



Assistive Technology & disability inclusiveness

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Disability demography is changing



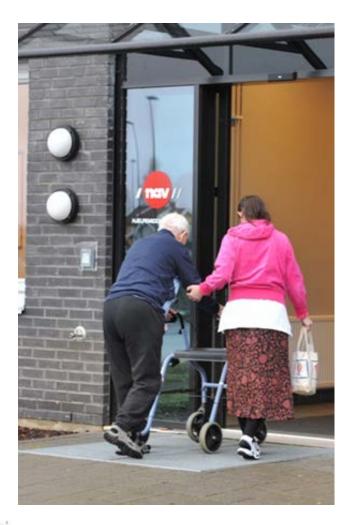
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- Demography of Assistive Technology users is changing, more towards older user; more age - more assistive products
- More new products and technology are in the market than ever before.

Assistive Care (Human and Technology)









World Health Organization



AT: North–South Divide and COVID









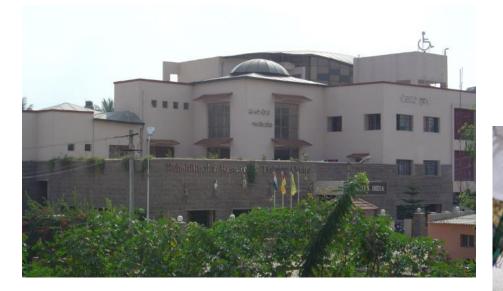
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COVID19:Traditional Service Provision Model



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New Solution for New Normal

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Disaster also brings new opportunities

- Augmentation and rapid growth of the digital technology
- Faster adoption of the digital technologies by people worldwide – all age groups
- Familiarising with the new ways of working (work from home), receiving health and social services, accessing information, shopping, learning, interacting and communicating
- Combined effort is needed to ensure people needing most; such as persons with disabilities and older people are not leaving behind – simply because of the cost factor



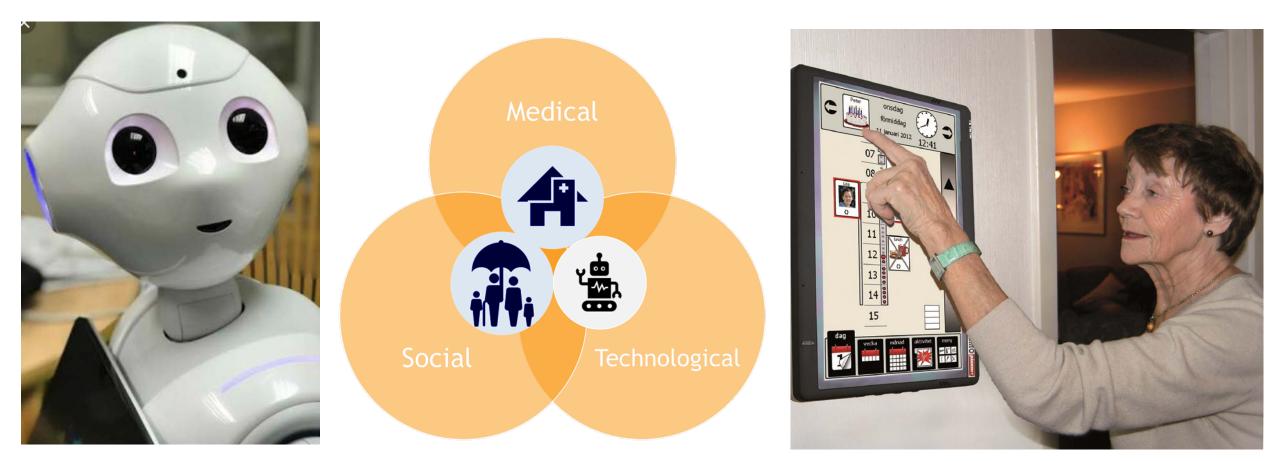






Working for innovative solution





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Beyond Assistive Technology ...

- Bonding Digital and Assistive
 Technologies together
- Connecting People, Technology and Environment
- Switching gear more towards digital mode – Artificial Intelligence (AI) – 3D printing – Remote support
- Providing new and integrated models of health and social care services – digitally enhanced assistive care

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New Solutions for New Normal

- Going local and embracing digital
- Optimizing the benefits of available technology, especially the mobile phones
- Developing a new generation of products and provision system – TeleAT
- Digital and Assistive Technologies for Ageing (**DATA**) initiative.







New Model of Service provision in New Normal: User + Family member/caregivers + Technology



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TeleAT model





TeleAT: Optimum use of technology and available human resources to provide and maintain assistive technology at home – home delivery

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TeleHealth Traditional Medical model Professional Patient **TeleAT**

Professional

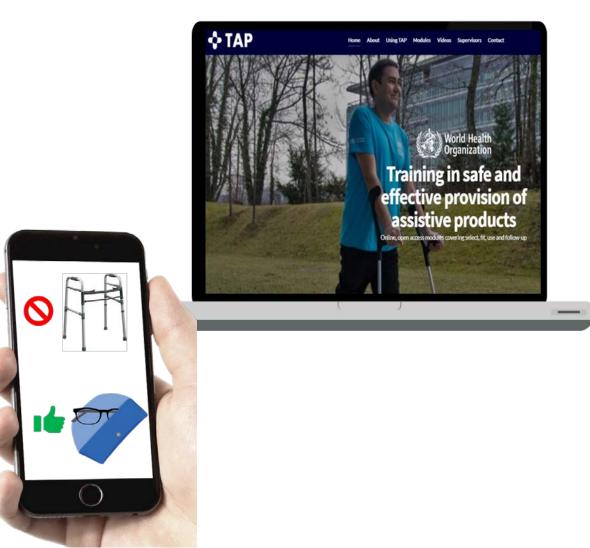
User, Family members and Peers



Global Action, Local Action and People Action



- Global action: Leadership, smarter solutions and more resources
- Local action Task shifting to local authorities to make the change – more people to have access
- People action: People, especially persons with disabilities and older people and their organizations ensuring the change





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Example: closer to the community





Capacity-building of Primary Health care workers in Anantapur District of India using **digital technology**

Best comes out when one is challenged



AT for disability inclusiveness - leaving no one behind









WHO GATE Community

https://mednet-communities.net/gate

