

WORLD REPORT ON DISABILITY

Poster series

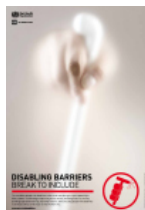
WHO has commissioned a series of posters which allude to the barriers which prevent people with disabilities from living their lives to the fullest. Each poster highlights one of the main areas for action covered in the World report on disability: health, rehabilitation, support and assistance, enabling environments, education and employment.

In the “Breaking barriers” series, people with disabilities are behind a glass wall pushing forward for inclusion. The glass symbolizes the many barriers - physical, attitudinal, institutional - which restrict people with disabilities from participating in all aspects of their societies. The hammer with three hands symbolizes that concerted action can break barriers and promote inclusion. The accompanying text indicates some of the concrete measures that can be taken.

The “Breaking barriers” series was prepared by researchers at Fabrica, a communication research centre based in Venice, Italy. The posters are available to WHO’s partners for awareness raising and for visual support to disability-related events. These posters may also be used under glass at bus stops, giving viewers the optical illusion of real glass. The posters are currently available in English.

Should you wish to make use of these posters by adding national data and information, translating and printing them locally, we encourage you to do so. If you would like to request the printer files for the posters, please contact Jelica Vesic at vesicj@who.int.

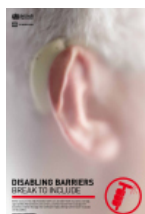
General



DISABLING BARRIERS: BREAK TO INCLUDE

The one billion people with disabilities in the world have the right to participate fully in their societies. Coordinating and planning across sectors, ensuring access to services, providing appropriate training, improving research, and consulting people with disabilities in all these actions can do much to improve their lives.

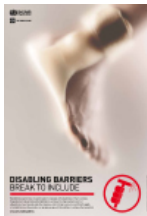
Health care



DISABLING BARRIERS: BREAK TO INCLUDE

Better access to free and affordable health care, broader health insurance coverage, appropriately trained health care workers, and the empowerment of people with disabilities to better manage their own health needs will improve the health of people with disabilities.

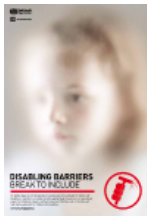
Rehabilitation



DISABLING BARRIERS: BREAK TO INCLUDE

Rehabilitation promotes the participation of people with disabilities in their societies. Integrated and decentralized rehabilitation services; the improved provision of wheelchairs, hearing aids and other devices; and training to ensure a sufficient supply of rehabilitation professionals can enable people with disabilities to achieve their potential.

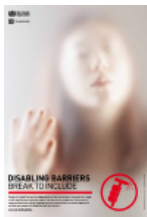
Education



DISABLING BARRIERS: BREAK TO INCLUDE

All children have the right to education. Clear policies on the inclusion of children with disabilities in education, accessible schools, appropriately trained teachers, specialized support for individual students, and the involvement of families and communities will help improve education for children with disabilities.

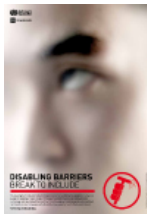
Assistance and support



DISABLING BARRIERS: BREAK TO INCLUDE

People with disabilities can live independently in their communities. Investment in a range of well regulated and responsive support services such as respite care, the services of a personal assistant, and sign language provision among others can ensure dignity and well-being for people with disabilities and their families.

Enabling environments



DISABLING BARRIERS: BREAK TO INCLUDE

The development and enforcement of legislation on accessibility; the adoption of universal design for buildings, roads, modes of transport and information and communication technology; and specialized training for architects, engineers and designers among others can help to ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to their environments.

Employment



DISABLING BARRIERS: BREAK TO INCLUDE

People with disabilities have the right to decent work. Anti-discrimination legislation, accessible workplaces, access to micro-finance and measures such as vocational training and rehabilitation can assist people with disabilities to work and be productive. and training to ensure a sufficient supply of rehabilitation professionals can enable people with disabilities to achieve their potential.