

No Sustainable Development Goal is met until it is met for everyone.

In order to succeed in the fight against poverty and inequality, development strategies must be inclusive of persons with disabilities.

This means that persons with disabilities must participate and their needs must be considered in the design, implementation and monitoring of all public policies and programmes.



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3 KEYS FOR DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE POLICIES

Recommendations of the **UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities**

To succeed, the disability-inclusive approaches should be adopted from the start of policy development, and must recognize the multiple ways by which disability affects the life of a person. **The following aspects are central to guide an effective, well coordinated policy design process:**

1

Non-discrimination: All forms of discrimination must be prevented, including direct and indirect, by association and the denial of reasonable accommodation. Laws and practices that discriminate on the basis of disability must be abolished.

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Accessibility: the physical environment, the transportation, information and communication systems must be accessible for persons with disabilities.

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Assistive technologies and support services: States must facilitate the access of persons with disabilities, including children, to mobility aids, devices, assistive technologies and forms of live assistance and intermediaries.

Exclusion is costly for persons with disabilities and their families, but also for the country's economy. By making them less likely to work, barriers to participation hamper the contribution of persons with disabilities to society.



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