Why do we need ACCESSIBLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT?

66% of the world’s population will be living in urban areas by the year 2050.

Of these 6.25 billion people, 15% will be people with disabilities, that’s 937 MILLION persons with disabilities living in cities by the year 2050.

In both lower- and higher-income countries, persons with disabilities are disproportionately represented among the world’s poor.

Improving access to infrastructure, transportation and public services can help everyone, including persons with disabilities.

UN Sustainable Development Goals explicitly target the inequalities impacting persons with disabilities.

But less than 1/2 of surveyed countries are collecting the data needed to monitor improvements in accessibility.

Including more persons with disabilities in the workforce could boost GDP by an estimated 7% per year - that’s over $7 TRILLION per year.

ACCESSIBLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS EVERYONE!

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