

# Including children with disabilities in everything we do

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for every child

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# THE EVIDENCE COMPELS US ALL TO ACT

UNICEF 2021 global data report reveals that an estimated *1 in every 10 children in the world – 240 million children – has a disability.*

Compared with children without disabilities, children with disabilities are:

**25%**

less likely to receive early stimulation and responsive care

**34%**

more likely to be stunted

**49%**

more likely to have never attended school

**32%**

more likely to experience severe corporal punishment

**51%**

more likely to feel unhappy

*Including children with disabilities in all aspects of life must be a priority for all of us.*





# UNICEF REACH: 2022 WORK ON DISABILITY INCLUSION

More than  
**4.5 million**  
children with disabilities  
reached across  
**142 countries**

**223,000**  
children with disabilities  
reached with **assistive  
devices & inclusive  
products**

**81%**  
UN Disability Inclusion  
Strategy benchmarks  
met or exceeded

**68%**  
UNICEF offices  
met accessibility level 1

**Education**



**251,565**  
out-of-school children  
with disabilities,  
accessed education

**Child Protection**



**303,828**  
children with disabilities and  
their families provided with  
community-based mental  
health and psychosocial  
support services

**Water, Sanitation & Hygiene**



**1,069,929**  
people reached with  
basic hygiene services

**Social Protection**



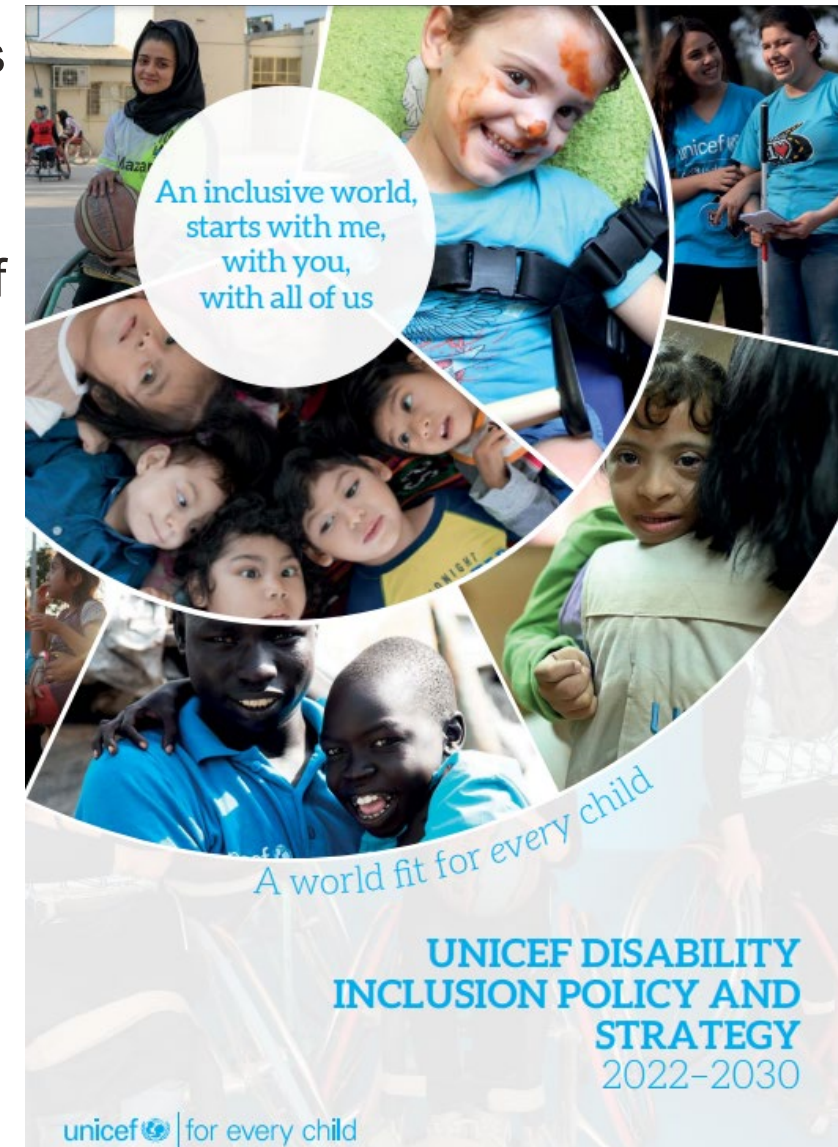
**794,747**  
children with  
disabilities supported  
with **cash transfers**



*UNICEF also supports national Governments and partners on system strengthening, policy development, technical assistance and capacity-building on disability inclusion.*

# DISABILITY INCLUSION POLICY AND STRATEGY

- ❑ Accelerate and scale up disability inclusion across programmes and operations
- ❑ Increase investments, capacity, data, research and the number of employees with disabilities
- ❑ Significantly scale up disability inclusion through:
  - Early identification, assessment and intervention
  - Addressing stigma and discrimination
  - Community-based inclusive care and support systems
  - Provisioning of assistive technology
  - Disability-inclusive humanitarian action





# ACCELERATING COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

- ❑ Collect and disaggregate data
- ❑ Ensure inclusive design, budgeting and implementation of sectoral policies and programmes
- ❑ Develop gender-responsive and inclusive care and support systems
- ❑ Strengthen provisioning of assistive technology and harness the potential of artificial intelligence
- ❑ Meaningfully involve children and youth with disabilities, their families and their representative organizations



# DISABILITY INCLUSION STARTS WITH ME, WITH YOU, WITH ALL OF US

