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

DID YOU KNOW?

15% OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION HAVE DISABILITIES

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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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.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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

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

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.

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.

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