



# actions to achieve health equity for persons with disabilities

## Political commitment, leadership, and governance

- 1 Prioritize health equity for persons with disabilities
- 2 Establish a human rights-based approach to health
- 3 Assume a stewardship role for disability inclusion in the health sector
- 4 Make international cooperation more effective by increasing funding to address health inequities for persons with disabilities
- 5 Integrate disability inclusion in national health strategies, including preparedness and response plans for health emergencies
- 6 Set actions that are specific to the health sector in national disability strategies or plans
- 7 Establish a committee or a focal point in the Ministry of Health for disability inclusion
- 8 Integrate disability inclusion in the accountability mechanisms of the health sector
- 9 Create disability networks, partnerships and alliances
- 10 Ensure the existing mechanisms for social protection support the diverse health needs of persons with disabilities

## Health financing

- 11 Adopt progressive universalism as a core principle, and as a driver of health financing, putting persons with disabilities at the centre
- 12 Consider health services for specific impairments and health conditions in packages of care for universal health coverage
- 13 Include into health-care budgets the costs of making facilities and services accessible

## Engagement of stakeholders and private sector providers

- 14 Engage persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in health sector processes
- 15 Include gender-sensitive actions that target persons with disabilities in the strategies to empower people in their communities
- 16 Engage the providers of informal support for persons with disabilities
- 17 Engage persons with disabilities in research and including them in the health research workforce
- 18 Request that providers in the private sector support the delivery of disability-inclusive health services

## Models of care

- 19 Enable the provision of integrated people-centred care that is accessible and close to where people live

- 20 Ensure universal access to assistive products

- 21 Invest more finances in support persons, interpreters, and assistants to meet the health needs of persons with disabilities

- 22 Consider the full spectrum of health services along a continuum of care for persons with disabilities

- 23 Strengthen models of care for children with disabilities

- 24 Promote deinstitutionalization

## Health and care workforce

- 25 Develop competencies for disability inclusion in the education of all health and care workers

- 26 Provide training in disability inclusion for all health service providers

- 27 Ensure the availability of a skilled health and care workforce

- 28 Include persons with disabilities in the health and care workforce

- 29 Train all non-medical staff working in the health sector on issues related to accessibility and respectful communication

- 30 Guarantee free and informed consent for persons with disabilities

## Physical infrastructure

- 31 Incorporate a universal design-based approach to the development or refurbishment of health facilities and services

- 32 Provide appropriate reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities

## Digital technologies for health

- 33 Adopt a systems-approach to the digital delivery of health services with health equity as a key principle

- 34 Adopt international standards for accessibility of digital health technologies

## Quality of care

- 35 Integrate the specific needs and priorities of persons with disabilities into existing health safety protocols

- 36 Ensure disability-inclusive feedback mechanisms for quality of health services

- 37 Consider the specific needs of persons with disabilities in systems to monitor care pathways

## Monitoring and evaluation

- 38 Create a monitoring and evaluation plan for disability inclusion

- 39 Integrate indicators for disability inclusion into the monitoring and evaluation frameworks of country health systems

## Health policy and systems research

- 40 Develop a national health policy and systems research agenda on disability

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