

Better health for people with disabilities



World Health Organization

1 Over **BILLION** people globally experience disability



1 in **7** people

People with disabilities have the same general health care needs as others

But they are:

2x more likely to find health care providers' skills and facilities **inadequate**

3x more likely to be **denied** health care

4x more likely to be treated **badly** in the health care system



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of people with disabilities cannot afford health care

They are:

50%

more likely to suffer catastrophic health expenditure



These out-of-pocket health care payments can push a family into poverty

Rehabilitation and assistive devices can enable people with disabilities to be independent



970 MIL

people need glasses and low vision aids



75 MIL

people need a wheelchair; Only **5-15%** have access to one

466 MIL

people have disabling hearing loss



Production of hearing aids only meets:

10% of global need

3% of developing countries' needs

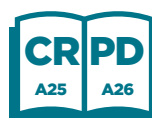
Making all health care services accessible to people with disabilities is achievable and will reduce unacceptable health disparities



remove physical barriers to health facilities, information and equipment



make health care affordable



train all health care workers in disability issues including rights



invest in specific services such as rehabilitation