Increasing access to information and communication technology (ICT) for persons with disabilities

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**In some countries, only 14% of persons with disabilities use the Internet**

**In 3 Sub-Saharan countries, only 8% of households with persons with disabilities can afford access to the Internet**

**Over 60% on online national portals include features that are not accessible**

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