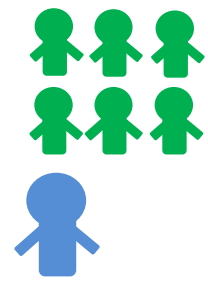# The Invisibility of Disability

Why disability statistics matter

1 BILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITH DISABILITY
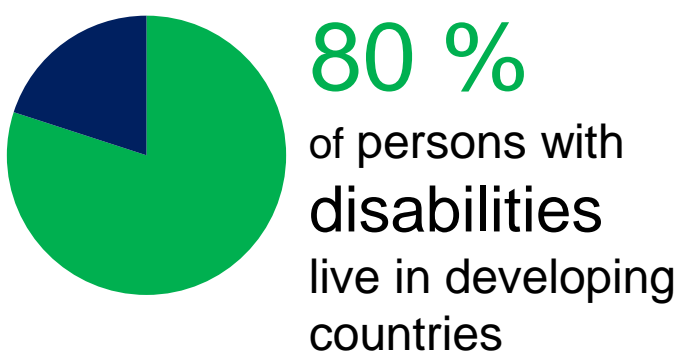
Source: WHO (2011) World Report on Disability

1 OUT OF 7 HAS A DISABILITY

Source: WHO (2011) World Report on Disability

The lack of data and statistics on disability contributes to the invisibility of persons with disabilities. This presents an obstacle to achieving development planning and implementation to improve the lives and well-being of persons with disabilities.

80 % of persons with **disabilities** live in developing countries

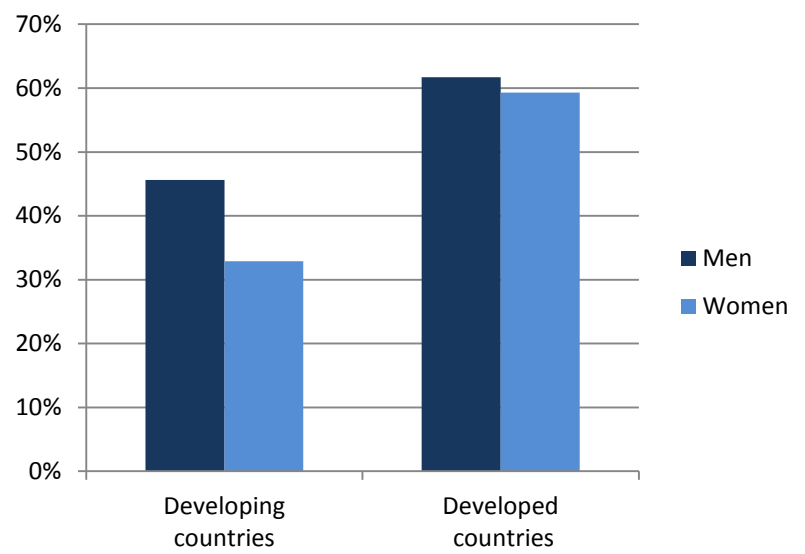Source: WHO & World Bank , World Report on Disability (2011)

150 million **children** (under the age of 18) have a **disability**

Source: UNICEF, The State of World's Children (2006)

Having **disability** increases the cost of living by about a **third** of average income
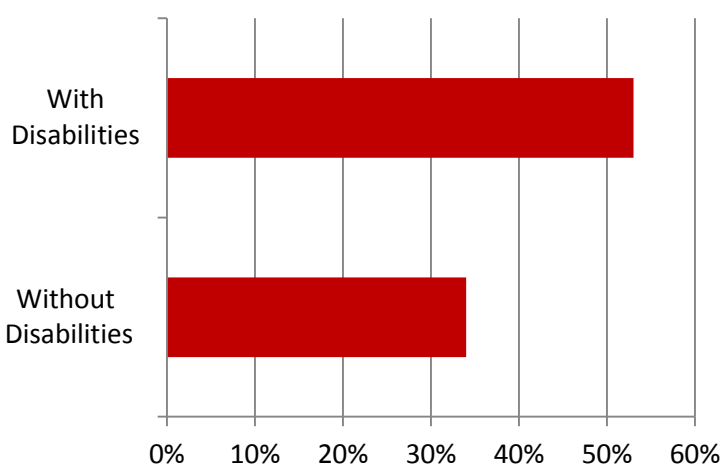
Source: United Nations (2015)

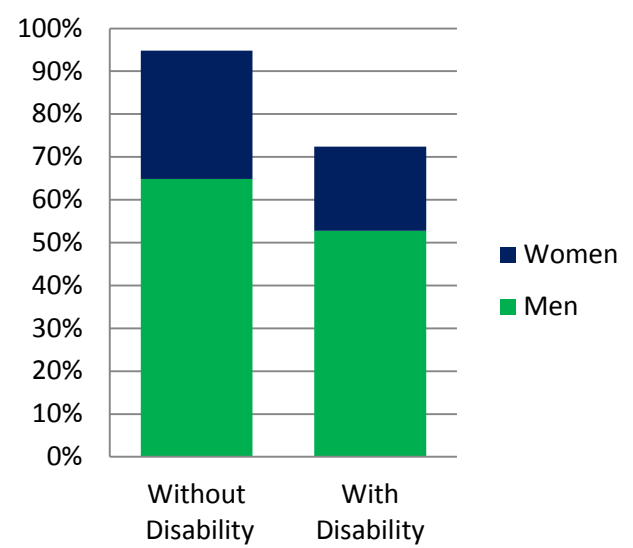### Primary school completion among persons with disabilities, 2002, 51 countries

Men
Women

Developing countries
Developed countries

Source: WHO & World Bank , World Report on Disability (2011)

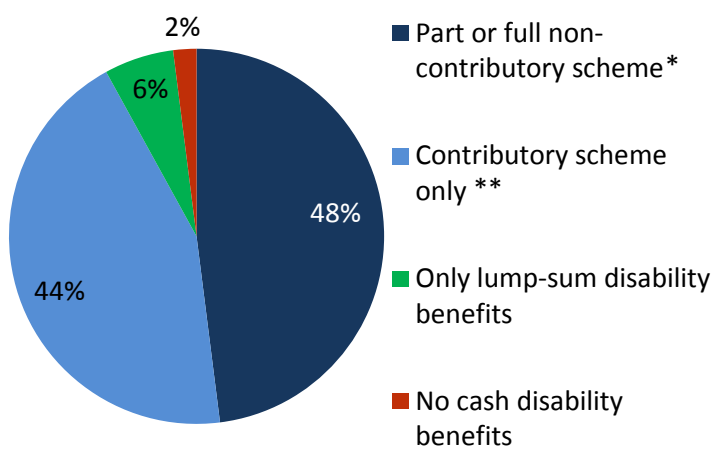### Persons with and without disability who cannot afford health care, 2002/3, 51 countries

With Disabilities
Without Disabilities

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%

Source: WHO & World Bank , World Report on Disability (2011)

Employment rate of persons with and without disabilities, 2002/3, 51 countries

Women
Men

Without Disability
With Disability

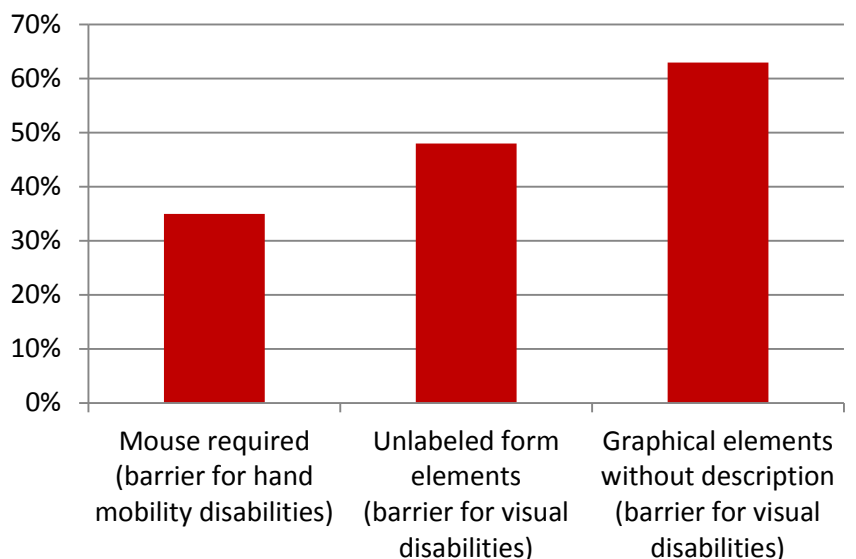Source: WHO & World Bank , World Report on Disability (2011)

Social protection for persons with disabilities by type of programme and benefit, 2012/13, in 183 countries

- 48% Part or full non-contributory scheme*
- 44% Contributory scheme only **
- 6% Only lump-sum disability benefits
- 2% No cash disability benefits

* Requires no direct contribution from beneficiaries or their employers. These schemes are usually financed through taxes or other state revenues.
** Only protects persons who have made contributions during a qualifying period.

Source: ILO, World Social Protection Report (2014)

Countries with accessibility barriers in their online national portals, 2012, 193 countries

Mouse required (barrier for hand mobility disabilities)
Unlabeled form elements (barrier for visual disabilities)
Graphical elements without description (barrier for visual disabilities)

Source: United Nations , E-Government Survey (2002)

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

GOAL 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals:

"Increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by **disability**" – Target 17.18

Support data collection and disability-inclusion

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