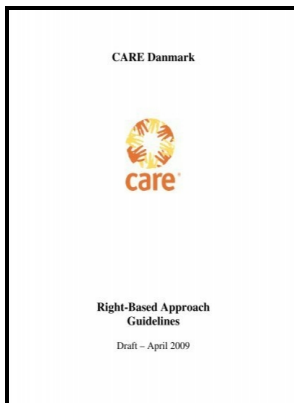


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## Human Rights, Inclusion and Empowerment

The paper highlights the importance of human rights as a means of promoting equality and reducing discriminatory practices to limit access to resources and power.

### The Human Rights

Rights holders and duty bearers This is a two-way street: Individuals and communities need to be fully informed about their rights and to participate in decisions that affect them. UNFPA was one of the agencies that in 2003 adopted the , which clarifies how human rights standards and principles should be put into practice in. This differential access can impede people's ability to adequately prepare for and rebound from adversity.

### Practitioner's Guide: A Rights

The international community can contribute to development but cannot take over that responsibility.

### The GIRRL program: A human rights based approach to disaster risk reduction intervention in Southern Africa

Most donors have had experiences with the withdrawal of aid, often a much debated and not necessarily effective measure; and active promotion of human rights through, for example, assistance to the judiciary or human rights institutions, can be interpreted as interference in internal affairs. The conviction emerged that, in the long term, respect for human rights, the rule of law, political pluralism and effective, accountable political institutions form the basis of all development and equitable distribution. This conceptualisation of accountability is proposed as particularly relevant in the context of rights-based NGOs as this development approach has important moral, societal and strategic implications for the manner in which NGOs are accountable to their beneficiaries.

## **The Four Principles of Rights Based Approach**

Close co-operation is imperative as a large majority of nations can only reach the MDGs with substantial support from outside. In recent years, good governance has evolved from a topic of growing international debate to an explicit policy aim of many international organisations. Reports and jurisprudence of international human rights supervisory mechanisms prove that rights to freedom of opinion, expression, information, dissent, association and participation on an equal basis, and fair trial have been violated in virtually every country in the world.

### **Human Rights and Development**

The goals provide a framework for development co-operation institutions to work coherently together towards a common end. It focuses its policy, programming and capacity development support to this approach.

### **Human Rights, Inclusion and Empowerment**

The human rights-based approach HRBA is a conceptual framework for the process of human development that is normatively based on international human rights standards and operationally directed to promoting and protecting human rights. As a consequence, in the 1990s, democracy became the theme of a number of international conferences.

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