



# **EMPOWERING WOMEN IMPACTED BY ALBINISM: A CHECKLIST FOR ADVOCACY SUCCESS**

# Who is this checklist for?



This checklist is designed to provide albinism organizations led by and who work with women impacted by albinism, civil society organizations in the disability and human rights space, strategic stakeholders, and donor organizations with the necessary resources and guidance to advocate for the rights of women with albinism.

By raising awareness, challenging discrimination, and promoting inclusion, we can work together to empower women with albinism and ensure their full enjoyment of human rights.

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# Understanding Albinism

**Don't assume people know what albinism is. Here's how you can raise awareness:**

- **Fact Sheets:** Provide information about albinism, its causes, characteristics, and common misconceptions. Define key terms and concepts related to albinism, disability rights, and human rights advocacy.
- **Myths vs. Facts:** Debunk common myths and misconceptions surrounding albinism, particularly the effects on women impacted by albinism, to combat stigma and discrimination.

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

- What is Albinism?  
[Link here](#)
- Albinism Myth Busting  
Brochure [Link here](#)
- Albinism & Human Rights  
[Link here](#)

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# Human Rights Advocacy

**Do your beneficiaries and members understand WHY human rights advocacy is essential?**

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

- National Action Plans on Albinism [here](#)
- AAN's work with human rights defenders (HRDs) [here](#)
- On Human Rights Instruments and Mechanisms [here](#)
- Overview of International Human Rights Instruments: Provide an overview of fundamental human rights treaties and conventions relevant to the rights of persons with disabilities, including albinism.
- National Legislation: Compile information on national laws and policies protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, including provisions specific to albinism.



# **Partnerships & Public Education**

## **Create strong partnerships to raise awareness**

- **Map and engage stakeholders:** Find out who the local, national and international donors are, engage relevant government ministries, and policymakers, build alliances, and network with other relevant international and national stakeholders like the National Disability Councils, UN Women, National Human Rights Institutions, Ministries of Gender, Social Welfare or Disability Affairs.
- **Media Advocacy:** Create tools and templates for crafting press releases, organizing media events, and utilizing social media for advocacy purposes.
- **Community Engagement:** Develop resources for organizing community meetings, workshops, and awareness-raising events to engage with local communities.



# ✓ Capacity Development

**Want to train members of your organization?**

- **Leadership Training:** Develop training modules to empower women with albinism to become leaders and advocates within their communities.



- **Skills Development:** Provide resources for skills training and capacity-development initiatives to enhance economic empowerment and social inclusion.

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# Monitoring & Reporting Human Rights Violations

**Track human rights violations for your national and international advocacy**

- Document cases of attacks: Create standardized forms for documenting and reporting cases of discrimination, violence, or human rights violations against women with albinism.
- Reporting Mechanisms: Provide information on reporting human rights violations to relevant authorities, including national human rights institutions, ombudsperson offices, and civil society organizations.



**REPORT**

# **Manage Information**

**Information management encourages the sharing of ideas, collaboration, and access to the latest information**

- **Resource Directory:** Compile a list of organizations, publications, and online resources related to albinism, disability rights, and human rights advocacy.
- **Case Studies:** Highlight successful advocacy initiatives, legal cases, and empowerment projects for women with albinism in your country.
- **Update your stakeholders and network:** Keep your networks updated with the latest information on your activities. This can be done as a newsletter, monthly or quarterly emails, or even through social media.



# Conclusion

By utilizing this checklist, advocates and allies can effectively promote the rights of women impacted by albinism, challenge discrimination, and advance inclusion and equality. Together, let us work towards a world where every woman, regardless of her skin color or physical appearance, can live free from discrimination and enjoy her full human rights and dignity.

*Toward an inclusive world free from brutality and discrimination.*

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