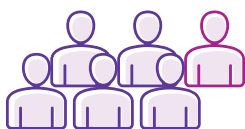


Health equity for persons with disabilities

1.3 BILLION people globally have significant disability



1 in 6 people

80% is the estimated number of persons with disabilities living in **low- and middle-income countries** where access to basic health services are especially limited for persons with disabilities

Persons with disabilities experience health inequities

Many of them:



Are likely to die **20 years** earlier



Experience poorer health – having more than **double** the risk of developing conditions such as diabetes, stroke or depression



Have more limitations in functioning – for example inaccessible health facilities are up to **6 times** more hindering for them



Health inequities arise from unfair conditions that affect persons with disabilities disproportionately. These conditions are part of the socioeconomic and political context, social determinants of health, risk factors, and health system barriers

Investing in health equity for persons with disabilities means investing in **Health for All**, bringing high dividends to individuals and communities

There could be a

US\$10 return **per** **US\$1 spent**

on implementing disability inclusive prevention and care for noncommunicable diseases

Interventions such as family planning and vaccination could be highly cost-effective when provided in disability inclusive manner, despite the additional cost required

Achieving



SDG 3

and the global health priorities of



pursuing universal health coverage



preventing and responding to health emergencies



promoting healthier populations

FOR ALL requires action to address health inequities for persons with disabilities

Countries are only



steps away from achieving health equity for persons with disabilities

All governments and health sector partners need to commit to **3 recommended principles** when implementing actions



Include health equity at the center of all actions



Empower and include persons with disabilities



Monitor the impact of health sector actions for persons with disabilities

