Reducing inequalities for persons with mental impairments or psychosocial disabilities

Sustainable Development Goals
Goal 10: Reduce inequalities within and among countries

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
The Convention clarifies that persons with disabilities include persons with mental impairments and all articles of the Convention are relevant for persons with psychosocial disabilities

One in four persons with psychosocial disabilities experiences physical or sexual violence in a given year

In some countries, only 18% of persons with psychosocial disabilities are employed

Access to many income-generating opportunities are denied to many persons with psychosocial disabilities

Actions to ensure the social, cultural, economic, civil and political inclusions of persons with psychosocial disabilities:
- Review national policies and legislation to eliminate or amend those that discriminate and deny the rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities
- End coercive practices, including institutionalization and harmful and forced treatment, and establish a full range of services and support to enable access to quality mental health-care services
- Establish policies and programmes targeted for persons with psychosocial disabilities to support their equal participation in society
- Empower persons with psychosocial disabilities and support their participation in decision-making processes, to live independently and be included in the community on an equal basis with others


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