

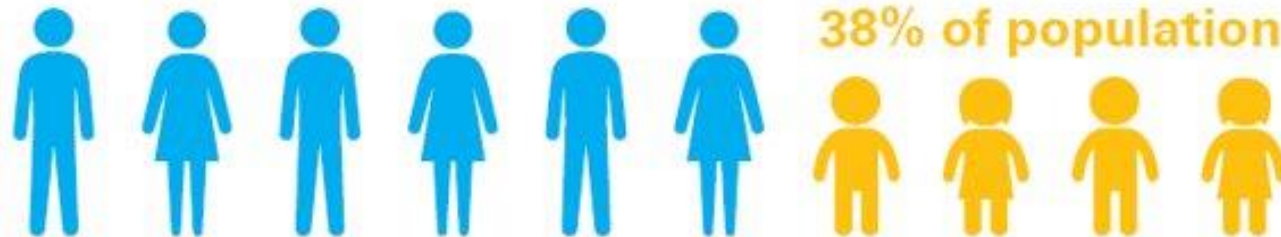


Key Issues for Children in Kyrgyzstan

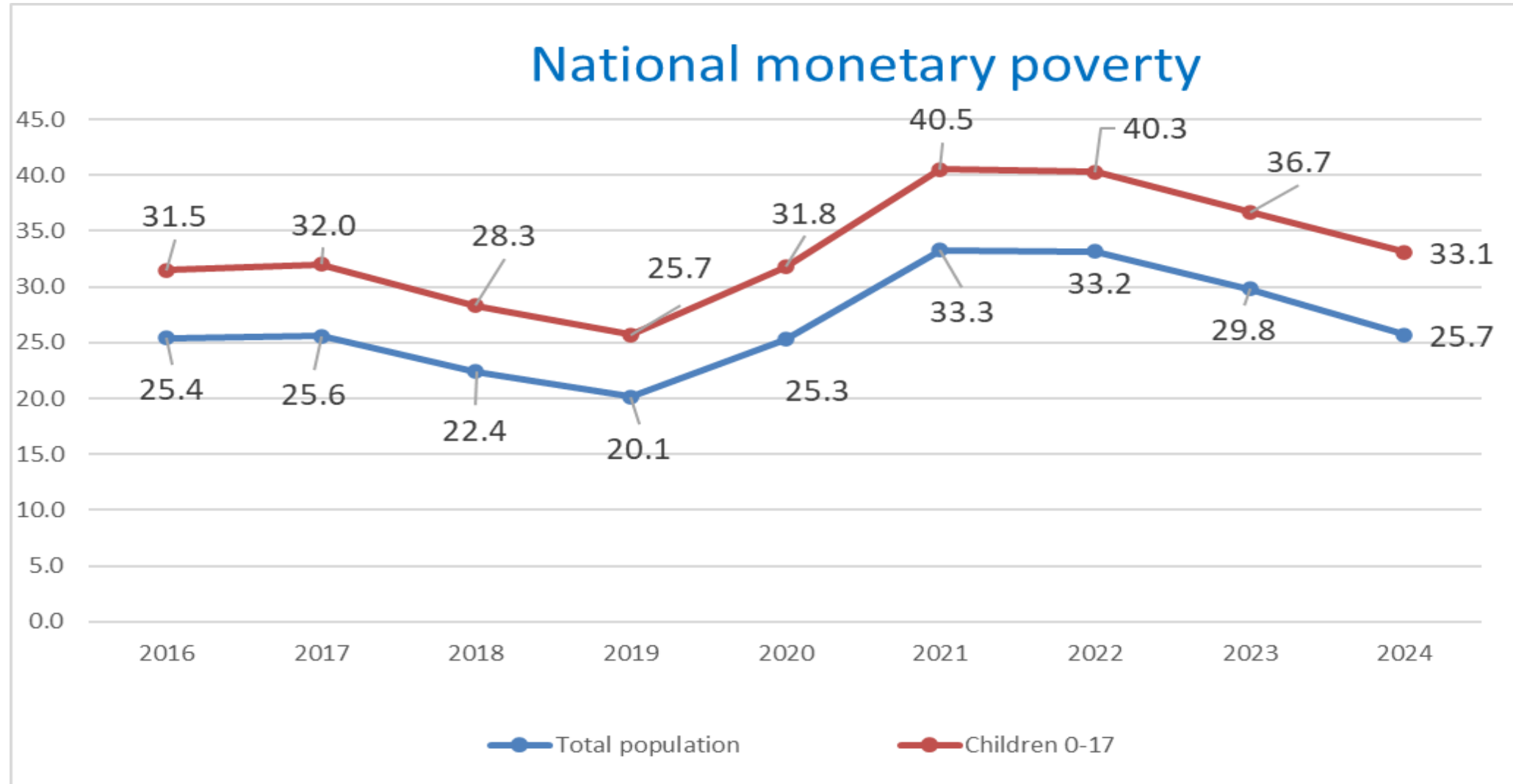
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Child Population in Kyrgyzstan

- 37 % under the age of 18
- 48 % under the age of 25



Standard of Living



Protective Environment for all Children

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65% of children in are affected by violence within the family



20% of children are engaged in child labour

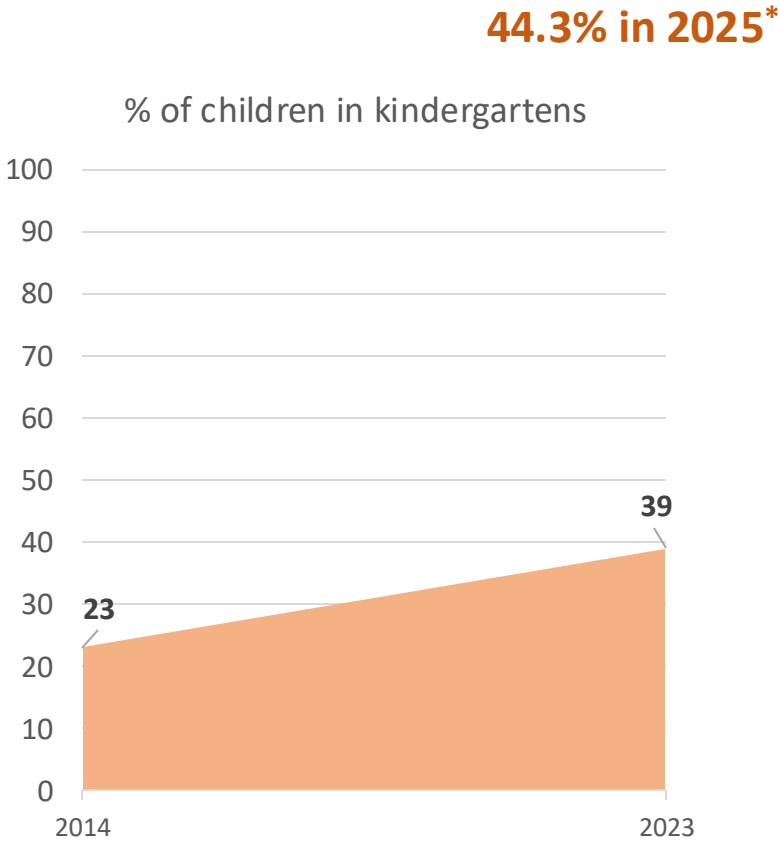
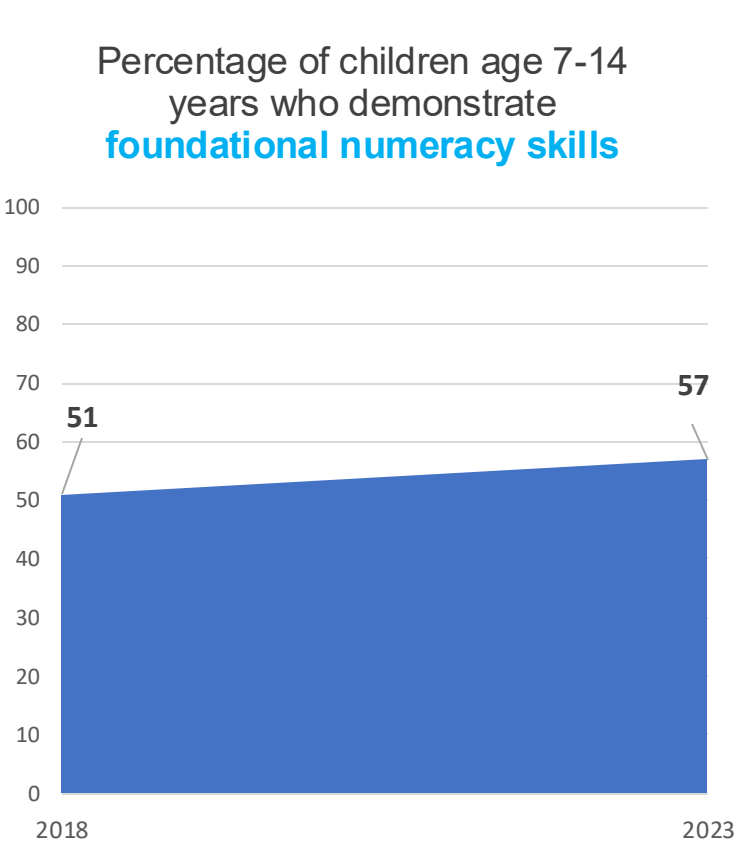
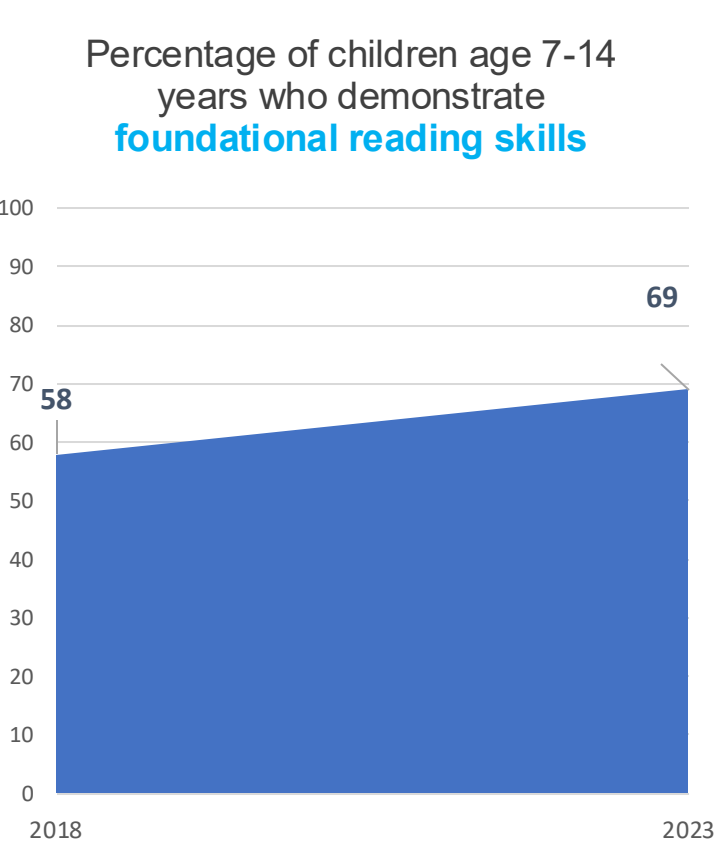


Out of **9,900** children in institutions **30%** have a disability



Poor children **3 times more** likely to be involved in child labour

Education

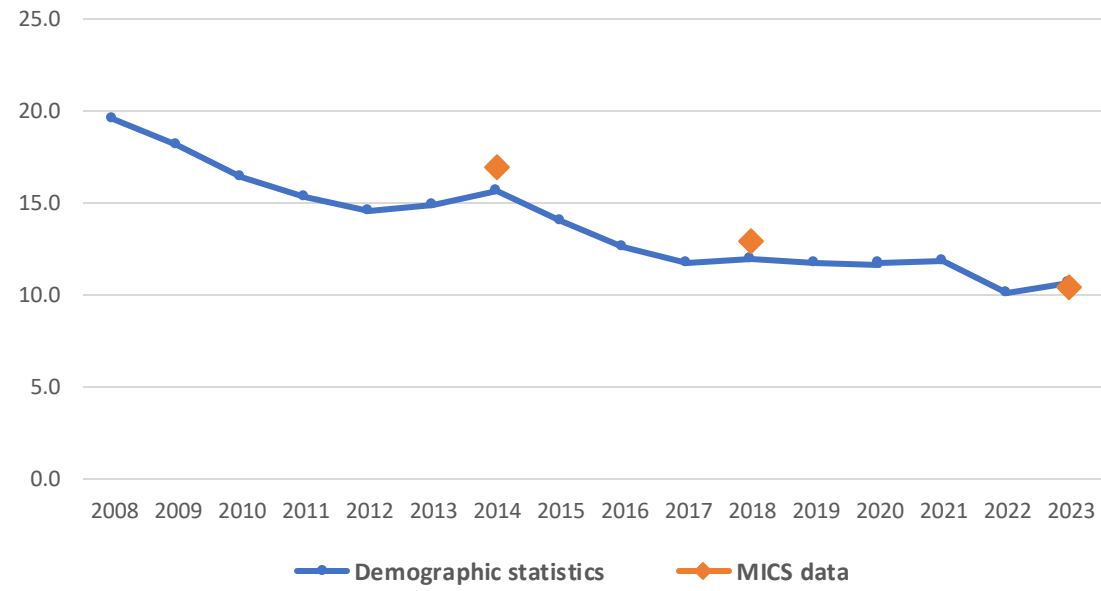


Health & Climate-Resilient Environment

Under 5 mortality is declining



Neonatal mortality rate – **10.4** per **1,000** live births

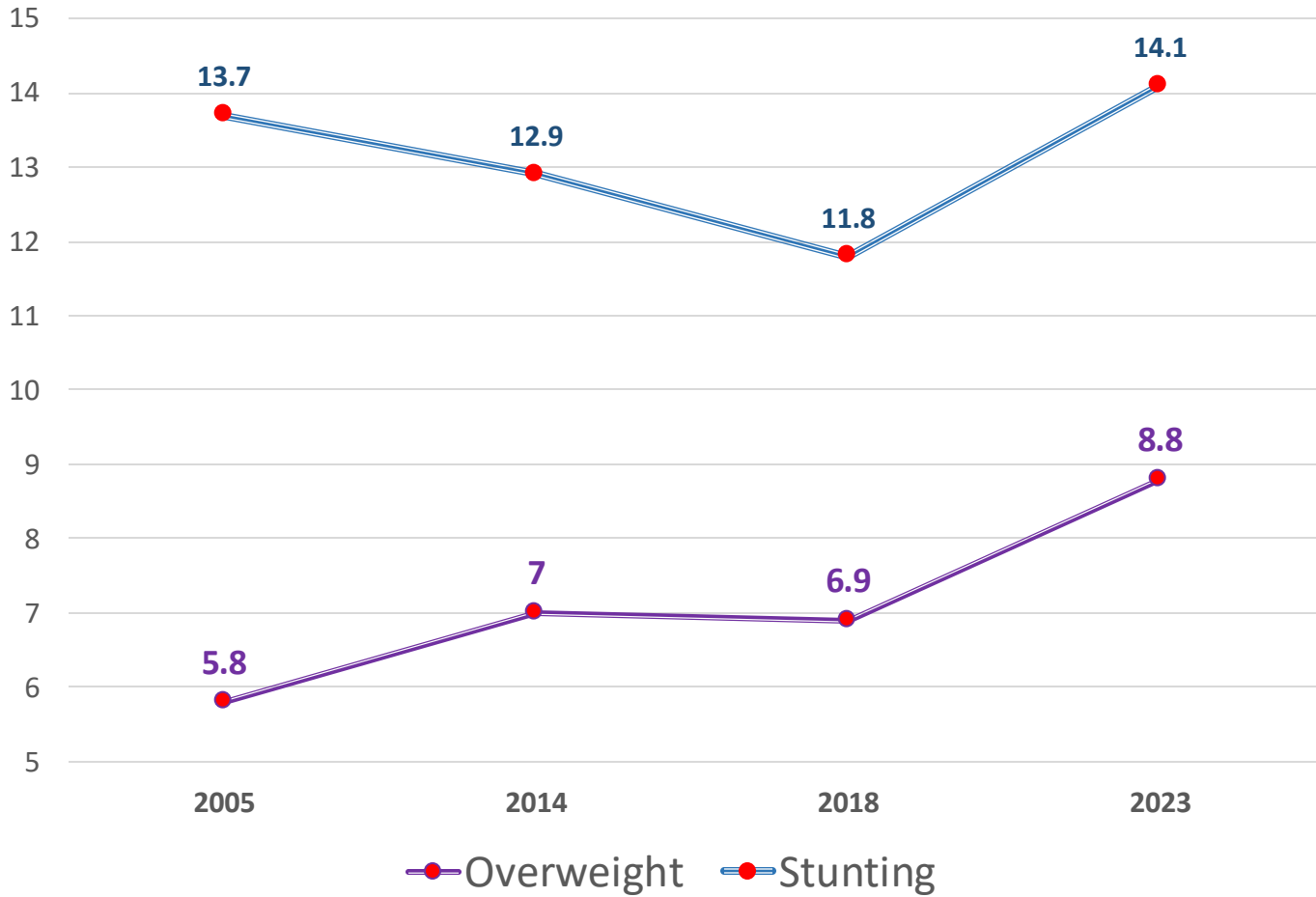


Newborn and pregnant women are most vulnerable to **air pollution**, with children representing 22% of disease burdens attributable to PM2.5 air pollution exposures in Bishkek

Child Nutrition

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Increasing Overweight and Stunting in children <5



Exclusive breastfeeding
until 6 months

remains low

44%
compared to
80% target

Nutrition & investment

Scaling up nutrition interventions will generate substantial health and economic returns, making it one of the best investments for the Kyrgyz Republic's future.

Scenario A



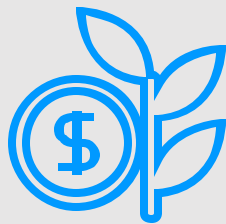
4,143
child deaths
averted



132,340
stunted cases
averted



KGS 135B
total economic
benefits



KGS 22 for every
KGS invested

Scenario B



2,493
child deaths
averted



73,732
stunted cases
averted



KGS 73B
total economic
benefits

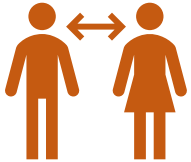


KGS 25 for every
KGS invested

Drivers of Inequities: Gender equality

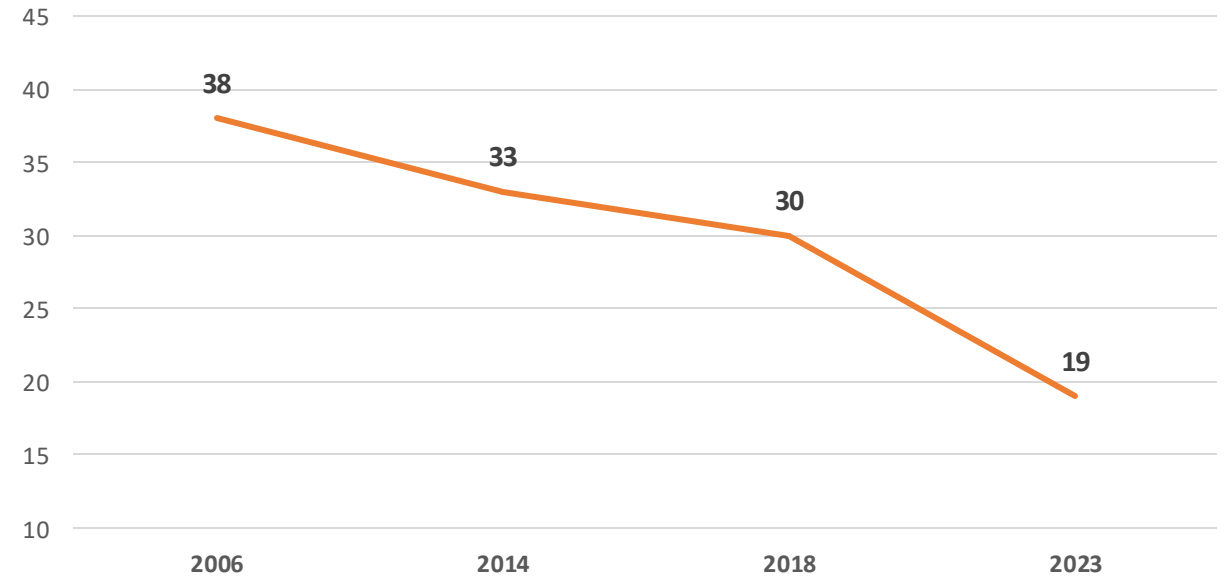


9.2% of women aged 20-24 y.o. married before 18



19.5% of women 15-49 y.o. believe a husband is justified in beating his wife in various circumstances

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who justify wife beating for any of the following reasons:



- 1) she goes out without telling him;
- 2) she neglects the children;
- 3) she argues with him;
- 4) she refuses sex with him;
- 5) she burns the food

Drivers of Inequities: Children With Disabilities

37,627 children (1.4% of child population) are **registered as having a disability** = underestimated

Children with disabilities are disadvantaged:

- ❑ **30%** of children living in institutions have a disability
- ❑ **Lack of early identification and early intervention**
- ❑ Underrepresented in **Early Childhood Education**
- ❑ Overrepresented amongst children **out of school**
- ❑ **Poverty** prevalence in families with a household member with disability
- ❑ Prevailing **medical model** of disability
- ❑ Lack of adapted curriculum and assessment systems
- ❑ Limited teacher training
- ❑ Negative societal perceptions