DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE
SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH SERVICES
200 million people suffer from severe impairments
95 million children under 15 years old have a disability
20 million people in the world who need a wheelchair don’t have one. Many more have inappropriate or worn-out machines.
Less than 0.1% of deaf-blind people throughout the developing world receive adequate support\textsuperscript{2}
UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Fastest ratifying and most practical UN convention in history:
- 03/2018: 176 ratifications, 11 signatories, 11 no action
- EU first ratification of a human rights convention

ARTICLE 25

Persons with disabilities have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health without discrimination, this includes quality of care, specificity of the services, immediacy of the offer, consent and financial coverage.

ARTICLE 6

Women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discrimination, and in this regard shall take measures to ensure the full and equal enjoyment by them of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.
The sustainable development goals aim at ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages including people with disabilities and specifically through the 3.7 goal for sexual and reproductive healthcare services.
The social model of disability helps to better understanding of the problems faced by persons with disabilities not blaming them but instead acknowledging the responsibility of societies.

People with disabilities face **several barriers**

**CURRENT SITUATION**

Environment
- Inaccessible
  - Buildings
  - Services
  - Language
  - Communication

Attitudes
- Prejudice
- Stereotyping
- Discrimination

Organisations
- Inflexible
  - Procedures
  - Practices
City Group authorised by the **UN Statistical Commission** and created following the UN International Seminar on Measurement of Disability in **2001**

Develop and test **tools** to collect internationally **robust and quality** disability statistics to enable **comparability** of data across different contexts.

Used in censuses or surveys in over 78 countries.

Many tools have completed the Washington Group Questionnaire including the Short Set of Questions, the extended Set and the Child Functioning Module (UNICEF)
HUMANITY & INCLUSION’S MODEL FOR DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

ACCESSIBILITY
Improving physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications

PARTICIPATION
The active involvement of people with disabilities

NON-DISCRIMINATION
equal chance for all to access an opportunity, taking into consideration that people do not have the same starting point
DISABILITY INCLUSIVE SRH

- **Prevent**: Morbidity and mortality, sexually transmitted infections, and unwanted pregnancies
- **Inform**: About good practices and available services
- **Provide**: Local, affordable, accessible and community-based sexual and reproductive health services
- **Transform**: Existing health systems into more, disability inclusive and barriers-free services
- **Integrate**: Sexual and reproductive health services into a continuum of services from prevention to rehabilitation
EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

- **Community based intervention** aiming at improving attitudes towards better consideration of women with disabilities.
- **Improving Knowledge of adolescents with disabilities through disability inclusive CSE**.
- **Improving physical and financial access for people with disabilities living in Nairobi slums**.
- **Improving Knowledge of adolescents with disabilities through disability inclusive CSE**.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Disaggregate your data collection**: 78 countries have already included indicators from the Washington Group into their Health Information Systems. We might be providing services to people with disabilities or not but we cannot know if we don’t integrate specific indicators.

2. **Partner with DPO** and Organizations specifically working with people with disabilities.