

## Project Descriptions: Fellowship with the Gulu Disabled Persons Union

I will be working with the Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU), which has been coordinated through The Advocacy project in Washington DC. The GDPU was set up in 1979 and is dedicated to assisting people with disabilities through Idi Amin's fall as well as throughout the recovery from the LRA rebellion. The GDPU has sought to integrate disability rights into the reconstruction of Northern Uganda and represents several constituencies including landmine survivors, women with disabilities, the deaf and the blind. Past fellows have worked with the GDPU to help install accessible toilets in school, which serves to promote human rights for all students as well as promote WASH and prevent deadly diseases from spreading.

I will be working with the GDPU for 10 weeks throughout June-August 2016 to help continue the work of the agency as well as past fellows. I will be assisting with implementing an accessible toilet in a new school in Gulu, Uganda and working with students and staff at the school to promote good hygiene as well as an inclusive environment for students. This will not only help prevent the spread of disease but will also help to put an end to school bullying. During my time there I will be researching past projects to inform any new changes that need to be made for the new school in addition to assisting with fundraising and organization within the GDPU to help ensure sustainability of the projects and work the GDPU is able to do,