

EVERY DAY

Women and girls with disabilities are...

EXCLUDED

Less than 42% of women with disabilities have completed primary school education¹



WORKING HARD

Women with disabilities often experience unequal hiring and promotion practices, unequal pay for equal work and occupational segregation⁴



ABUSED

Women with disabilities are at a heightened risk of violence, exploitation and abuse compared to other women²



FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS

Thanks to the efforts of women with disabilities many nations have recognized the need for policy changes



LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

Women with disabilities face significant barriers in accessing adequate housing and services³



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

173 countries have now ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and promised to take steps to empower women and girls with disabilities⁵



Be informed! Get involved! www.un.org/disabilities enable@un.org

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5. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities : adopted by the General Assembly, 24 January 2007, A/RES/61/106, Article 6