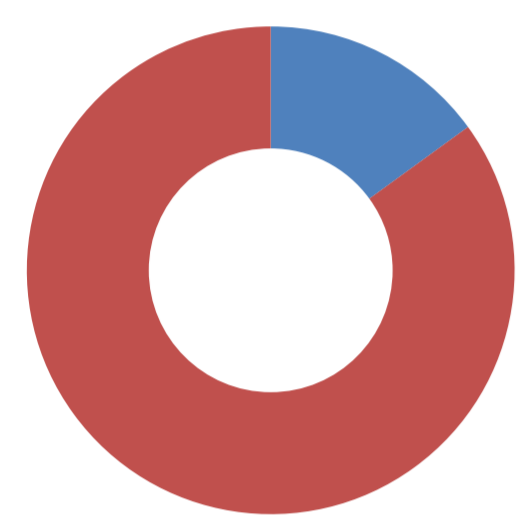
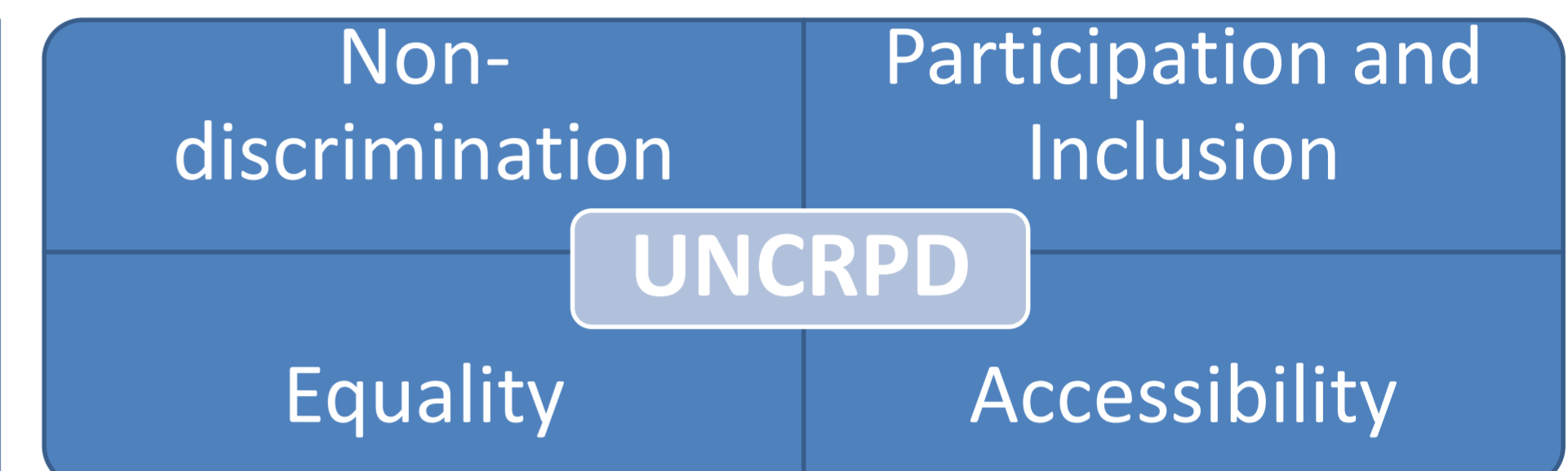


The Right to Social Protection for Persons with Disabilities in Uganda and Ghana

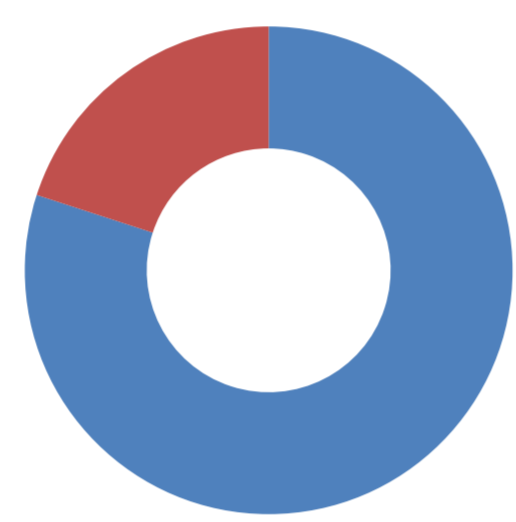
1. Introduction

UNCRPD

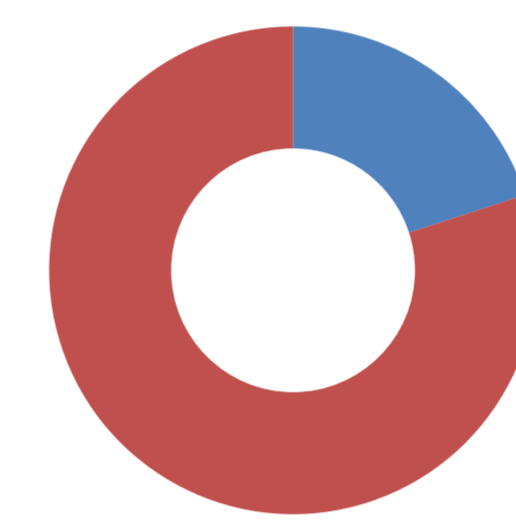
In 2006, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) was introduced by the UN General Assembly. It is legally binding and has to be implemented by the signatory states like Uganda and Ghana.



15% of the world's population have a disability



80% of the PWDs live in developing countries



20% of the poorest people living in developing countries have a disability

2. Thesis

Disability Rights in Uganda and Ghana

What is the main focus of disability rights in Uganda and Ghana?

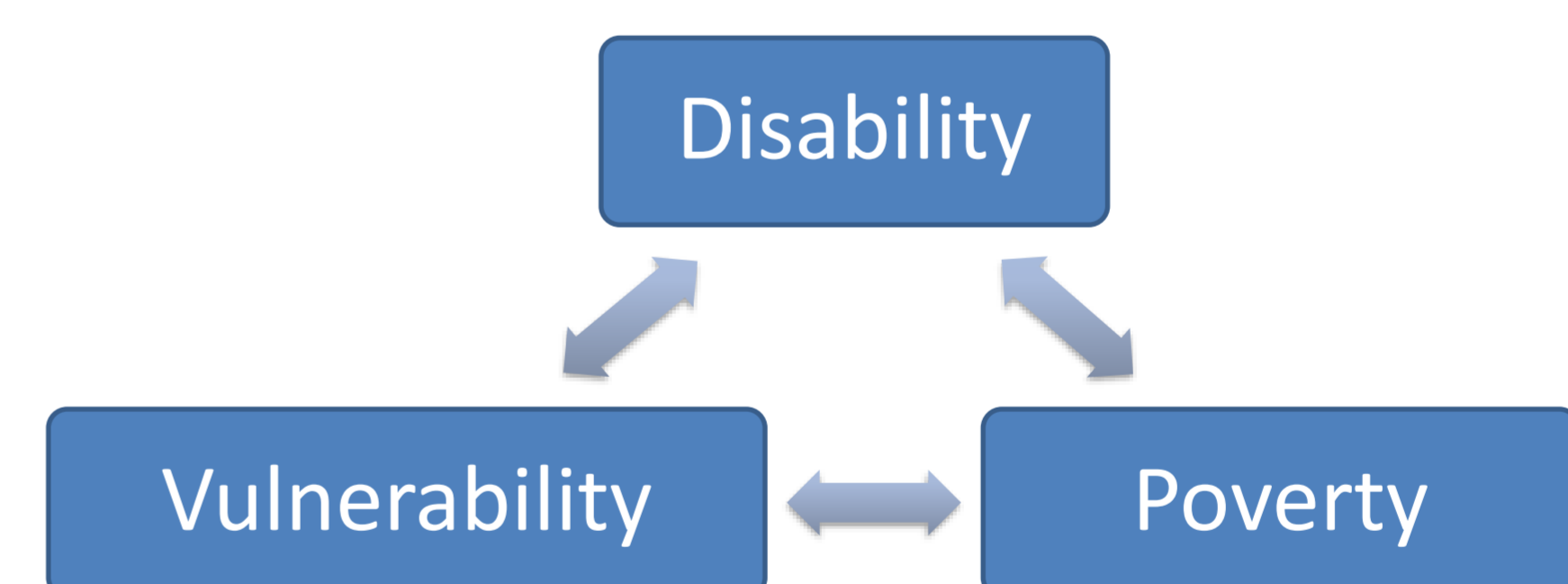
In Uganda and Ghana, there are two of the strongest disability movements in Africa. The governments have implemented several laws on disability issues. It has to be clarified if these laws focus on the welfare or on the non-discrimination and inclusion of PWDs.

	Uganda	Ghana
Constitutional Provisions	Art. 21, 32, 35	Art. 29, 12
Disability Law	Disability Act 2006	Disability Act 2006
Mental Health Law	Mental Health Treatment Act 1964	Mental Health Act 2012
Gov. Human Rights Institutions	National Council for Disabilities / Equal Opportunities Commission/ Human Rights Commission	Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice/ National Council on Persons with Disability

Social Protection in Uganda and Ghana

How has the right to social protection for PWDs been implemented in Uganda and Ghana?

The right to social protection is one of the basic human rights. It is of particular relevance when it comes to poverty reduction and to the protection of the most vulnerable groups like persons with disabilities. It has to be clarified if Uganda and Ghana have adopted laws and policies in order to fully implement the right to social protection for persons with disabilities.



	Uganda	Ghana
Constitutional Provisions	National Objectives XIV, XVIII, XX, XXI, XXII; Art. 254	Art. 37, 13, 17
Cash transfers	SAGE (pilot)	LEAP
Health Insurance	-	NHIS/ LEAP
Pensions	PSPS/ NSSF	NPA

3. International Activities

Research Stays

During my research stays, I had the chance to travel to Uganda, Ghana and Senegal to meet several government officials, activists, researchers and persons with disabilities.

The aim was to get information on the current disability rights and to learn more about the problems of the implementation of laws and policies. Therefore, it was necessary to visit self-help groups in the villages and cities and to get access to private and governmental institutions like psychiatries or prayer camps.



Events

Galway, Ireland: summer school on „Human rights and inclusive development“

Kampala, Uganda: presentation about the right to social protection for PWDs at the biggest conference on disability issues in Africa

Bonn and Berlin, Germany: visit of several workshops on social protection of PWDs in developing countries