

ENABLING INCLUSION IN SOCIAL PROTECTION

Social Protection that includes persons with disabilities

The right of persons with disabilities to social protection must be a priority for States and the international community. Inclusive social protection systems contribute significantly to the social participation and inclusion of all persons with disabilities, by ensuring income security and access to social services across the life cycle.

The Special Rapporteur recommends to states:

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Recognition: to ensure that the right of persons with disabilities to social protection is recognized in domestic legislation and is taken into account in national social protection strategies and plans, including nationally defined social protection floors.

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Ensure access: Social protection systems should be made available, accessible, adequate and non-discriminatory for persons with disabilities, and access to programmes and services for disability-related needs must be ensured.

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Cooperate: UN and other International agencies should provide technical guidance to states in the design and implementation of more inclusive mainstream and disability-specific programs.

The inclusion of persons with disabilities in social protection systems is not only a human rights issue, but also a crucial investment for development that States cannot afford to miss.

