around. The attitude from journalists has become noticeably more positive and the presence of the disability movement in different media has clearly increased. Working together pays off. As a result of TLB's and ZANAB's joint efforts to advocate, Tanzania ratified the so-called Marrakech Treaty on September 11, 2019. The Marrakech Treaty of 2013 aims to increase the availability of written material for persons with visual impairment and other persons who cannot utilize printed material.

Efforts to strengthen the internal capacity of the partner organisations continue and have led to good results during the year. After reviewing its routines based on the need to minimize risks, TAS, TLB and ZANAB, among others, have revised their financial management guidelines. Several of the partner organisations have also produced various documents. For example, TAS has developed an impact and communication strategy, TLB has developed an equality policy and ASBAHT has developed an operational strategy.

RWANDA

- Six parents and six local authorities have been trained in intellectual disabilities and rights that help eliminate stigma and discrimination. (CT).
- Impact work and outreach activities have led to the identification of 164 children with disabilities who can be registered at schools (NUDOR).
- Through educational activities, local authorities and RUB branch members from nine districts have increased their knowledge of the rights of persons with visual impairments (RUB).

TANZANIA

- 302 people were trained in catheterization of children with spinal bifida and / or hydrocephalus (ASBAHT).
- 118 children with albinism and with impaired vision have been identified and enrolled in schools (TLB).
- More parents and guardians are now allowing their relatives with mental health issues to join TUSPO. There has been a change in the negative attitudes towards seeking help in ordinary hospitals compared to traditional healers.

ASIA

In Nepal and Sri Lanka, MyRight collaborates, together with our member organisations, with twelve partner organisations representing different types of disabilities. The work takes place at various levels, from local to national and international level, which has led to sustainable positive results. In both countries, persons with disabilities have been given more opportunities to participate in society and influence relevant stakeholders.



SDF visiting their partner organisation DAOK in Nepal.

NEPAL

The activities in Nepal through MyRight's member organisations consist of eight projects with eight partner organisations. The projects aim to increase access to rights such as employment, quality education and communication for deaf persons, persons with autism and children with intellectual disabilities. The projects also aim to improve treatment possibilities for persons with hemophilia, improve status of the hard of hearing and strengthen the capacity of a youth organisation that works to improve the access to rights for persons who are blind.

The partner organisations' impact work led to concrete results. For example, the recommendations of the National Federation of the Disabled Nepal (NFDN) were included in the recently adopted National Education Policy 2019 by the Nepalese government. Consequently, the policy now contains some important provisions regarding the education of persons with disabilities.

Another example is the work of the Nepal Hemophilia Society (NHS), which strives to create treatment options for persons with hemophilia in Nepal in accordance with government regulations. The goal is to include proper treatment of persons with hemophilia in the national policy and to ensure equal and appropriate care throughout the country. The NHS thus directs its advocacy towards government hospitals, local government offices, parliamentarians / politicians and ministries, among others. Their projects have raised awareness among the general public, health care professionals and the media. Until recently, the possibility of establishing a hemophilia diagnosis has been limited to the Kathmandu Valley, but the national health policy 2019 provides mandatory establishment of diagnostic laboratories in all provinces of Nepal. The decentralized services will benefit persons with hemophilia across the country.

Efforts to strengthen the internal capacity of partner organisations continued and produced good results. The partner organisation Blind Youth Association Nepal (BYAN) opened a new local branch in province 6, thus establishing its presence in all seven provinces in Nepal. This regional presence provides a solid foundation for making local authorities more aware of issues related to blind and visually impaired persons. It also puts BYAN in a stronger position in their lobbying work with the local authorities to include issues such as access to education and health care for blind and visually impaired persons in their plans and budget.

Similarly, the Deaf Association of Kailali (DAOK) has worked to form local committees in each municipality with a focus on strengthening coordination with their respective municipalities. This has resulted in the local committees having access to local resources and managed to drive municipalities to organize awareness programs on the rights of deaf persons and other relevant issues to sensitize staff and elected bodies in the municipality.

NEPAL

- Relations with local municipalities have been improved, resulting in questions about persons with hearing impairments being included in their budget and plans (NAHOH).
- Information material on how teachers can more easily identify students with autism was produced together with the Nepalese Ministry of Education (ACNS).
- Thanks to successful advocacy work, a municipal school took over the responsibility for day care for children with disabilities in Makawanpur (PFPID).

SRI LANKA

MyRight's activities in Sri Lanka together with the member organisations consist of four projects with four partner organisations. The projects aim to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities, to improve the quality of life for persons with rheumatism by raising awareness and to enhance the organizational capacity and networking skills on organisation that works for the rights of deaf people.

Joint advocacy efforts by the disability movement successfully managed to bring forward relevant disability issues during the presidential elections in November. The three major political parties all included disability issues in their election manifestos and the two principal presidential candidates provided written pledges to address disability issues if they were to come into power. Due to this agreement, signed in advance by the current president, the disability movement gained windows of opportunities to lobby for improvements for persons with disabilities. On the international day of persons with disabilities, the Sri Lankan president announced a statement for the first time ever, as an indication of fulfilment of his commitments. He emphasised that persons with disabilities should fully participate in the development process of the country. Additionally, he reiterated that protection and support should be provided to persons with disabilities to overcome their challenges.

Ahead of the presidential election 2019, the Disability Organisations Joint Front (DOJF) was part of a network, which directed their advocacy work towards the Election Commission promoting disability inclusive elections. DOJF played the role as secretariat and convener of the Technical Working Group. It resulted in the distribution of a survey to persons with disabilities, demanding information required to arrange for accessible facilities at the polling stations. This is the first time in history that this information was collected in such a manner and consequently some barriers for persons with disabilities were removed in order to facilitate the voting process.

SRI LANKA

- 75 people with rheumatic diseases and their family members, underwent an education that included themes related to physical, mental and social perspectives on the disease (APRD).
- On the opening day of Parliament, a leaflet prepared by DOJF was presented, in which all members of parliament were asked to use appropriate words (not discriminatory words) when addressing or talking about persons with disabilities.

EUROPE

MyRight, together with its member organisations, runs six projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina with a total of five partner organisations. The projects include strengthening organisations that work to strengthen persons with visual impairments and persons with mental and psychosocial health problems. There are also projects aimed to promoting sports activities for persons with disabilities, projects aimed for improving the opportunities for persons with disabilities to live an independent life and projects of advocacy work towards increasing the understanding of the situation for persons with disabilities from a rights perspective.



Participants in the organization Oaza's sports competitions. Oaza works for persons with intellectual disabilities in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a UN mechanism aimed to highlight the human rights situation for individuals in specific countries. In 2019, MyRight, together with its partner organisations, was part of Bosnia-Herzegovina's civil society initiative for the country's third UPR reporting cycle. In the cooperation with twelve other civil society organisations, 20 recommendations were presented, related to the rights of persons with disabilities.

With the support of Radio Aid, a number of organisations have developed a common strategy to prevent sexual and gender-based violence against persons with disabilities. When it comes to gender equality, all partner organisations in the country are now working on this issue. Not only by taking into account the balance between the number of men and women, but also by taking new initiatives and creating activities in this area.

Thanks to clearer consensus on Article 24 on the right to education in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a committee for advocacy work was formed in 2019. Among other things, the committee has improved approaches to get society to implement the rights at different levels. In the Doboj region, the committee has established collaborations with two local schools and together with representatives of local authorities, a collaboration has been agreed on education for persons with disabilities. It was also agreed to build a lift in a high school to make the school more accessible.

Another result is the cooperation agreement signed with the Sarajevo canton. Thanks to the collaboration, a number of teaching assistants were

also introduced in the canton. Decision-makers in all five regions where the committee operates are positive about the work with inclusive education. This was shown, for example, when a political debate was held on this theme, with decision makers in the Sarajevo canton.

The partner organisations' internal capacity has been improved and this is noticeable in particular by the increased ability to provide better support to persons with disabilities. This applies to, among other things, social inclusion, not least for youths with disabilities who have been strengthened to be able to live a more independent life and make their own decisions. The number of active youths with disabilities has tripled during the year in the project "Active of Youth with Disabilities" and, among other things, in the Bijeljina region, the active youths have had several meetings with municipal decision-makers. This has resulted in favorable scholarships for youths with disabilities, which take attendance into account instead of grades. For the first time, youths with disabilities have also been included in the youth policy strategy in Bijeljina, which is a big step forward. More than half of the youths are active outside the project "Active of Youth with Disabilities" within various organisations in the disability movement through local advocacy work, not least in smaller, more remote regions.

There are many indications that in regions where the partner organisations actively work with advocacy work towards social inclusion, persons with disabilities have a greater extent of social inclusion, compared to regions in Bosnia-Herzegovina where similar work does not exist.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

- Persons with intellectual disabilities in public life have increased significantly. 12 different joint activities have been carried out with local sports clubs, schools and local public organizations, in various areas such as sports, ice skating, music, art and the environment. There were seven more activities than 2018 (OAZA).
- A restaurant, the first of its kind, has been opened that strategically aims to create employment opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities. Of the

ten people with intellectual disabilities who are actively involved in project activities, six began their first employment at this restaurant as kitchen assistants or waiters/waitresses (Ružičnjaka - Los Rosalesa).

- A group of young persons with disabilities underwent major changes. Three of them moved from home to their own accommodation or a shared accommodation with roommates, four started working and five continued their education at university level. (IC LOTOS).

LATIN AMERICA

MyRight, together with our member organisations, runs ten projects with eight partner organisations in Nicaragua and Bolivia. The work has strengthened the organisations and improved the lives of their members. They have thus become stronger in their work to influence relevant authorities, raise disability issues and strengthen the human rights of persons with disabilities.



6-year-old Harald and his mother outside Los Pipito's facilities in La Dalia, Nicaragua where they participate in Los Pipito's rehab program.

BOLIVIA

In Bolivia, MyRight have four projects with the member and partner organisations. There is also a fifth regional project in Bolivia and Nicaragua. In a total, MyRight have, together with member organisations, four partner organisations in Bolivia. The projects aim to promote social inclusion of children and youth with intellectual disabilities, to reach a greater recognition of the rights for persons that are hard of hearing including to get the sign language to become an official language and to strengthening the capacity of partner organisations.

Partner organisations in Bolivia have advanced in the process of incorporating a gender perspective into their organisations and their work. In May, MyRight organised and facilitated one specialised six-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on gender and disability for partner organisations. The aim was to strengthen the knowledge of the participants in gender mainstreaming, so that they would serve as gender focal points in their organizations and lead processes of gender inclusion. The training included both theoretical (CEDAW and CDPR) and practical aspects of the concepts of gender and disability.

Twenty-six persons with disabilities from different partner organisations participated in the training and approximately 50% have since replicated the trainings in their own organisations. Federación Boliviana de Sordos (FEBOS) for example, have realised a number of replica trainings in remote areas where trainings have not previously been held. The participants continue to actively promote a gender perspective in their respective organisations. Most of them are part of a WhatsApp group in which they share experiences. Some noticeable results include the appearance of more woman leaders and a higher presence of women in boards. Some organisations have also revised their statutes.

BOLIVIA

- A national federation for people with hearing impairment was formed (ASHICO).
- Capacity-building activities inspired young people with intellectual disabilities to learn more about information and communication technology and apply it in their daily lives, such as using computers (APMTPSDCH).
- The continuous impact work led to further progress in making the Bolivian sign language the 37th official language in Bolivia (FEBOS).

NICARAGUA

Together with member organisations, MyRight have five projects with four partner organisations in Nicaragua. Besides that, there is also a regional project in Bolivia and Nicaragua that involves one of these five partner organisations. The projects aim partly to strengthening partner organisations and to get deaf-blindness to be recognized as its own disability.

Partner organisations in Nicaragua have strengthened their internal capacity. They have systemized and coordinated work in head offices and local branches. The practice of formulating proper "Annual Operational Plans" and execute them as planned have become more advanced amongst local branches in organisations such as Organización de Ciegos de Nicaragua Marciela Toledo (OCN-MT), Federación Nicaragüense de Asociaciones de personas con discapacidad (FECONORI) and Los Pipitos. All partner organisations have progressed in their action plans to strengthen different financial and organisational aspects and adjust weaknesses. For instance, two partner organisations updated their instruments for internal control.

The partner organisation Los Pipitos worked to become more self-sustainable and to have diversified methods to generate incomes. They opened a store promoting products produced by young persons with disabilities such as different crafts, paintings and T-shirts. This income-generating activity provides an important vocational activity for youth as well as a considerable source of income.

Progress can also be seen in the number of new donors. In 2019, at least four of the five organisations gained a new donor. For instance, Los Pipitos - La Dalia received a donation to reconstruct their building.

NICARAGUA

- 30 teachers underwent a 300-hour course focusing on improving the education and support provided to students with impaired vision (OCN-MT).
- 326 young people participated in educational activities which enabled them to strengthen their social skills and to share experiences (Los Pipitos).
- A manual with information on gender integration has been completed, which guides disability organizations to create structures that allow women to participate more extensively and become leaders (FECONORI).

MYRIGHT IN SWEDEN

Our information and communication work is aimed at increasing knowledge of and commitment to global disability issues and accessibility issues.

In Sweden, MyRight is working to increase knowledge of the global situation for persons with disabilities of those active in international development cooperation. We are also working to contribute to a disability perspective being included in development cooperation and for more people to work actively with accessibility in their communication.

MyRight works to inform, involve and advocate on global disability issues. We do this by such means as arranging seminars, participating in various events, publishing reports, films and other information materials, actively participating in the debate and taking part in networks and partnerships. Here are some examples of our communication activities in 2019.



FOCUS: ARMED CONFLICT

During the fall, MyRight organized a seminar on persons with disabilities in armed conflicts at the Mediterranean Museum in Stockholm. This is the first time a seminar with this theme has been held in Sweden and it was both well attended and appreciated. The seminar was conducted with support from the Folke Bernadotte Academy.

Persons with disabilities are particularly vulnerable in armed conflicts. For example, children and adults with disabilities are affected to a greater extent than others by sexual abuse and rape. Nevertheless, it is very common for them to be completely forgotten when efforts are planned and implemented.

The international speakers during the seminar shared facts and experiences and showed how, among other things, improved accessibility makes a crucial difference.

The seminar was filmed and is available on MyRight's Facebook page.

ACCESSIBILITY

MyRight is working to find out to what extent rules for international projects are making the projects less accessible than what they should be. Together with the member organisation SRF, MyRight conducted a workshop on accessibility at Forum Syd. MyRight has noticed a great interest in accessibility in discussions with most organisations and has also received several requests to come and give lectures on the subject, something that is planned to happen in 2020.

DEVELOPMENT TALKS

On March 28, MyRight arranged together with Sida and the Agency for participation (MFD) a seminar on disability in Swedish development cooperation. Many came to find out what inclusion really means in practice and how Swedish development cooperation can help improving the living conditions for persons with disabilities living in poverty.

Fredrik Canerstam, Moderator, Malin Ekman Aldén, MFD, Jesper Hansén, MyRight, Birgitta Weibahr and Carin Jämtin, Sida.



EMPOWERED

The report Empowered focus on disability, inclusion and human rights. It was launched during a seminar on April 11, where the participants consisted of representatives from MyRight's member organisations but also from Sida and other authorities. The associated short films have reached thousands of recipients, which increased the knowledge of the democratic rights of persons with disabilities.



BOOK FAIR

MyRight's booth at the Global area was visited by hundreds of curious visitors during the Gothenburg Book Fair.

Chairperson Göran Alfredsson and Communications Manager Mia Munkhammar held a seminar on the situation of women with disabilities and showed our film To Face Life. The seminar was filmed and can be found on our Facebook page.



NETWORK

MyRight held regular network meetings focusing on outward communication which is primarily aimed at those working with communication within MyRight's member organisations.

The network focuses on external information and communication work on our international projects. Feel free to contact us if you are interested and want to participate!



MUSIC AID

The Music Aid theme of 2019 "Sex is not a weapon" engaged many people and MyRight's Secretary General Jesper Hansén visited the Music Aid studio and talked about sexual and gender-based violence against persons with disabilities and the work MyRight carried out in 2019 with support from Music Aid.

Read more about MyRight's Music Aid project on page 12.

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

The Agenda 2030 family has been given a new icon for the principle of "Leave no one behind" - one of the guiding principles for MyRight's work. MyRight has participated in the process of developing the icon. The icon visually highlights the principle of Leave No One Behind and the importance of including everyone to achieve the Global Goals.



MYRIGHT IN MEDIA

MyRight participated with three debate articles in SVT Opinion, Aftonbladet and OmVärlden. General Secretary Jesper Hansén was interviewed in the Music Aid broadcast on Swedish Radio and SVT. Four interviews in Swedish press with MyRight staff but also with people from our partner organisations was published. You can find all articles on our website www.myright.se

FUNDRAISING

MONTHLY DONOR

As a monthly donor, you stand up for everyone's equal rights every month and support the work promoting a better life and better opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in order for them to be able to live their lives independently.

We need your support to continue our important work. Become a monthly donor on our website: myright.se

BUY A GIFT CERTIFICATE

When you purchase a gift certificate on our website, you support MyRight's work and at the same time receive a nice gift certificate to give as a present or to honor the memory of a loved one with a memorial gift.



DONATE ON FACEBOOK

Donate any amount to our work to strengthen the human rights of persons with disabilities.

Donate your gift at our Facebook page : [@myrightse](https://www.facebook.com/myrightse)



CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

We believe in working with companies that share our values and want to contribute to a sustainable world. Together with companies, we can strengthen the human rights of persons with disabilities.

For SEK 10,000, your company can become MyRight's "Friend Company" for one year. Choose to work with us in a way that suits your conditions, driving forces and goals. Read more about business partnerships on our website.

”Permobil founder Dr Per Uddén believed that helping people achieve the greatest level of independence is a basic human right and, for over 50 years, we at Permobil have held fast to that belief. MyRight's vision of a world where all people with disabilities enjoy the same rights and opportunities for a dignified life free from poverty in inclusive societies is therefore close to our hearts. We at Permobil have chosen to donate the money for the company's Christmas gift to charity, and we are proud to support MyRight's continued work through this gift.

MARIA ALBIN, PERMOBIL

Wills to MyRight

MyRight gratefully accepts all forms of bequests. It can be whole, or a part of the residual science. No gift is too small or too big. Testamentary gifts are exempt from tax on interest income, dividends and capital gains.

If you make out your own will to MyRight, please specify MyRight's organisation registration number, **802402-9376**, so you can be sure that the donation goes to the right organisation.

HOW MYRIGHT IS FINANCED

MyRight receives its income primarily through grants from SIDA via Forum Syd. MyRight is governed by the agreements we have entered into with our donors and they also govern how we are permitted to use the money at every stage. Donors assess our applications and reports by such means as random samples, follow-up visits at our partner organisations, regular meetings with us and annual financial and results-based reports.

It is impossible to raise funds and implement effective programmes without administrative costs. In order to bring about both urgent and lasting improvements for persons with disabilities living in poverty, we must spend some money on internal costs, such as management, planning, marketing, coordination, monitoring and quality controls.

Administration costs are partly used to guarantee that the money will be used for its intended purpose and will make a difference to enable us to carry out our work in the long term. We use less than 10 per cent of contributions for necessary administration.

Everyone should be able to participate in development cooperation, regardless of any disability. Approximately 14 per cent of our costs are for adaptations for accessibility such as sign language interpretation.

Internal control

In order to ensure that the money actually goes to the right things and does good, we have personnel in place in our partner countries who monitor activities in close cooperation with our partners. Each year, the personnel carry out several financial and results-based spot checks and follow-up visits on funded activities and review the partner organisations' reports on results and local auditors' reports.

External control

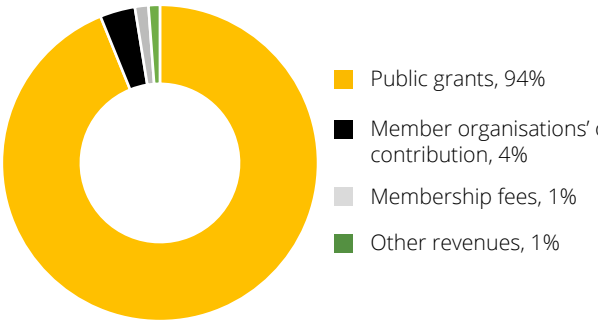
MyRight has a 90 account controlled by the Swedish Fundraising Control and is a member of Giva Sverige. They both check that MyRight's fundraising is managed in a correct, ethical and transparent manner.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

The largest source of income is public grants, in particular from SIDA via Forum Syd.

MyRight's member organisations contribute through membership fees and their own project contributions.

Other revenues consists, for example, of donations, support from the Swedish Employment Service and rental of premises.



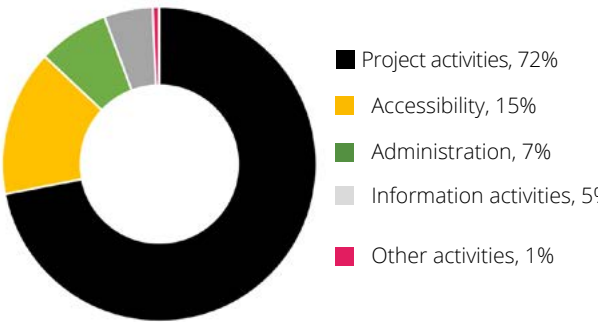
HOW THE MONEY IS USED

Project activities: support for strengthening people and organisations and their work on human rights for persons with disabilities.

Accessibility: the support enables people with disabilities to work on international development cooperation.

Information activities: information and knowledge on the situation for people with disabilities around the world and on our activities.

Administration: to guarantee quality, ensure that the money is used for its intended purpose and that it is used cost-efficiently.



MYRIGHT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is responsible for deciding and following up on overall goals, strategies, policies, planning and budgets for MyRight's activities and for actively working to develop and strategically secure MyRight's role in international development in the long term. In accordance with MyRight's statutes, the Board of Directors consist of a Chairperson and six ordinary Board members.



GÖRAN ALFREDSSON
Chairperson
A member of the Board of Directors since 2012. Lives in Borås. Information Officer for rehabilitation and health in the Västra Götaland region. Has been a deputy member of the Forum Syd Board of Directors for the past two years.



JAMIE BOLLING
Vice- Chairperson
A member of the Board of Directors since 2018. Lives in Härnösand. Operations Manager of Independent Living Institute. Vice-Chairperson of STIL Worked for a long time as Executive Director of ENIL, European Network on Independent Living.



GERT IWARSSON
Treasurer
A member of the Board of Directors since 2018. Lives in Nässjö. Chairperson of the FUB local association in Nässjö. Chairperson of the county federation in the County of Jönköping and member of the Board of FUB.



KEVIN KJELLDAHL
Board member
A member of the Board since 2019. Lives in Trollhättan. Kevin joined the US working group on international issues in 2018. He is committed to MyRight's development project with the US counterpart BYAN in Nepal.



PER KARLSTRÖM
Board member
A member of the Board of Directors since 2018. Lives in Stockholm. Retired management consultant. A member of the Board of Directors of SRF. Vice-Chairperson of SRF, County of Stockholm and Gotland.



RAHEL ABEBAW ATNAFU
Board member
A member of the Board of Directors since 2013. Born and raised in Ethiopia, currently lives in Stockholm. Works at Independent Living Institute. A member of the election committee of Forum – Women and Disability.



SARA BRYNTSE
Board member
Active on the Board since 2019, resigned in January 2020. Lives in Umeå. She has previously been the chairperson of UH. Nowadays she works as a project manager for the Nepal project which UH manages through MyRight.

ANNUAL REPORT

Organisation registration number 802402-9376
The Board of Directors and Secretary General of MyRight – Empowers people with disabilities, hereby submit the annual report for the 2019 financial year.

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The accounting currency is SEK in thousand SEK (TSEK).
Figures in () are for 2018.

Management report

Information on activities
MyRight's vision is a world where everyone with a disability enjoys equal rights and opportunities for a dignified life free from poverty in an inclusive society. MyRight's task is to strengthen the disability organisations with the aim of increasing inclusion and participation in society by people with disabilities and ensuring that they gain greater power over their own lives.

MyRight attaches no importance to political, religious or ethnic affiliations when selecting partner organisations or deciding on the focus of activities. Instead, activities are based on a perspective of rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

MyRight is a non-profit organisation with headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden. In addition to Sweden, MyRight has a legal presence in 7 other countries: Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Tanzania. MyRight consists of 22 member organisations (of which 3 are support members that are not entitled to vote) representing people with various types of disabilities.

In 2019, MyRight carried on project activities in 9 countries: Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Tanzania.

- MyRight's statutory purpose**
- to support the member organisations' development cooperation
 - to provide people with disabilities in the partner countries with opportunities for forming and developing their own organisations
 - to communicate its experience and knowledge to national and international bodies through opinion-forming and advocacy work.

Significant events during the year
In 2019, MyRight acted as an intermediary in project aid for 32 (32) partner organisations. The aid has partly been used for local, national and international advocacy work. As a result of the project aid to Tanzania, joint advocacy work by the partner organisations TLB and ZANAD contributed to the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty by Tanzania on 11 September 2019, which lays the basis for greater access to printed material. Partner organisations in Tanzania were able to make a greater impact in a range of media, which has increased knowledge of disabilities among the general public and, in particular, broadened the areas of contact with the rest of society. In Rwanda, four partner organisations – NUDOR, RUB, ROPBD and Collectif Tubakunde – trained members in gender equality issues and, in a number of steps, looked at how their own organisations could adopt an overall view of integration in their activities. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the internal capacity of partner organisations was improved. This can be seen most clearly through improved support for the target group for greater social inclusion, for example for young people with disabilities, who were provided with support to help them live a more independent life and enable them to make their own, more independent decisions. In Sri Lanka, joint advocacy work by partner organisations in the run-up to the presidential elections led to a form being sent out to all households to collect information with the aim of making polling stations more accessible to people with disabilities. In Nepal, advocacy work by the partner organisation Nepal Hemophilia Society resulted in a requirement for all provinces to set up laboratories with the capacity to diagnose haemophilia being included in the national health policy for 2019. In Nicaragua, MyRight's partner organisation Asociacion de Sordociegos de Nicaragua campaigned to increase understanding of people with deafblindness in the community. People with deafblindness and their fa-

mily members actively participated in seminars, radio programmes and distribution of information material, among other activities. In this way, the partner organisation strengthened its position in the work to promote the rights of people with deafblindness in Nicaragua. In Bolivia, partner organisations developed a process for enhancing their leaders’ capacity focusing on human rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. These organisations are leading the follow-up work on the current alternative report on how Bolivia is complying with the Convention and the drafting of the new alternative report.

In **Sweden**, through a combination of advocacy work and collaboration, MyRight helped increase accessibility for and inclusion of people with disabilities in national discussions on global development issues. Along with Sida and the Swedish Agency for Participation, MyRight coordinated a Development Talk on disability in the aid, in which the discussion included various examples of ways of including people with disabilities in development cooperation. In 2019, MyRight began work on taking stock of the disabilities for which regulations create international initiatives and projects at organisations in the public sector. Along with member organisations, MyRight conducted a workshop on accessibility at Forum Syd and plans to conduct several workshops on the subject at other organisations in 2020.

Issues concerning the situation of people with disabilities in the world have become more visible to a broad section of the general public through reports, films, opinion pieces, seminars and lectures for which MyRight has been responsible. On International Disability Day on 3 December, MyRight published an opinion piece directed at Sida on the theme of democratic rights for people with disabilities. The article was published on the Omvärlden website and became one of their most shared articles all year. SIDA responded to it with an opinion piece of its own. MyRight organised a number of seminars to increase knowledge of and commitment to global disability issues linked to rights and has thereby noted a marked difference in the active interest in and curiosity about MyRight’s activities and issues shown by other organisations in civil society.

MyRight entered into an agreement with three donors new to MyRight: Folke Bernadotteakademin, Radiohjälpen and Svenska Institutet [the Swedish Institute]. The two first-named donors reached an agreement on funds for 2019, which are described under Grants and Subsidies below. In October, MyRight entered into an agreement with the Swedish Institute for 100 TSEK of funding for a project in Rwanda for the period from January to December 2020.

During the year, the Board of Directors worked to st-

rengthen MyRight’s internal governance and control, which led to review and revision of most of MyRight’s policies, the adoption of a risk management plan and the submission by MyRight of a quality report to Giva Sverige (formerly FRIL), which states that MyRight meets all the established requirements for internal control and governance and also for transparency. In addition, MyRight has also begun a review of all country offices for quality assurance of their administration and work processes.

MyRight’s regional coordinator in Nepal resigned in mid-April and was replaced by MyRight’s then country coordinator in Nepal. The post of country coordinator was replaced by a project administrator post , which was advertised. The post was filled in August. During the year, MyRight in Stockholm had a person working part-time on strengthening MyRight’s fundraising and also on project applications for various donors. The part-time post is financed from the organisation’s own resources and has resulted in six applications during the year, two of which were granted and four are pending a decision.

MyRight began work on obtaining monthly donors – people who donate a fixed amount of money per month to MyRight by direct debit – and, as a result, there were 5 (0) monthly donors at the end of 2019.

During the year, workshops were held with partner organisations in Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Tanzania, as well as with the member organisations in Sweden, to discuss next year’s priorities, thematic focus and development needs. The work will form the basis for future applications as well as MyRight’s strategic framework.

External factors that have affected MyRight

The political situation in Bolivia meant that MyRight’s employees in the Bolivia office were forced to work from home for a period of time. The activities of partner organisations – primarily advocacy work – were also affected since meetings with decision-makers could not be arranged. The significant weakening of the krona in relation to the local currencies used in MyRight’s partner countries meant that MyRight and the partner organisations needed to carry out reprioritisation of their business activities and some activities were cancelled as a result.

Earnings and financial position

MyRight’s 32 partner organisations carried out activities amounting to 13,473 TSEK (11,829 TSEK) in nine countries.

Net profit for the year is 174 TSEK (88 TSEK). MyRight planned for a smaller deficit for the year, but the performance of securities and the fact that MyRight

Multi-year overview

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
General information					
Number om member organisations	22	23	23	23	23
Average number of employees	28	22	23	23	21
Proportion of women employed (%)	68	59	70	74	67
Project activities					
Number of projects with partner organisations	36	36	36	37	40
Total transferred to partner organisations (TSEK)	14,796	12,854	14,293	14,242	15,932
Number of member organisations active in projects	16	16	15	16	17
Revenue and cost analysis (TSEK)					
Income from activities	34,990	31,569	38,574	33,874	33,053
Costs of activities	34,999	31,546	37,551	33,974	33,443
Results from financial investments	183	65	322	118	425
Net profit/loss for the year	174	88	1,345	18	35
Financial position (TSEK)					
Equity	4,043	3,956	2,186	2,168	2,191
Funds restricted to the purpose	4,753	4,803	5,144	5,144	5,166
Equity ratio	70%	64%	56%	41%	49%

obtained some new donors during the year meant that the result was positive.

50 TSEK (79 TSEK) was used from Astrid Liljeblad’s fund in 2019 as an own input grant to two projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Grants and subsidies

MyRight receives Swedish aid funds directly from Forum Syd, one of Sida’s Swedish strategic partner organisations. The three agreements signed in 2018 are still in force. The first agreement, for 4,356 TSEK, is for three years for an information project in Sweden with the overall goal of increasing involvement in issues relating to people with disabilities and their democratic rights in the world and achieving greater understanding of the link between these people’s democratic rights and Agenda 2030. The target group for the project is the disability movement, those active in civil society and decision-makers. The second agreement, for 94,956 TSEK, is for four years for implementation of project activities in the MyRight’s partner countries with the overall goal of increasing participation by and inclusion of people with disabilities at all levels of society in MyRight’s partner countries. This is in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The third agreement, for 21,060 TSEK, is a

four-year accessibility grant.

The accessibility grant is a grant that aims to enable people with disabilities in Sweden to participate in development cooperation on equal terms with persons without disabilities. The grant is used for such items as interpretation and accompanying costs and for adapting various types of materials for accessibility.

Radiohjälpen provided MyRight with funding amounting to 1,000 TSEK for activities in Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Nepal in the second half of 2019. The project funds were used to investigate and produce reports on gender-based violence against people with disabilities in the three countries. The reports will be used in the future to enable the situation of people with disabilities to be improved through political advocacy work, among other things.

Folke Bernadotteakademin provided MyRight with funding amounting to 209 TSEK in 2019. The project funds were used for organising a seminar on how people with disabilities are affected in a conflict situation and how they are included in conflict management.

MyRight has, for several years, been granted project funds in Bosnia from Light for the World, an inter-

national development and disability organisation, to support work for a national human rights programme in that country. The funding amounted to 871 TSEK during the year.

The collaboration in Rwanda with the Danish organisation, Disabled People's Organisations Denmark, has continued. MyRight's personnel in Rwanda carry out some monitoring work for them since they do not have their own personnel on the ground in that country.

Membership and voluntary work

There were 22 (23) member organisations at the end of the year. Two member organisations chose to change over from ordinary membership to support membership. Of the member organisations, 16 (16) have been active in various project collaborations with partner organisations. Along with partner organisations, they have discussed the progress of the projects and exchanged expertise and experience of living with a disability or being a family member of a person with a disability. The exchange has been important for strengthening self-confidence and for the development of new methods for organisation and advocacy work and also for strengthening international networking between people with disabilities.

The active member organisations have also carried on fundraising with the aim of covering the own input requirement that MyRight is required to pay in accordance with what is stipulated in the agreement with Forum Syd. Own inputs paid in from the member organisations amounted to 1,257 TSEK (1,378 TSEK) for 2019.

Representatives of a number of member organisations participated in a workshop to discuss the next five-year strategy, which will be presented to the Annual Meeting in 2020. Several members accessed an information kit designed to support their work to provide information on international issues.

Anticipated future developments

MyRight identifies a need for continued harmonisation and greater efficiency in administration (financial management, IT and personnel-related matters) in all offices. MyRight obtained experience from several donors in 2019, which also strengthened MyRight in its work on applications and reporting.

A proposal for a new five-year strategy for MyRight will be presented in 2020 and will possibly provide greater clarity on MyRight's priorities. This may mean that MyRight needs to strengthen its expertise on certain themes in future and also strengthen some working methods.

Management

MyRight's highest decision-making body is the

association's Annual Meeting, where each member organisation paying full membership has the right to vote. The Annual Meeting appoints a Chairperson and members of the Board of Directors (for two years each) as well as a nomination committee and auditors. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for management of the finances, the working environment and the purpose of the activities.

The service organisation and day-to-day activities are in turn managed by a Secretary General who is appointed and removed by the Board of Directors and for whom the Board of Directors has staff liability. The service organisation consists of a head office in Stockholm, Sweden, four regional offices (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Nepal, Nicaragua and Rwanda) and three country offices (Bolivia, Sri Lanka and Tanzania). The service organisation in Sweden is divided into three units: Staff (personnel, finances, IT and administration), Development Cooperation (project monitoring, method development, development of activities) and Communication (website, social media, opinion, advocacy). Monitoring and quality assurance of the aid to partner organisations is mainly carried out by personnel in region and country offices.

The number of employees, as can be seen in the multi-year overview and in Note 4, appears to have increased in comparison with previous years, both in Sweden and globally. This is not because MyRight has added several posts during the year; it is because the previous calculations did not include staff at the country offices with local contracts. For Sweden, the number appears to have increased by one post, which can be explained by rounding off to whole numbers and the fact that, during the year, MyRight had people on parental leave, leave of absence, etc., which meant that overlaps with replacement staff took the scope of the post above the threshold for rounding up instead of down. Employees carry out work mainly in the areas of development, communication, project monitoring, finances and internal management and control.

The Board of Directors consisted of 7 members (including the Chairperson) during the year and met 6 times in 2019.

Göran Alfredsson	6*	
Carina Albertsson	1	resigned on 23/5
Rahel Abebaw Atnafu	5	
Ola Larsson	1	resigned on 23/5
Gert Iwarsson	6	
Jamie Bolling	6	
Per Karlström	5	
Sara Bryntse	4	elected on 23/5
Kevin Kjelldahl	4	elected on 23/5

* number of meetings

The authorised ordinary auditor was changed from Tomas Mathiesen to Thomas Lönnström, Ernst & Young AB, the former deputy auditor. The ordinary elected auditor during the year was Katarina Bergwall, with Annika Örnstedt as deputy. The nomination committee consisted of Charlotta Göller, Carina Albertsson and Rakel Eriksson.

Sustainability information

Purchases of goods and services must be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. MyRight chooses in the first instance to travel by train or bus, whereas air travel is chosen when it is the only option due to the distance involved.

12 (17) persons were employed at MyRight in Stockholm in 2019 in 10 (9) posts, including the Secretary General. Some employees worked part-time and some were fixed-term employees. In addition to this, MyRight had two office interns at the head office in Stockholm during the year. A total of 18 (13) people are employed at MyRight's seven country offices.

Gender equality and diversity work is important for MyRight in all operational processes. In ongoing recruitment processes in 2019, MyRight has more clearly reviewed the accessibility that can be offered at MyRight's offices to improve communication of opportunities for more target groups to be invited to apply for work and internships at MyRight. Furthermore, physical accessibility at MyRight's country offices has been reviewed and a number of actions have been taken where a need existed. The job descriptions at MyRight are function-based and individual annual plans are drawn up. These are linked to the organisation's overall operational plan, which is drawn up annually.

Work environment issues have been dealt with on a continuous basis as part of systematic work environment management during the year and two workplace surveys were conducted. The surveys deal with various workplace-related issues in the physical and psycho-social working environment. Several joint discussions were held within the staff team and in collaboration with the local Union club. The organisation has seen positive progress in the psycho-social working environment during the year.

In 2019, the staff team, along with employers, drew up local guidelines for the working environment, which will be updated and reviewed jointly once a year, as necessary. A code of conduct was also adopted for the entire organisation during the year.

MyRight also offered employees skills development at both individual and group level during the year. MyRight is a member of the employers' organisation KFO and is a party to the collective agreement for non-profit organisations between KFO/Unionen.

Use of financial instruments

MyRight's share portfolio is managed by the fund manager Söderberg and Partner. Investments are governed by MyRight's investment policy, which contains ethical investment provisions. Investments in companies operating in the fields of weapons and munitions, tobacco, alcohol and child labour are not accepted. The same applies to companies that have been shown not to comply with international conventions on the environment and human rights. The investment policy also stipulates that investments must be made at the lowest possible risk.

Change in equity (TSEK)

	Funds restricted to the purpose	Retained earnings	Profit/loss for the year	Total equity
Opening balance at 01/01/2019	4,803	3,956	88	8,847
Transfer of profits/losses from previous years		88	-88	0
Use of funds restricted to the purpose for the year	-50			-50
Net profit/loss for the year			174	174
Closing balance 31/12/2019	4,753	4,044	174	8,971

Astrid Liljeblads Fund, a donation to be used to support work for children with disabilities, is recognised as funds restricted to the purpose by the donor.

Income statement

	Note	2019	2018
The Association's income	3		
Membership fees		483	544
Donations		29	7
Grants		34,099	30,771
Other revenues		379	247
The Association's total income		34,990	31,569
The Association's expenses	4		
Direct cost for project		-32,206	-28,407
Cost for fundraising		-241	-0
Administration costs		-2,561	-3,139
The Association's total expenses		-35,007	-31,546
Operating profit/loss		-17	23
Total profit/loss from financial investments			
Other interest income and similar income statement items	5	282	133
Interest expenses and similar income statement items	6	-91	-68
Total profit/loss from financial investments		191	65
Profit/loss after financial items		174	88
Net profit/loss for the year		174	88

Balance sheet

	Note	2019	2018
Assets			
Fixed assets			
Financial assets			
Participations in group companies	7	100	100
Total fixed assets		100	100
Current assets			
Current receivables			
Receivables from member organisations	8	1	153
Receivables from group companies		50	50
Other receivables		1,461	1,447
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	9	655	270
Current investments	10	6,792	6,648
Cash and bank balances		3,759	5,094
Total current assets		12,718	13,662
Total assets		12,818	13,762
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Funds/funding restricted to the purpose		4,753	4,803
Retained earnings		4,043	3,956
Net profit/loss for the year		174	88
Total equity		8,971	8,847
Current liabilities			
Trade accounts payable		43	46
Liability to Forum Syd	11	1,796	2,957
Other liabilities	12	1,135	1,072
Accrued expenses and deferred income	13	874	840
Total current liabilities		3,848	4,915
Total equity and liabilities		12,818	13,762

Notes

Note 1 Accounting and valuation principles

The annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act, BFNAR [the General Guidelines of the Swedish Accounting Standards Board] 2012:1 (K3) and Giva Sverige's guidelines for annual accounts in accordance with K3. The accounting principles are unchanged compared to previous years.

Since the association is a smaller company in accordance with the definitions in BFNAR 2012:1 Annual accounts and consolidated accounts, the association has chosen not to prepare consolidated accounts from 2014 onwards.

Revenue

Accounting of grants and donations. According to K3, conditional donations with a repayment obligation are entered as a liability until the conditions have been met and are included in the item of grants. Conditional donations with a repayment obligation have been previously recognised as funds restricted to the purpose where applicable, but will be classified as liabilities in future.

All grants from SIDA are taken up as income only corresponding to costs incurred because a repayment obligation exists for the unused funds. Grants are therefore entered as a liability until the costs that the grant will cover are incurred.

Membership fees include payments for membership to MyRight. Membership fees are taken up as income when invoicing the member organisation.

Financial assets

Shares and participations are measured at historical cost or fair value (market value), whichever is the lower. Long-term holdings are measured at historical cost or market value, whichever is the lower. An impairment is carried out if the value of the shares and/or participations has fallen and that fall can be assumed to be permanent. All assets held for risk diversification are considered to represent a securities portfolio and are therefore treated as one item at measurement by application of the lower cost rule or in testing for impairment.

Liabilities are entered at the amount that is expected to be paid on a case-by-case basis. Receivables and liabilities in foreign currency are measured at the exchange rate in force at the balance sheet date.

Definitions of key indicators

The equity ratio is calculated as equity in relation to the balance sheet total.

Note 2 Estimates and assessments

According to the assessment, there is no uncertainty that may have a significant effect on the recognised amounts.

Note 3 Revenues

	2019	2018
Donations recognised in the income statement		
<u>Funds raised</u>		
The public	29	7
Total donations	29	7

Grants recognised as income

Funds raised,		
own input member organisations	1,257	1,378
Public grant, Forum Syd	29,484	29,508
Unused grant 2018, Forum Syd	1,161	-2,957
Unused reserves 2017	0	2,529
Other grants (e.g. Radiohjälpen and Light for the World)	2,197	313
Total	34,099	30,771

Other revenues recognised as revenue

Grants and payments from the Swedish Employment Service for personnel	189	117
Rental of office premises, Lika Unika	175	95
Other revenues	15	35
Total	379	247

Note 4 Average number of employees, personnel expenses and fees to the Board of Directors

Average number of employees by country

	2019	Of which men	2018	Of which men
Sweden	10	4	9	4
Bolivia	2	1	2	1
Bosnia	3	0	2	0
Nepal	3	1	2	1
Nicaragua	2	0	1	0
Rwanda	2	2	2	2
Sri Lanka	3	1	2	1
Tanzania	3	0	2	0
Total	28	9	22	9

Gender distribution among Board members and senior executives

	2019	2018
Board members		
Number on the balance sheet date	7	7
Of which men	4	4

Secretary General and management team

Number on the balance sheet date	2	2
Of which men	2	2

Salaries, other payments and social insurance costs

	2019	2018
<i>Salaries and remuneration Board of Directors and Secretary General</i>	794	991
<i>Salaries other employees Sweden</i>	3,767	3,232
Total salaries and payments	4,561	4,223
<i>Pension costs Board of Directors and Secretary General</i>	118	144
<i>Pension costs other employees Sweden</i>	206	89
Total pension costs	324	234
Social security expenses	1,351	1,286
Tax on earnings	79	57
<i>Salaries country offices Bolivia</i>	272	166
<i>Salaries country offices Bosnia-Herzegovina</i>	221	182
<i>Salaries country offices Nepal</i>	301	474
<i>Salaries country offices Nicaragua</i>	362	205
<i>Salaries country offices Rwanda</i>	361	335
<i>Salaries country offices Sri Lanka</i>	105	110
<i>Salaries country offices Tanzania</i>	527	499
Total salaries country offices	2,149	1,971
Social insurance contributions and other personnel costs country offices	586	568
Other personnel expenses (Sweden)	403	386
Total	9,453	8,724

Of the total salary costs, 580 TSEK (828 TSEK) represents salaries to the Secretary General and, of total pension costs, 110 TSEK (136 TSEK) represents pension costs for the Secretary General. The Secretary General has a notice period of three months. The Chairperson of the Board is remunerated with two increased base amounts/year. The board members receive 2% of an increased base amount at full-day meetings. The big difference between 2018 and 2019 regarding staff costs at land offices are due to MyRight changing system for reporting the number of employees and reporting their salaries.

Note 5 Other interest income and similar income statement items

	2019	2018
Interest income	26	21
Dividends	18	0
Other interest income	17	0
Total	282	133

Note 6 Interest expenses and similar income statement items

	2019	2018
Other financial expenses	-91	-68
Total	-91	-68

Note 7 Participations in group companies

MyRight Sweden AB (org. reg. no. 556765-1244) was incorporated in 2008. It is 100 per cent owned by the association MyRight and has share capital of 100 TSEK. MyRight AB has share capital of 112 TSEK in 2019. The company is dormant.

Note 8 Receivables member organisations

	2019	2018
Own inputs	0	81
Membership fees	1	15
Other (expenses, etc.)	0	57
Closing balance	1	153

Means receivables at member associations for unpaid own inputs, membership fees and other items.

Note 9 Prepaid expenses and accrued income

	2019	2018
Prepaid rent	213	209
Other prepaid expenses	442	61
Total	655	270

Note 10 Current investments

	2019	2018
Söderberg & Partners	6,792	6,648
Closing balance	6,792	6,648

Market value	7,334	6,565
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Securities

Nominal interest rate	4,479	4,594
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Danske Invest Global Corporate Bds H-SEK	1,391	221	233
Evli Corporate Bond B SEK	206	271	285
Evli Short Corporate Bond B SEK	787	895	918

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HSC	5,196	561	573
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Lannebo Corporate Bond A	5,537	653	670
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Simplicity Likviditet	7,618	847	851
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SPP FRN Företagsobligationsfond A	9,430	1,032	1,064
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Swedish shares	701	849
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Odin Sverige	56	294	355
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Spiltan Aktiefond Stabil	588	406	494
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Foreign shares	1,612	1,891
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Mkts Eq A USD	344	92	93
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Handelsbanken Norden Selektiv	1,023	383	476
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JPM Europe Strategic Growth A			
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Dist EUR	590	104	119
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EUR	53	140	163
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SPP Aktiefond Japan	1,534	142	155
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SPP Aktiefond USA	1,852	422	542
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A USD	1,030	331	343
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Total	6,792	7,334
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Note 11 Liability to Forum Syd

	2019	2018
Unused grants	1,796	2,957
Total	1,796	2,957

Note 12 Other liabilities

	2019	2018
Other current liabilities	212	0
Personnel taxes	127	112
Other liabilities	797	960
Total	1,135	1,072

Note 13 Accrued expenses and deferred income

	2019	2018
Holiday salaries	359	253
Social security expenses	334	257
Other interim liabilities	181	331
Total	874	840

Note 14 Significant events after the end of the financial year

Board member Sara Bryntse resigned as a member of the Board of Directors in January 2020.

In January 2020, Folke Bernadotte Akademien decided to provide MyRight with 1,512 TSEK of funding for the project "Peace for all – persons with disabilities in peacebuilding initiatives" which aims to facilitate access to knowledge, including recommendations, on how to include people with disabilities and their rights/needs/perspectives in peacebuilding initiatives. The project runs from 1 February 2020 to 31 March 2021.

The Corona pandemic that paralysed the whole world from February 2020 may adversely affect MyRight's activities. At the time of completion of this annual report it is too early to say how, but the difficulty of carrying out activities in the partner countries and in Sweden in future is obvious. MyRight's donors have so far shown great understanding of the situation. The value of MyRight's securities decreased in March by 10% and it remains to be seen how they will perform during the year. MyRight is looking at how securities management should be carried out in future.

Stockholm, 2020-04-24

Göran Alfredsson	Jamie Bolling	Gert Iwarsson
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Vice chairperson</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

Kevin Kjell Dahl	Per Karlström	Rahel Abebaw Atnafu
<i>Board member</i>	<i>Board member</i>	<i>Board member</i>

Jesper Hansén
Secretary General

The signatures of the chartered accountant and the elected auditor can be found in the Swedish version of the report.

Our audit report was submitted on 2020-04-30

Ernst & Young AB

Thomas Lönnström	Katarina Bergwall
<i>Chartered accountant</i>	<i>Elected auditor</i>

The signatures of the chartered accountant and the elected auditor can be found in the Swedish version of the report.

Auditor's report

To the general meeting of Myright – Empowers People with Disabilities, identity number 802402-9376

Report on the annual accounts

Opinions

We have audited the annual accounts of Myright – Empowers People with Disabilities for the year 2019. The annual accounts of the organization are included on pages 27-37 in this document.

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as of 31 December 2019 and its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The statutory administration report is consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Authorized Public Accountant's Responsibilities section as well as in the Lay Auditors Responsibilities. We are independent of the organization in accordance with ethics for accountants in Sweden. As Authorized Public Accountants, we have otherwise fulfilled my professional ethics responsibilities under these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Other Information than the annual report

This document includes other information than the annual accounts (page 1-26) and consist of an activity report. The Board of Directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the annual accounts does not cover this other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion regarding this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual accounts, our responsibility is to read the information identified above and consider whether the information is materially inconsistent with the annual accounts. In this procedure we also take into account our knowledge otherwise obtained in the audit and assess whether the information otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we, based on the work performed concerning this information, conclude that there is a material misstate-

ment of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and that they give a fair presentation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The Board of Directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts, the Board of Directors are responsible for the assessment of the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. They disclose, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The going concern basis of accounting is however not applied if the Board of Directors intend to liquidate the organization, to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Authorized Public Accountant's responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISA and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts. As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of the organization's in-

ternal control relevant to our audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual accounts. We also draw a conclusion, based on the audit evidence obtained, as to whether any material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual accounts or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion about the annual accounts. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause a organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual accounts, including the disclosures, and whether the annual accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We must inform the Board of Directors of, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit. We must also inform of significant audit findings during our audit, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified.

The Lay Auditor's responsibility

My objectives is to perform an audit in accordance with the Auditing act and thus in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. My objectives is to obtain a reasonable level of assurance about whether the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as of 31 December 2019 and its financial performance.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts, we have also audited the administration of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Myright – Empowers People with Disabilities for the year 2019. We recommend to the general meeting that the members of the Board of Directors be discharged from liability for the financial year.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the organization in accordance with ethics for accountants in Sweden. As Authorized Public Accountants, we have otherwise fulfilled our professional ethics responsibilities under these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for the organization and the administration of the organization's affairs.

Auditor's responsibility

Our objective concerning the audit of the administration, and thereby our opinion about discharge from liability, is to obtain audit evidence to assess with a reasonable degree of assurance whether any member of the Board of Directors in any material respect has undertaken any action or been guilty of any omission which can give rise to liability to the organization.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect actions or omissions that can give rise to liability to the organization.

As part of an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden, the authorized public accountant exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. The examination of the administration is based primarily on the audit of the accounts. Additional audit procedures performed are based on our professional judgment with starting point in risk and materiality. This means that we focus the examination on such actions, areas and relationships that are material for the operations and where deviations and violations would have particular importance for the organization's situation. We examine and test decisions undertaken, support for decisions, actions taken and other circumstances that are relevant to our opinion concerning discharge from liability.

Stockholm, 2020-04-30
Ernst & Young AB

Thomas Lönnström	Katarina Bergwall
Chartered accountant	Elected auditor

The signatures of the chartered accountant and the elected auditor can be found in the Swedish version of the report.

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