

Research and Statistics

Findings from the World Health Organization's
World Report on Disability (2011)

The Global Situation



- Around 150 million adults experience significant difficulties in functioning
- Disability prevalence is increasing
- Disability disproportionately affects vulnerable populations: women, older people and poor households

- The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) defines disability as a complex phenomenon, reflecting the interaction between features of a person's body and features of the society in which he or she lives.
- Based on the ICF definition of disability, over a billion people worldwide and 19% of the Ugandan population are estimated to have some form of disability.
- The prevalence of disability is predicted to increase in the future due to ageing populations and an increase in chronic health conditions hence the need to urgently deal with global disability.

Barriers

People with disabilities face barriers in all areas of life including:

- Education
- Employment
- Social and Political Life
- Community Participation
- Health

Costs are a Major Barrier



1/2

of people with
disabilities cannot
afford health care

They are:

50%

more likely to suffer
catastrophic health
expenditure

Barriers to Health

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



Barriers also prevent access to rehabilitation and assistive devices which can enable people with disabilities to participate and be independent



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

Barriers have Negative Consequences

- Lower educational achievements
- Lower levels of employment
- Higher rates of poverty
- Poorer health outcomes

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