Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities
Why this report now?

The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities

REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to develop, in close consultation with Member States and relevant international organizations and other stakeholders, by the end of 2022, a global report on the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities, to be submitted for consideration by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 152nd session, that addresses
Health inequities need to be addressed

- Persons with disabilities experience **poor health outcomes**
- The health sector has a **responsibility** to address
- Disability inclusive approaches **benefit many**
- Disability inclusive approaches in the health sector are a **smart investment**
Leaving No One Behind

Achieving

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
What does the evidence tell us?
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1.3 BILLION
people globally have significant disability

1 in 6 people
What does the evidence tell us? [2/3]

- **Premature death**
  - up to 20 years earlier

- **Poorer health**
  - More than double the risk

- **More limitations in functioning**
  - Health facilities are six times as hindering
  - Transportation is 15 times hindering
These health inequities are due to unfair conditions which affect persons with disabilities disproportionately.
Contributing factors to health inequities...

- Structural factors
- Health system factors
- Social determinants
- Risk factors
For example, Coumba’s experience...

“No, no, no! We don’t want to take care of her!” These were the words that Coumba, from Dakar, Senegal, heard repeatedly when she sought care to deliver her baby.

Four health centers refused her, because disability would make the delivery “too complicated”.
It is time to take action!
A disability-inclusive health sector brings dividends for individuals and communities.

For every US$1 spent on disability inclusive NCD prevention and care, the return on investment could be US$10.
Framework for health sector strengthening through Primary Health Care approach

**10 strategic entry points**

**40 actions**
1. Include health equity for persons with disabilities at the centre of any health sector action.

2. Ensure empowerment and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations when implementing any health sector action.

3. Monitor and evaluate the extent to which health sector actions lead to health equity for persons with disabilities.
Implementation

Disability Inclusion in the Health Sector: A Guide for Action

- Strategic planning
- Context specific actions
- Improve accountability and monitoring