Health equity for persons with disabilities

**1.3 BILLION**

1 in 6 people

- People globally have significant disability
- 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 disproportionally.** 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 **40** 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 section actions for persons with disabilities**