



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

3 December 2019

2019 THEME

Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda

With the sentiment of empowering disabled people and leaving no one behind through adherence of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the international community should strive for a more inclusive society. As a part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, it is also important to account gender-based violence for people with disabilities.



DID YOU KNOW?



OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION HAVE DISABILITIES



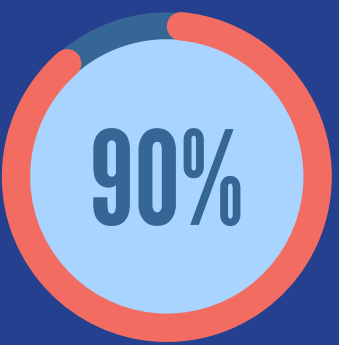
1 BILLION PEOPLE



People with disabilities are the largest minorities in the world.

Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Factsheet on Persons with Disabilities

IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,



OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL



This leads to a decrease in adult literacy for people with disabilities, ultimately impacting their employment.

Source: UN DESA, Factsheet on Persons with Disabilities

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IS **1.7 TIMES** MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR THAN THOSE WITHOUT DISABILITIES



Source: UN DESA, Factsheet on Persons with Disabilities

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES ARE **MORE DISADVANTAGED** DUE TO DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER AND DISABILITY

Gender gaps in various parts of society in addition to having a disability makes women more vulnerable and unaccounted for.



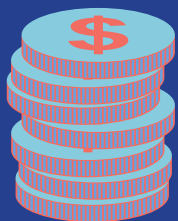
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1 IN 5 OF THE WORLD'S POOREST PEOPLE HAVE DISABILITIES

Their economic status prevents them from seeking help, receiving proper healthcare and pursuing education.



Source: Global Disability Rights, Link Between the Sustainable Development Goals and the CRPD

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Calls for equal access to education for all, including disabled people, to improve literacy rates of disabled adults

Highlights the need for a sustainable and inclusive economy with a productive and fair work environment for all

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Source: UN DESA, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Disability; United Nations

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Urges for reducing inequalities by promoting diverse social and political inclusion for persons with disabilities, especially women with disabilities

Envisions a more inclusive, safe and sustainable city by providing better accessibility and usable features for people with disabilities

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



GWI INITIATIVES

33rd Triennial General Assembly Policy Resolution No. 8 2019 Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals):

Urge governments to adhere to the implementation of the SDGs and reaffirm commitments to the goals for effective achievement.



2008 Bina Roy Partners in Development Project with Cameroon Association of University Women:

Promoted self-esteem and economic independence of women and girls who are disabled through education, while also encouraging communities to respect and care for people with disabilities.



CALL FOR ACTION

Increase visibility of women with disabilities with inclusion in discussions of human rights, education, and health care on the community and legislative level.

Improve education facilities for people with disabilities to ensure equal access to education and an opportunity for fair employment .



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence



NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10

Source: United Nations

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