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