

# World population

7.4 billion people

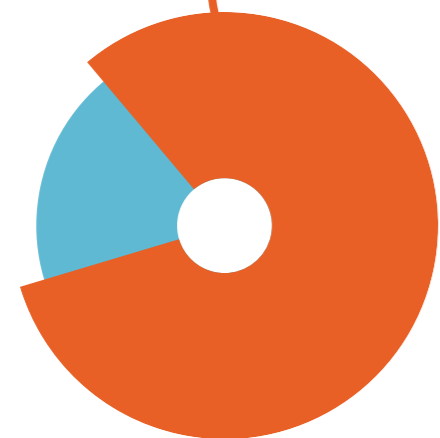


15% persons with disabilities (1.1 billion)



19.2% of the female population lives with a disability

180 million are 10-24 year-old



80% live in low income countries

More than 144 million young persons with disabilities live in low income countries.



**WE  
DECIDE**

# Higher risk of violence

## Persons with disabilities



up to **3** times more likely to experience

Physical violence

Sexual violence

Emotional violence

## Women with disabilities

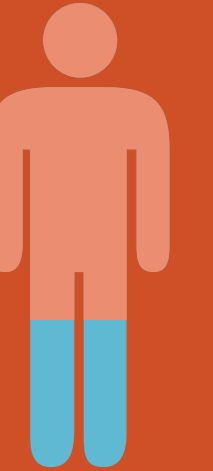


up to **10** times more likely to experience

Sexual violence



Between 40% and 68% of young women with disabilities



Between 16% and 30% of young men with disabilities

will experience

**sexual violence**

before the age of 18

## Women with disabilities in institutions



are more likely to experience



Forced abortions and sterilizations



Sexual, emotional and physical violence

**STI**

Sexually transmitted infections

## Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

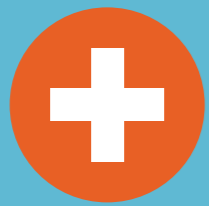
(2006)



End sexual, physical,  
and emotional violence



Access to health care based on free  
and informed consent



Access to sexual and reproductive  
health services



Increase availability of family planning  
information and methods



Prevent and treat sexually  
transmitted infections and HIV



End forced abortions  
and sterilizations



# WE DECIDE

YOUNG PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES:  
EQUAL RIGHTS AND A  
LIFE FREE OF VIOLENCE

A global initiative for young people with disabilities  
aiming to:

- Gather evidence and data on the situation of young persons with disabilities;
- Create a platform for cooperation and exchange of ideas that promotes rights, social inclusion and equal opportunities;
- Empower young persons with disabilities through addressing participation and gender equality;
- Advocate to end violence, in particular sexual violence;
- Implement standards that address sexual violence and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- Promote social inclusion and equal opportunities for employment through engaging the private sector.

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