Better health for people with disabilities

World Health Organization

Over 1 BILLION people globally experience disability

1 in 7 people

People with disabilities have the same general health care needs as others

But they are:

2x more likely to find health care providers' skills and facilities inadequate

3x more likely to be denied health care

4x more likely to be treated badly in the health care system

1/2 of people with disabilities cannot afford health care

They are:
50% more likely to suffer catastrophic health expenditure

These out-of-pocket health care payments can push a family into poverty

Rehabilitation and assistive devices can enable people with disabilities to be independent

200 MIL people need glasses or other low-vision devices and do not have access to them

70 MIL people need a wheelchair. Only 5-15% have access to one

360 MIL people globally have moderate to profound hearing loss

Production of hearing aids only meets:

10% of global need   **3%** of developing countries' needs

Making all health care services accessible to people with disabilities is achievable and will reduce unacceptable health disparities

remove physical barriers to health facilities, information and equipment

make health care affordable

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train all health care workers in disability issues including rights

invest in specific services such as rehabilitation

Source: World report on disability: www.who.int/disabilities/world_report