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BACKGROUND

- Public administration: decisive in disability services and care delivery.
- ONCE Foundation: very important for blind people.
- Psychiatric Reform: differs from one Autonomous Community to another.
- Economic crisis: reduction of subsides and service provision.
- Employment: few opportunities (only within the public sector).

BACKGROUND

AT NATIONAL LEVEL

- **LISMI 1982:** *Social Integration of PwD.*
- LONDAU 2003: Equal Opportunities, Non Discrimination and Universal Accesibility of PwD).
- Dependency Law 2007: eclipsed any other attempts (including UNCRPD).
- III Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities 2009-2012
- Spanish Disability Strategy 2012-2020.

DISSEMINATION OF THE UNCRPD

At national level: disseminated in different formats.

At regional and local level: low presence.

ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE

The Spanish territory is organized in:



- Spanish State (1)
- Autonomous Communities (Regions) (17)
- Provinces (50)
- Municipalities (Counties) (8284)

LEVEL OF DECENTRALIZATION

- National level: only macro planning and monitoring.
- Regional and local level: fundamental in care delivery and provision.
- Provincial level: only provide care for smaller municipalities.

AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES AND PROVINCES



SELECTED LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN SPAIN



SELECTED PROFESSIONALS IN SPAIN

Institución Pública	Posición en el Gobierno	Nombre Teresa Gonzalez	
Servicios Sociales Camas	Coordinadora de Servicios Sociales		
Servicios Sociales Comunitarios de Carmona	Técnico de los Servicios Sociales	María del Carmen Diar	
Igualdad y Bienestar Social de la Diputación de Sevilla	Técnico de Igualdad y Bienestar Social	José Vicente Martín	
Servicios Sociales de Los Palacios y Villafranca	Directora del Centro de Servicios Sociales	Gracia Salvador	
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IMPORTANCE OF THE UNCRPD AT LOCAL LEVEL

- 1 rather important
- 3 rather not important
- 1 not important

INTEGRATED RESPONSES

	Yes	Rather yes	Rather not	No	No rating possible
Disability politics has become more important	3	1		1	
UN CRPD has given an important impulse to disability politics		1	1	2	1
The implementation of the UN CRPD is dealt with in an intersectoral planning approach		1	1	1	1
The implementation of the UN CRPD is dealt with in a disability focused planning approach.	1			3	1
Issues of disability politics are mostly dealt with in a small group of experts,	1	1	1	2	
Issues of disability politics are mostly dealt with outside the administrative or political structure of municipality/district.	1	2		2	
Issues of disability politics are mostly dealt with in a conflicting manner.				5	
Issues of disability politics are related with high public attention and are well covered by local media.	1		2	2	

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNCRPD

At local level: a policy paper is currently not planned.

At National level (Social, Disabilities...): implemented.

SPANISH DEPENDENCY LAW 2007

The Dependency Law 2006 applies to the municipalities, which is born from the UNCRPD and regional plans and programs (Autonomous Community of Andalucía).

A specific policy at local level is missed.



ATENCIÓN A LAS PERSONAS EN SITUACIÓN DE DEPENDENCIA EN ESPAÑA

Libro Blanco



SECRETARÍA DE ESTADO DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES, FAMILIASY DISCAPACIDAD



SPANISH DEPENDENCY LAW 2007

THE LAW TO PROMOTE PERSONAL AUTONOMY AND CARE FOR PEOPLE IN SITUATIONS OF DEPENDENCY (LAAD)

Dependency: permanent state in which people find themselves, for reasons of age, illness of disability, and linked to the lack or loss of physical, mental, intellectual or sensory autonomy, where they require care of another person or persons or substantial help to be able to carry out the basic activities in their daily life, or, in the case of people who are mentally disabled or who suffer from a mental illness, and other types of assistance with their personal autonomy.

SPANISH DEPENDENCY LAW

- Dependency includes PwD.
- But also other populations (e.g. aging people).
- Financial assistance to facilitate personal autonomy.
- Too costly for a country facing a crisis.
- Many interests (relatives, private centers,...).

DEPENDENCY LAW

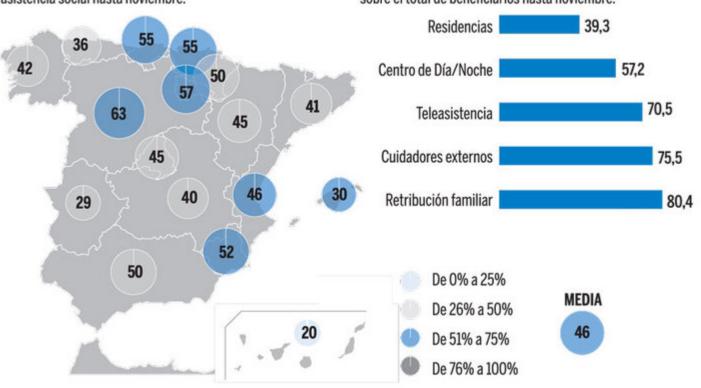
BALANCE DE TRES AÑOS DEL SISTEMA PÚBLICO DE DEPENDENCIA

> Quiénes reciben ayuda

Porcentaje de beneficiarios sobre población que ha solicitado asistencia social hasta noviembre.

> Los servicios que está garantizando el Estado

Ayudas concretas de la Ley de Dependencia. En porcentaje sobre el total de beneficiarios hasta noviembre.



UNCRPD IMPLEMENTATION

At local level:

- National legislation and municipal accessibility plans are more relevant instruments than the Convention.
- It's not presented.
- There is no action plans / policy to implement it.
- There is no a mandate to implement it.
- There is no Disability Ombudsmen.

RESULTS

- Importance of public disability services in care provision.
- Variety of public awareness level from one municipality to another.
- Education system, especially concerning the awareness and equality. The children are educated in a context of equality and empathy.
- The presence and number of disability services varied from one municipality to another being the fundamental home supportive service. Therefore, it is needed the development of an efficient services network of services in order to cover all the needs.

LEGAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNCRPD

- At national level the UNCRPD has been disseminated in different formats but it's not the case at regional (Autonommous Communities) and local level.
- Decentralisation: into 17 Autonommous Communities including health&social care services for people with disabilities.
- Role of Autonommous Communities and Municipalities in care provision.
- Provincial level only provide care for small municipalities (Diputaciones Provinciales).

LACKS RELATED TO PWD

The main lacks presented are:

- Co-ordination between social services versus health services and central government, Autonomous Communities and local level.
- Difficulties for integration (mainly trough employment).
- Accessibility of PwD to general services.
- Training programs oriented for care of PwD.

MAJOR ISSUES RELATED TO PWD

- Lack of dissemination of UNCRPD because international agreements are seen far from local activity.
- Difficulties for integration because stigma against PwD.
- Lack of specialized services for PwD.
- Education integration: important issue that present some retractors.
- Employment integration is a key issue (only within the public sector).

MAIN TERMS OF UN CRPD AT LOCAL LEVEL

- DAILY SUPPORT: far from international agreements.
- SERVICE PROVISION: day and residential care.
- ACCESIBILITY: Architectural barrier removal.
- INCLUSION: education integration.
- ADVOCACY: Counseling of PwD and their families.