

# FIGHTING POVERTY

## Social Protection promotes economic inclusion of persons with disabilities

**Poverty affects persons with disabilities in a disproportionate manner.** They experience higher rates of poverty and deprivation, and lower levels of income than the general population. Non-inclusive poverty reduction programmes implemented by most developing countries in the past decade constitute a **missed opportunity that could have benefited persons with disabilities and supported their exit out of poverty.**

The Special Rapporteur remind states of the following obligations:

1

**Eliminate discrimination** in the access to social protection, promote **gender equality** and ensure nationally defined social protection floors, which must include **subsistence, essential primary health care, shelter and housing, and education.**

2

**Guarantee** that benefits offered by social protection programmes include **specific, disability-related costs.** These are essential for an **adequate standard of living for persons with disabilities and their families.**

3

**Refrain from adopting retrogressive austerity measures** that directly or indirectly affect the right of persons with disabilities to social protection

**States should ensure that Social Protection benefits are sufficient to enable persons with disabilities to enjoy essential levels of economic, social and cultural rights.**

