

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)



WB Operations: Transport and Urban



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

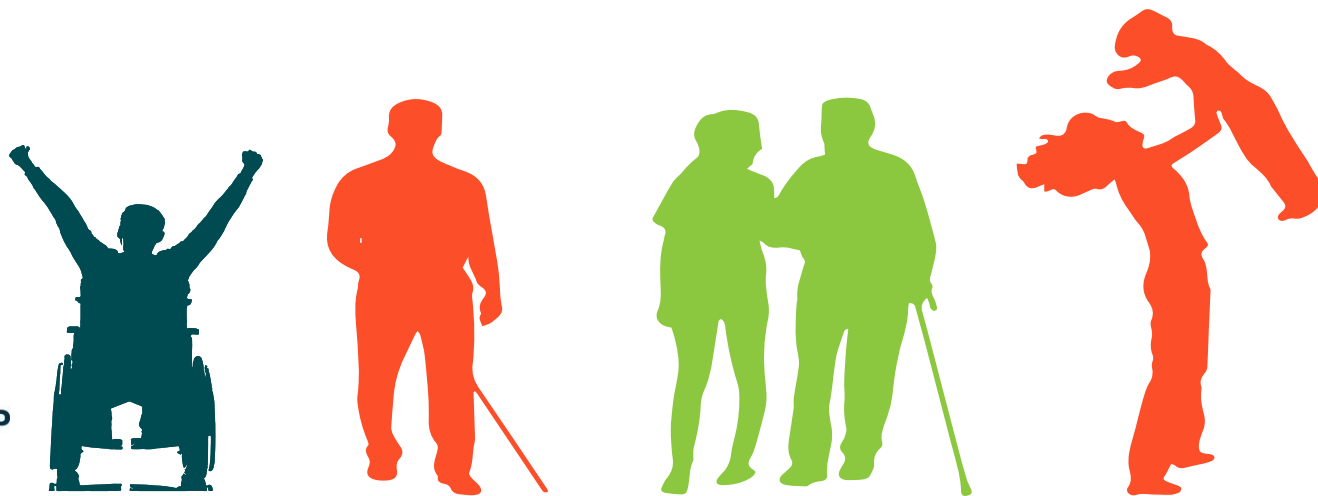
- Pedestrian foot-over bridges being retrofitted with DPO input

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.





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WB Operations: DRM

- **Ibasha 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



Source: PAMSIMAS III, World Bank. School toilet

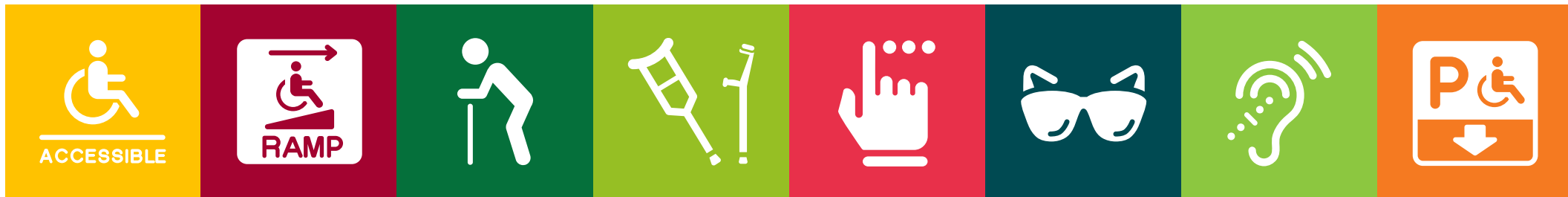


Source: Uruguay Accessible Tourism Project, World Bank.

- **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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