

Inclusive, Sustainable, Prosperous and Resilient Health Systems in Asia and the Pacific

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Investing in Actions Addressing Disability

Explore disability inclusion as an essential component of universal health coverage in Asia and the Pacific. Highlight strategies to mainstream inclusive policies, expand service delivery, and address attitudinal and systemic barriers through multisectoral collaboration, capacity building, and regional knowledge sharing.

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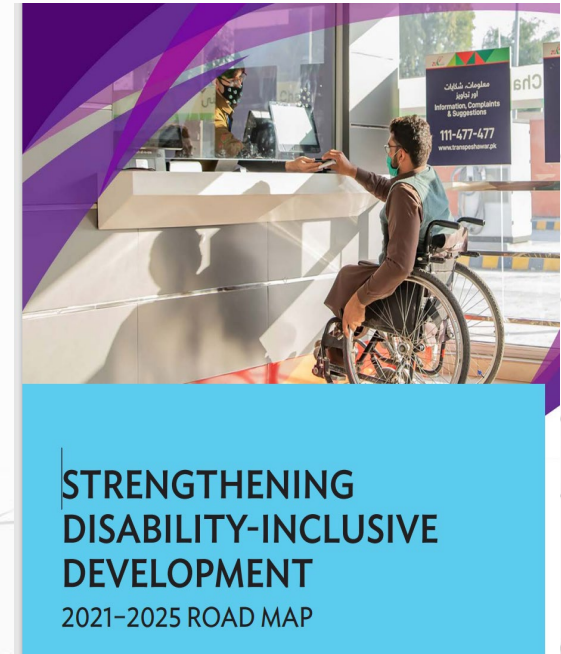
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Setting the Scene

- **Poverty and disability** are interrelated.
- **By 2050, one in four people in Asia and the Pacific will be over 60 years old.** In a few decades, the region will become one of the oldest in the world and will have a larger percentage of people with disabilities.
- In low and middle-income countries, the loss to GDP from the exclusion of people with disabilities from the labor market is estimated to be **between 3% and 7% of GDP.**
- ADB promotes disability inclusion in investments to address one of the important remaining “left behind” vulnerable groups and drivers of poverty and inequality in the region.

Current estimates are around 700 million people in the region with disabilities



**STRENGTHENING
DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE
DEVELOPMENT**
2021-2025 ROAD MAP

MONGOLIA: Ensuring Inclusiveness and Service Delivery for Persons with Disabilities project

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About the Project

Outcome: Access to services and employment for people with disabilities increased.

Outputs: 1. Early identification of children with disabilities strengthened



Developed a new model of early identification of delays in children's development to identify early symptoms of disability in children aged 9, 18, and 36 months, and adapted a tool for confirmation of development delays at referral level hospitals (Dr.Bauman's tool).

Outputs:

- Service delivery for persons with disabilities improved
Establish eight Development and Rehabilitation Centers for people with disabilities



Services include individual case management by disability social workers, portage, physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy, counseling, maintenance of assistive devices and prosthesis, and other independent living services.

Outputs:

3. Access to the physical environment improved

Develop, enforce the regulatory framework on physical accessibility norms (infrastructure, transportation, and information); and ensure wide inclusion of people with disabilities in enforcement mechanisms

(i) Draft Bill on a Barrier-free and Accessible Environment to support the independent participation of people with disabilities in social life and enforce accessibility norms in infrastructure, facilities, transport, information, and public sectors.

(ii) Draft amendment to the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2016) to reflect changes in disability statistics and social assistance.

4. Work and employment for persons with disabilities improved.

Establish the Employment Support Center (infrastructure, equipment, training, and capacity building) and set up models to improve general job matching and brokerage