Disability-Inclusion in the World Bank

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Persons with disabilities

- 15% of the world’s population have a disability – 80% live in developing countries
- Diverse population group: physical, sensory, mental and intellectual impairments
- Face environmental and attitudinal barriers to participation in society
- Most experience exclusion or poverty
- Cost of exclusion from labor market between 3-7% loss of GDP
Inclusive societies for all

- Inclusive and sustainable economic growth: leaving no-one behind and investing in all people

- Older people, persons with temporary functional limitations and adults with small children experience similar physical barriers as persons with disabilities

- Universal design and accessibility are public goods and cost-effective (1-3% additional cost when applied from the start)
Liaoning urban transport and infrastructure

- Disability inclusive consultations led to increased emphasis on accessibility
- Post project appraisal and disability audits for construction quality

Improving Accessibility for People with Limited Mobility in Dhaka

- Pedestrian foot-over bridges being retrofitted with DPO input

Vietnam Urban Upgrading Project
WB Operations: Social Protection

- Supports inclusion and independent living by ensuring access to social services, health care, education and employment.

- Required to address hidden and extra costs of disability such as support services, assistive devices, rehabilitation, transport.

- Jamaica Social and Economic Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities trained 336 persons with disabilities, 77 percent of whom are employed or pursue advanced training.
WB Operations: DRM

- **Ibasho café approach in Empowering Elders, Women and People with Disabilities for Resilience (Philippines and Nepal):** promoting community leadership and beneficiary-led spaces to build resilience, preparedness, agency of marginalized groups.

- **Developing an action plan** to boost disability-inclusive DRM investments and operations by the World Bank and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery.
WB Operations: Water and Tourism

National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Indonesia: mainstreaming in project cycle, helping around 200 villages build inclusive infrastructure, 4200 officials and practitioners trained

Guidance Note on including persons with disabilities in water sector operations

Uruguay Accessible Tourism Project
Disability-Inclusion and Accountability Framework

- Outlines principles and a roadmap for disability-inclusion and internal capacity-building
- Demonstrates WB commitment to include disability in its policies, operations and analytical work
- Identifies key areas, entry points and guidance
- Framework launch in 2018 as part of an internal resource platform on disability-inclusion
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