Making cities and communities inclusive and sustainable for persons with disabilities

**Sustainable Development Goals**

**Goal 11:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

The Convention includes various provisions on making cities and human settlements inclusive for persons with disabilities by focusing on their needs and perspectives:

- **Article 19:** Right of all persons with disabilities to live in the community, with choices equal to others
- **Article 28:** Right of all persons with disabilities to an adequate standard of living and social protection

In some countries, more than 30% of persons with disabilities find that transportation and public spaces are not accessible.

In some countries, more than 15% of persons with disabilities find their dwellings hindering.

As a result of difficulties in accessing adequate housing, a disproportionate number of persons with disabilities are homeless.

**Actions to make cities and communities inclusive and sustainable for persons with disabilities**

- Ensure that national policies and laws on accessible housing, public infrastructure, transport and services are in place and implemented
- Develop national policies and laws that guarantee access to adequate and affordable housing for persons with disabilities
- Raise awareness on disability among communities and decision makers and create the enabling environment where persons with disabilities are included without discrimination and can participate equally in their communities
- Share knowledge and best practices and build capacity to implement measures promoting accessibility and inclusion
- Improve research and data to monitor, evaluate and strengthen urban development to be more accessible and inclusive for persons with disabilities


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