

# Workstreams of the WHO Disability Health Equity Network



## **Workstream 1:** **Build leadership on health equity among persons with disabilities**

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This workstream is intended to strengthen leadership and advocacy capacities among persons with disabilities and their representative organizations (OPDs) in the area of health equity. Its overarching goal is to enhance OPDs' ability to advocate effectively for health equity for persons with disabilities, secure greater resources, and increase their engagement in health sector decision-making and processes.

*Illustrative activities may include identifying and mobilizing global, regional, and national champions from within OPDs; targeted capacity-building initiatives; expanding the role of OPDs in Ministry of Health processes; and influencing global financing mechanisms to allocate resources in support of OPDs.*



## **Workstream 2:** **Elevate health equity for persons with disabilities as a political priority in health**

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This workstream aims to elevate the political prioritization of health equity for persons with disabilities within the global health sector. Its objective is to ensure stronger recognition of health equity by political leaders, a more prominent place for the issue on the global health agenda, increased commitment from governments, mainstream health actors, and the private sector, and greater financial resources directed toward disability within the health sector.

*Illustrative activities may include establishing mechanisms, such as global advocacy campaigns, to influence political decision-makers; engaging mainstream health actors and private sector partners in the Disability Health Equity Network; advocating in high-level forums and meetings; aligning efforts with key initiatives, such as UHC 2030 and the NCD Alliance; and influencing global financing mechanisms to prioritize disability-related health equity.*



### **Workstream 3:**

#### **Create a disability inclusive health sector**

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This workstream will focus on integrating disability inclusion into national health system strengthening reforms, in alignment with the recommended actions of the WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities. Its objective is to engage national policy makers in advancing the inclusion of persons with disabilities within health systems.

*Example activities may include building advocacy around inclusive sexual and reproductive health services, advocacy towards integrating mandatory training on disability inclusion as part of educational curricula of health professionals, or activities related to making digital technologies accessible for persons with disabilities.*



### **Workstream 4:**

#### **Establish robust indicators, evidence and monitoring**

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This workstream will have particular focus on data, evidence and research. The workstream will work towards influencing Member States to adopt global indicators on health equity for persons with disabilities, better quality data on disability at country level, and more funding for implementation research.

*Example activities may include advocacy for more data at country level, stimulating more and better research on health equity, which includes persons with disabilities as a core part of it, nurturing collaborations between researchers and stronger global research networks, or advocating for more funding of implementation research.*

**Note:** A detailed workplan for each of the 4 workstreams, outlining specific objectives, activities, expected outcomes, and timelines, will be developed by the Chair, Co-Chair, and workstream members during the inaugural meeting of the Network.