Including children with disabilities in everything we do

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UNICEF 2021 global data report reveals that an estimated **1 in every 10 children in the world – 240 million children – has a disability.**

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<td><strong>25%</strong></td>
<td>Less likely to receive early stimulation and responsive care</td>
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<td><strong>34%</strong></td>
<td>More likely to be stunted</td>
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<td><strong>49%</strong></td>
<td>More likely to have never attended school</td>
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<td><strong>32%</strong></td>
<td>More likely to experience severe corporal punishment</td>
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<td><strong>51%</strong></td>
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Including children with disabilities in all aspects of life must be a priority for all of us.
UNICEF REACH: 2022 WORK ON DISABILITY INCLUSION

More than 4.5 million children with disabilities reached across 142 countries.

223,000 children with disabilities reached with assistive devices & inclusive products.

81% UN Disability Inclusion Strategy benchmarks met or exceeded.

68% UNICEF offices met accessibility level 1.

Education:

Child Protection:
- 303,828 children with disabilities and their families provided with community-based mental health and psychosocial support services.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene:
- 1,069,929 people reached with basic hygiene services.

Social Protection:
- 794,747 children with disabilities supported with cash transfers.

UNICEF also supports national Governments and partners on system strengthening, policy development, technical assistance and capacity-building on disability inclusion.
DISABILITY INCLUSION POLICY AND STRATEGY

- Accelerate and scale up disability inclusion across programmes and operations

- Increase investments, capacity, data, research and the number of employees with disabilities

- Significantly scale up disability inclusion through:
  - Early identification, assessment and intervention
  - Addressing stigma and discrimination
  - Community-based inclusive care and support systems
  - Provisioning of assistive technology
  - Disability-inclusive humanitarian action
ACCELERATING COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

- Collect and disaggregate data
- Ensure inclusive design, budgeting and implementation of sectoral policies and programmes
- Develop gender-responsive and inclusive care and support systems
- Strengthen provisioning of assistive technology and harness the potential of artificial intelligence
- Meaningfully involve children and youth with disabilities, their families and their representative organizations
DISABILITY INCLUSION STARTS
WITH ME, WITH YOU, WITH ALL OF US