

# Better health for people with disabilities



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



train all health care workers in disability issues including rights



invest in specific services such as rehabilitation