Development of the WHO-UNICEF Global Report on Assistive Technology

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GReAT mandate

SEVENTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
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Improving access to assistive technology

Director-General:

Prepare a global report on effective access to assistive technology in the integrated approach, based on the best available scientific evidence and experience, with the participation of all relevant units within the Secretariat and in all relevant stakeholders, giving consideration to the possibility of Advisory Group, within existing resources, for this purpose;
GReAT aims

• Showcase current status
• Inform about needs and benefits
• Make recommendations for actions
• Support implementation of the CRPD and making UHC inclusive
A solid foundation
GReAT contents

• Experiences of users and their families
• Understanding AT
• Current situation
• Challenges and solutions
• Global developments
• Enabling environments
• Recommendations
Target audience

• Priority:
  • Policy makers
  • Providers
  • Donors
  • Industry leaders

• All groups: policy makers, development actors, service providers, users and potential users and their families, private sector entities, nongovernmental organizations, philanthropic foundations, academic institutions, manufacturers, media, and broader community
Development plan

- **GReAT Structure**
  - Nov 2019
  - Review by EAG Aug

- **GReAT Draft 1**
  - Jul 2020
  - Review by EAG, WHO Feb

- **GReAT Draft 2**
  - Jan 2021
  - Review by EAG, peers Jun

- **GReAT Draft 3**
  - May 2021
  - Online regional consultations Jun–Jul

- **GReAT Draft 4**
  - Aug 2021
  - Review by EAG, WHO Sept
  - GReAT Summit Sept

- **GReAT Draft 5**
  - Oct 2021
  - Review by EAG, WHO

- **GReAT Final**
  - Dec 2021
  - Approval by EAG Nov

- **GReAT Launch**
  - May 2022

**Timeline**:
- Preliminary background papers
- Final background papers
- Preliminary country data
- Case studies & 100 quotes
- Final country data
- Case studies & 100 quotes
- GReAT proceedings
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**Event Timeline**:
- Online regional consultations Jun–Jul
- GReAT Summit Sept
- Review by EAG, WHO
- Approval by EAG

**Drafts**:
- GReAT Draft 1
- GReAT Draft 2
- GReAT Draft 3
- GReAT Draft 4
- GReAT Draft 5

**Procedures**:
- Review by EAG
- Review by EAG, WHO
- Review by EAG, peers
Effects

Better data and concrete recommendations
Greater political and economic support
More assistive technology programmes
Improved access to assistive technology
Increased use of assistive products
Realization of human rights and SDGs

Improved access to assistive technology

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