

Ensuring the availability of water and sanitation for persons with disabilities



Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 6:

- Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Article 28:

- Ensure equal access by persons with disabilities to clean water services
- Ensure access to appropriate and affordable services, devices and other assistance for disability-related needs



More than one in seven persons with disabilities finds the toilet at home hindering or not accessible



Crowdsourced data indicates that only 69% cent of public toilets are accessible for wheelchair users



Persons with disabilities are less likely to live in a dwelling with hygiene and sanitation facilities on the premises

Actions to ensure the availability of water and sanitation for persons with disabilities



- Involve all stakeholders, especially persons with disabilities
- Invest and allocate financial resources to make water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in households and in settings outside the home accessible
- Mainstream disability in water and sanitation policies and programmes while at the same time developing disability-specific programmes
- Share information and build capacity about low-cost inclusive interventions to scale them up
- Raise awareness and end discrimination and stigma
- Monitor progress through the collection of individual data
- Collect, analyse and disseminate census and survey data on water, sanitation and hygiene access for persons with disabilities and disaggregate these data by type of disability, age and sex