

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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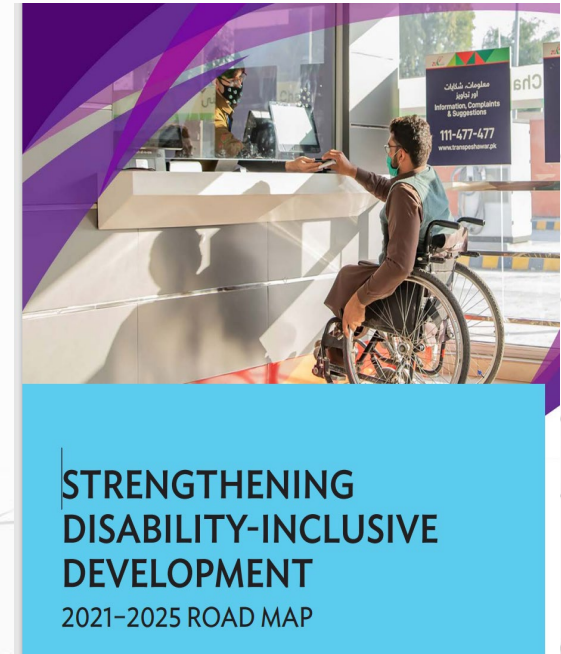
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Setting the Scene

- **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



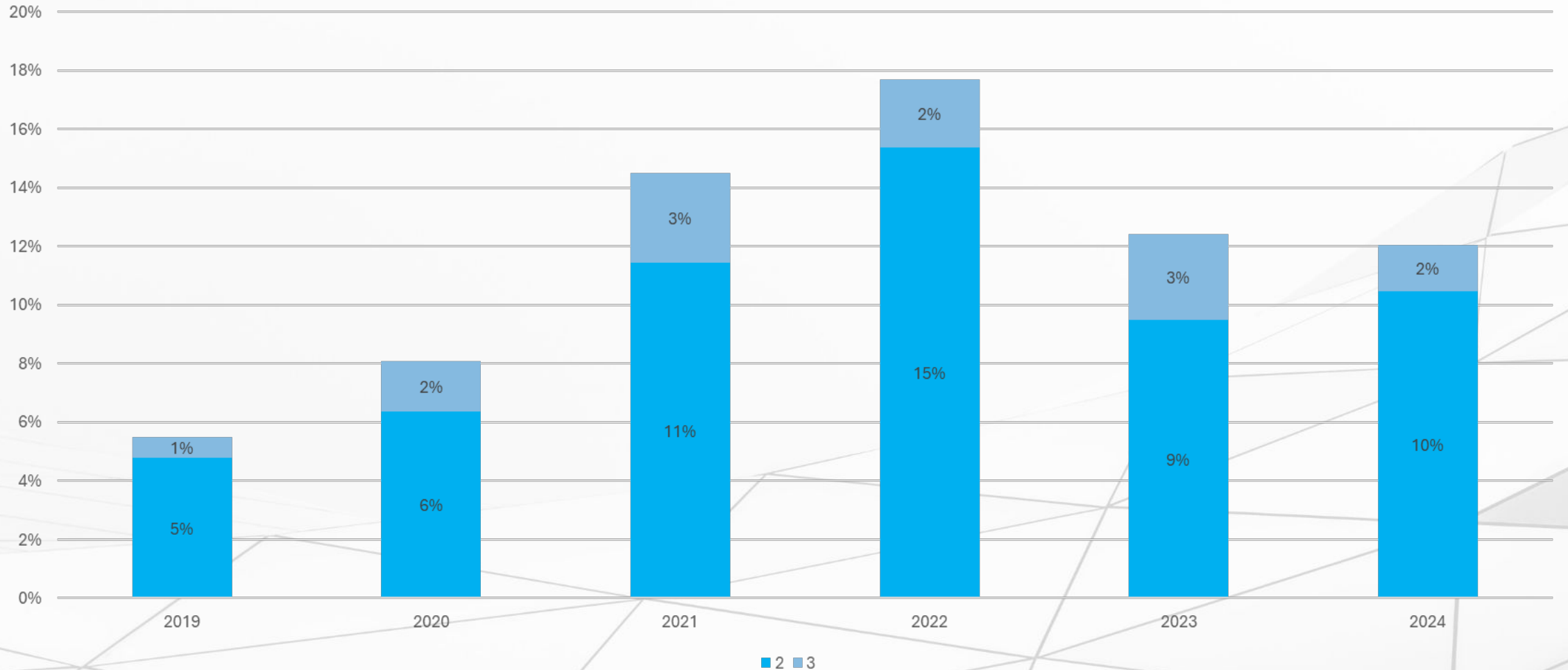
**STRENGTHENING
DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE
DEVELOPMENT**
2021-2025 ROAD MAP

ADB is committed to an inclusive Asia and the Pacific

- **Component 1:** Coordinate action on disability inclusion and develop capacity within ADB.
- **Component 2:** Establish strategic partnerships to leverage impact.
- **Component 3:** Establish a culture of data collection, disaggregation, and publishing disability-sensitive analysis.
- **Component 4:** Develop sectoral guidelines and gradually expand portfolio of disability-inclusive development interventions.
- **Component 5:** Develop a Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Framework that sets the blueprint for mainstreaming disability inclusion across ADB's employment and business practices.



Disability inclusive operations as annual %



From Vision to Action: ASEAN's Ongoing Commitment to Advancing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Mr. Miguel Musngi, Head Poverty Eradication and General
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ASEAN's commitment to promoting disability rights and inclusion is embodied in the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 across its three pillars. It is anchored on the 10 ASEAN Member States' commitment to these international and regional frameworks:



The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) (2006) underpins ASEAN's efforts and sets the international standard for disability rights.



The Incheon Strategy (2012) provides a concrete set of goals and targets to implement the rights of persons with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region, aiming to "Make the Right Real."



While focused on gender equality, the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan (2017) complement the Incheon Strategy by addressing the intersectional challenges faced by women and girls with disabilities and advocating for their empowerment and inclusion.



Bali Declaration (2011) reinforces commitment to the rights and participation of persons with disabilities.



Mobilisation Framework (2011-2020) provides a framework for regional cooperation on disability inclusion.

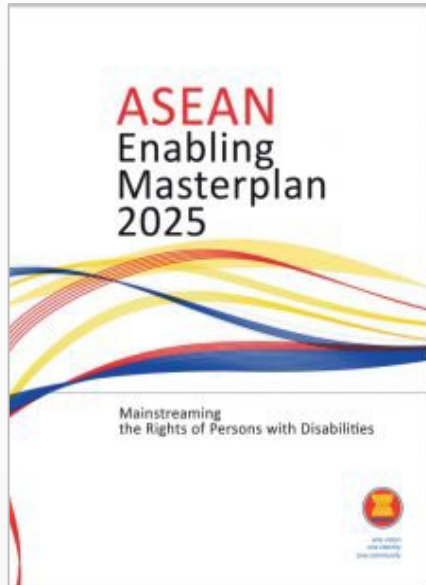


ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (2012) enshrines disability rights within the broader human rights framework.



ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2018) is the first cross-pillar framework on disability rights in ASEAN.

The ASEAN ENABLING MASTERPLAN 2025: MAINSTREAMING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



- **Adopted at the 33rd ASEAN Summit in 2018**
- **RBME Framework endorsed by AMMSWD in 2021**

- ASEAN's regional action plan for **mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities** in all aspects of its regional development agenda.
- Officially launched in Bangkok, Thailand, on December 3, 2018.
- The Masterplan is **operationalized by all relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies** according to their respective priority areas. Sectoral Bodies will be responsible for translating the Masterplan's 76 key action points into specific programs, projects, and activities as part of their respective work plans.
- Effective implementation of the Masterplan also hinges on Sectoral Bodies developing responsive frameworks to **monitor and report on challenges and progress** made in implementing Masterplan-inspired action through their projects.

ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and ASCC Strategic Plan

Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future, 6 May 2025

- Resolving to realise a resilient, innovative, dynamic and **people-centred ASEAN** by 2045 in which ASEAN Member States are united by regional solidarity and cooperation

ASEAN Community Vision 2045 – “Resilient, Innovative, Dynamic, and People-Centred ASEAN”

- We shall place the **ASEAN peoples at the heart of our efforts** and ensure the meaningful and inclusive participation of all stakeholders in our ASEAN Community-building process.
- We shall uphold the principles of democracy, the rule of law and good governance, **respect for and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms**.

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community

- Enhance regional strategy and national policy to strengthen **disability-inclusive development**, contributing to a resilient, inclusive and prosperous ASEAN community that focuses on addressing inequalities and promoting disability empowerment

