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Learning objectives

By the end of the session participants shall be able to:

- Describe how to review a policy, law or act to check for alignment against the UN CRPD, Disability Act and SDGs.

Why do we review policies?

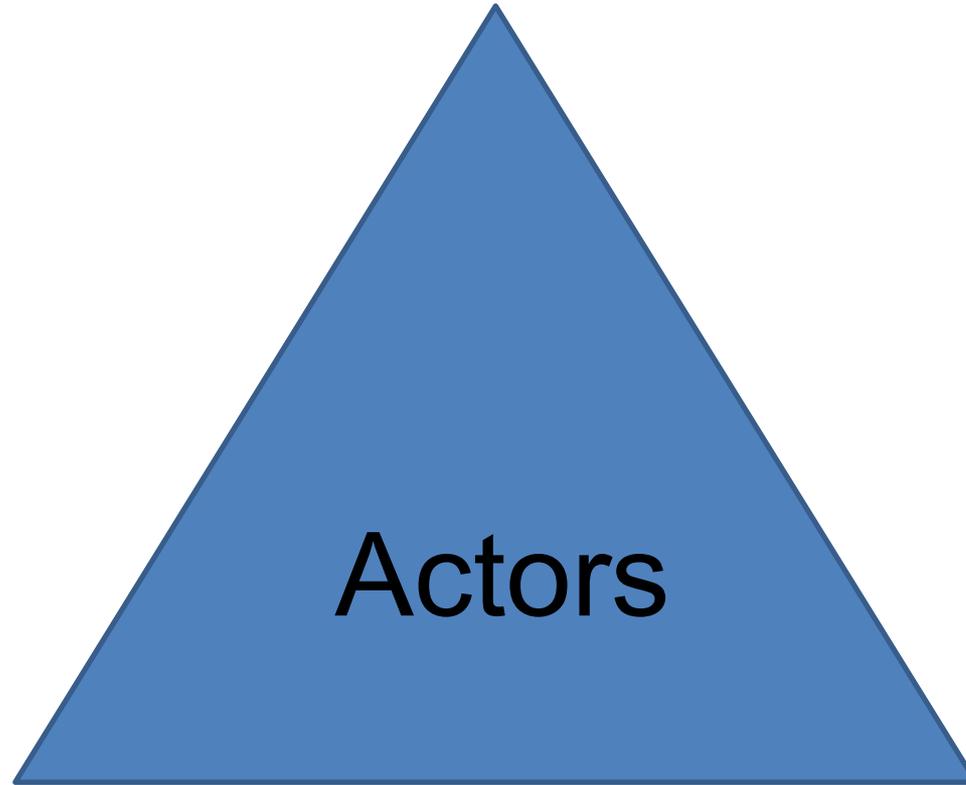
- to investigate how well the national policies reflect the articles of the UN CRPD, the Zanzibar Disability Act, and contribute towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the objective to leave no-one behind.
- to ensure that they are / or can be brought in line with the UN CRPD, as well as the Zanzibar Disability Act.

Why do we review policies?

- OPDs also often lack the understanding of the legislative making process.
- Often, they have not been included in the development processes, or their views have not been sufficiently reflected.
- We also need to know what is in a policy to judge if it is being followed in practice.



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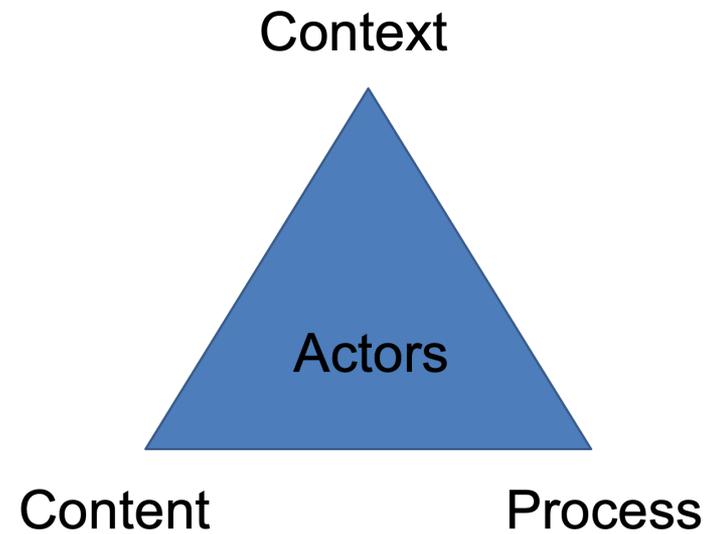


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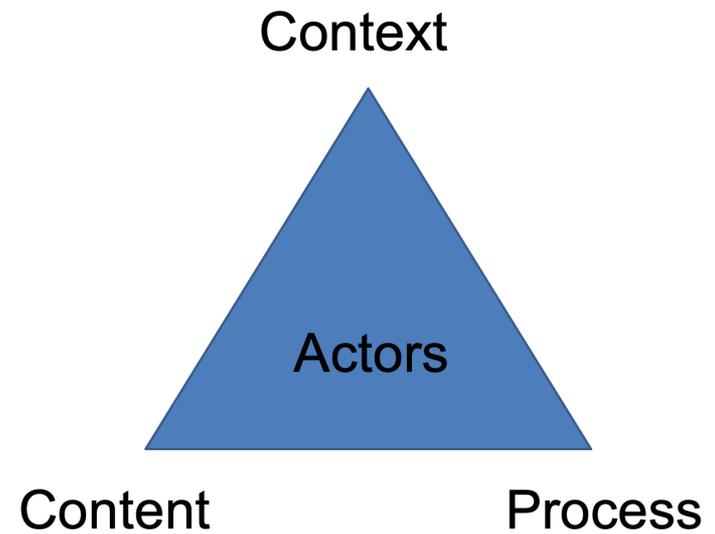
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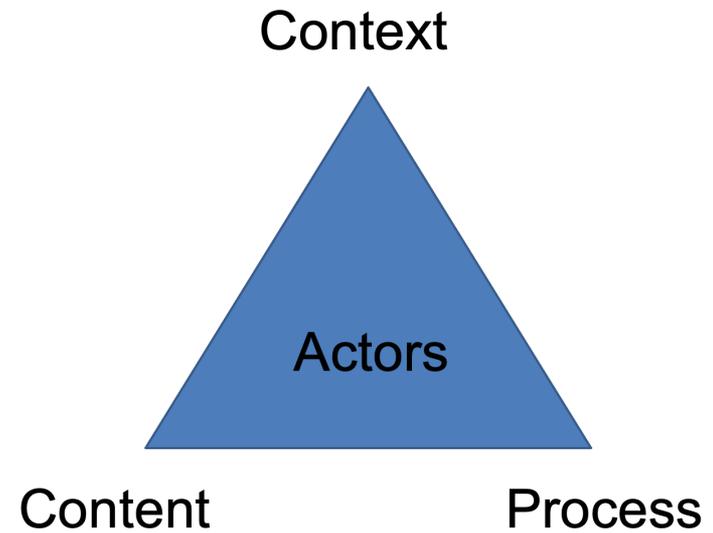
- Has the law or policy been reviewed since the UN CRPD and Disability Act? If not, when?
- If the policy has been reviewed since the UN CRPD and Disability Act, do revisions reflect it?
- Has the policy or law been developed since the launch of the SDGs? Does it relate to any of the SDGs and in what way?

Process



- Who was involved in developing / revising the law?
- Were persons with disabilities involved and if so, did they have the skills and knowledge to identify any gaps that exist?

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- Does the policy or law respect the provision of the corresponding article(s) of the UN CRPD?
- Does the law/specific article consider the philosophy of the UN CRPD in relation to the respective articles?
- Do the different articles reflect the general principles of the UN CRPD?

Reminder of UN CRPD General Principles (Article 3)

1. Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons
2. Non-discrimination
3. Full and effective participation and inclusion in society
4. Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity

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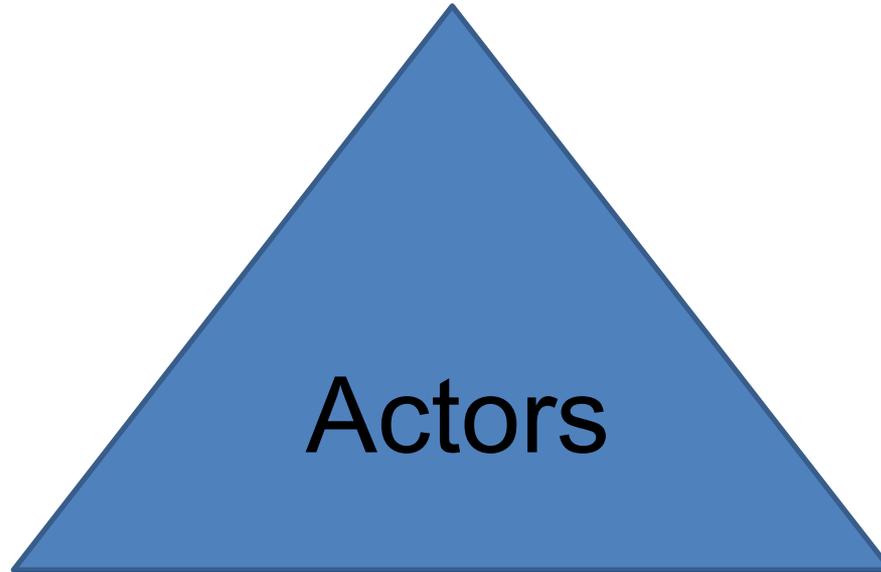
5. Equality of opportunity
6. Accessibility
7. Equality between men and women
8. Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.

Sample policies to be reviewed for alignment with UN CRPD

- Zanzibar Social Protection Policy 2014.
- Zanzibar Health Policy 2011.
- Zanzibar Economic Empowerment Policy 2017.
- Zanzibar Education Policy.
- Zanzibar Employment policy 2005.

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Summary

- By identifying gaps and inconsistencies in our policies and laws we have a starting point to lobby for change.
- Where policies and laws in place **DO** include rights and obligations that are not being followed in practice, we have the information to plan how to advocate for those policies and laws to be followed.



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