

BULLETIN ON DISABILITY INCLUSION

WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ?

Assistive technology is an umbrella term for assistive products and their related systems and services. Assistive technology enables and promotes the inclusion, participation and engagement of persons with disabilities, ageing populations and people living with chronic conditions in the family, community and all areas of society, including the political, economic and social spheres (*).

Correct answer: One in three people or more than 2.5 people billion globally need at least one assistive product. As the global population ages and the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases increases, this figure will rise to 3.5 billion in 2050 ().*

TOP THREE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

1.  Ensure that assistive products are safe, effective and affordable. **Tailor them** the same way as shoes and clothes (*).
2.  Actively involve users of assistive technology and their families. **Provide training** on using, maintaining and fixing assistive technology (*).
3.  Include assistive technology in **humanitarian responses**. It might be a life-changing moment for PWDs (*).

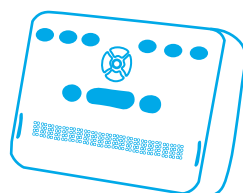
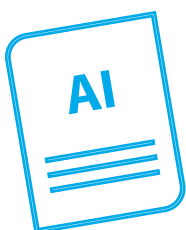
(*) Global report on assistive technology. Geneva: World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 2022. License: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO

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THE 4th TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION OFFERS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES




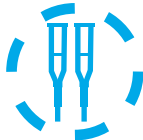



Did you know you can buy X-ray glasses that translate and caption people's speech or a brail computer that allows children with visual impairment to study? Great, right?



Brail computer: Orbit reader

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UNICEF Ethiopia, in cooperation with the Disability Directorate of MoWSA, delivered 162 assistive devices to children with disabilities in Dire Dawa in May 2023. ▼

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20x Wheelchair | 
40x Crutches | 
41x White canes. |
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20x Hearing Aids. | 
41x Recorders | |

QUIZ

How many people globally are in need of at least one assistive product?

- a) 100 million
- b) 2.5 billion
- c) 750
- d) 1 billion

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