

Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities





SEVENTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities¹

REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to develop, in close consultation with Member States¹ 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





- 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





Achieving



SDG₃

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?

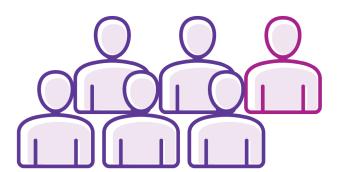


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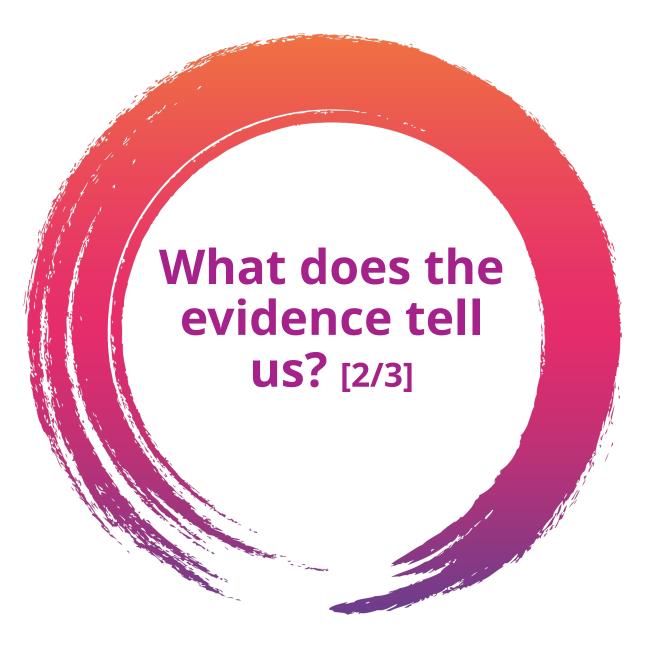
BILLION

people globally have significant disability



1 in 6 people





Premature death

• up to 20 years earlier

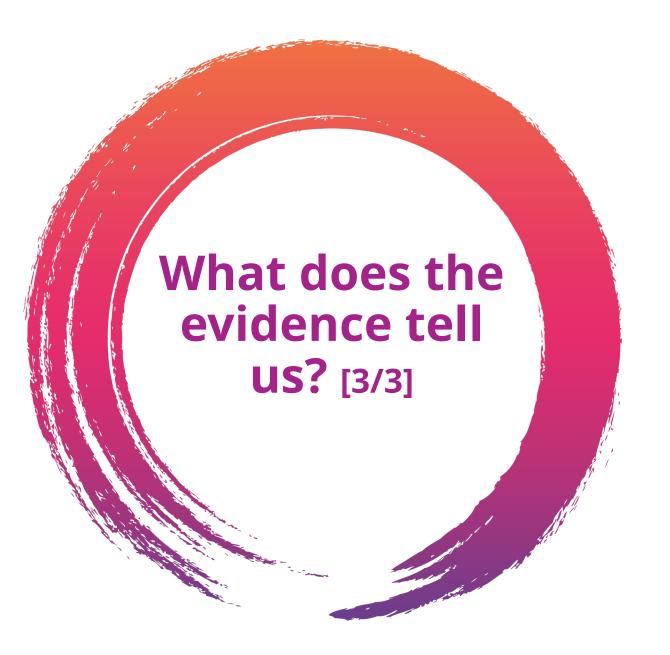
Poorer health

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".













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.



APPROACH

STRATEGIC ENTRY POINTS

RESULTS

World Health Organization

Framework for

Integrated health services with an emphasis on primary care and essential public health functions

Empower people and communities

Multisectoral policy and action

- Political commitment, leadership, and governance
- 2. Health financing
- 3. Engagement of communities and other stakeholders
- 4. Models of care
- 5. Health and care workforce
- 6. Physical infrastructure
- 7. Digital technologies for health
- Systems for improving the quality of care
- 9. Monitoring and evaluation
- 10. Health policy and systems re

Improved access, utilization and quality



Improved participation, literacy and care seeking



Improved determinants of health

Universal Health Coverage 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.
- 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