

Integrated Digital Training in Emergency Management

Workshop #2:
People with Disabilities and the Elderly



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People with disabilities



What is disability?

A disability is any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them (participation



The World Health Organization estimates that about 15% of the world's population has a disability. In situations of forced displacement, the incidence of disability is usually higher because a larger proportion of people have injuries, lack access to medical services, and face barriers in their environment.

Over
1 BILLION
people globally
experience
disability



1 in **7** people

Different types of disabilities

Do not assume that disability is visible. Seek to identify individuals with disabilities proactively, including those with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities.



Video

You can watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3F4Hp0N_A1Q

SOME DISABILITIES LOOK LIKE THIS



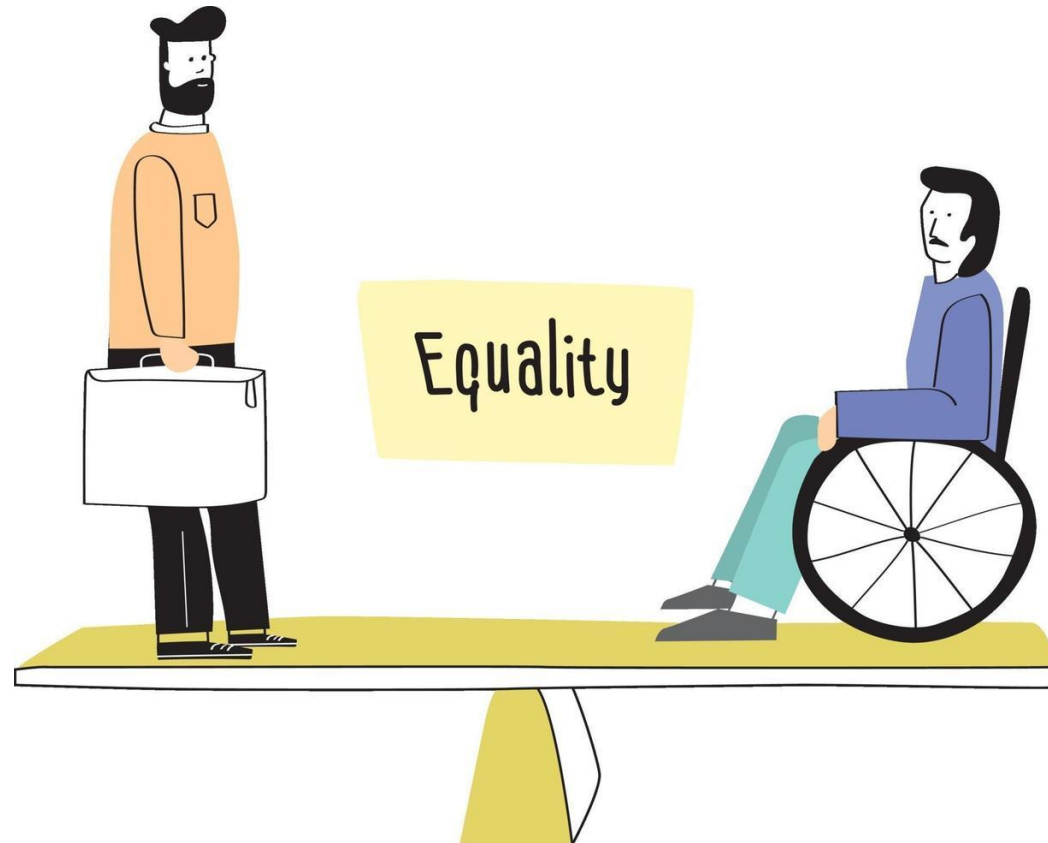
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Myths and stigmas about people with disabilities



Persons with disabilities are not a homogenous group. They face multiple and compounding forms of discrimination, on the basis of disability but also on other grounds, which may lead to situations of exclusion.



Myths and stigmas about people with disabilities



Exercise

1. Split to the 4 Groups
2. Think about and discuss what stigmas and stereotypes PwD may encounter
3. Write them down
4. Time – 10 minutes



KEY POINTS

TO PREVENT STIGMAS

Disability Terminology in Practice



PERSON-FIRST	OFFENSIVE & NOT RECOMMENDED
Person with a disability	Disabled, the disabled, cripple, victim, spastic, spaz, handicapped, the handicapped, abnormal, dumb/deaf-mute, defect, defective, midget, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or vegetable
Person with an intellectual disability	Mental handicap, mentally retarded, or mentally handicapped
Person with a mental health disability	Mad, crazy, schizo, schizophrenic, insane, nuts, psycho, psychotic, demented, senile, loony, or lunatic
Person who uses a wheelchair	Wheelchair-bound or confined to a wheelchair
Has...(diagnosis)	Suffers from... afflicted with... stricken with... victim of...
Person without a disability	Normal

Make sure the language you use to describe persons with disabilities respects their dignity and humanity. (Speak of 'persons with a disability' rather than 'the disabled' or 'handicapped').

Avoid portraying their daily activities as a superhuman achievements and try to avoid being overly helpful. This inadvertently implies that a person with a disability lacks or has very limited skills, talents, or unusual gifts.



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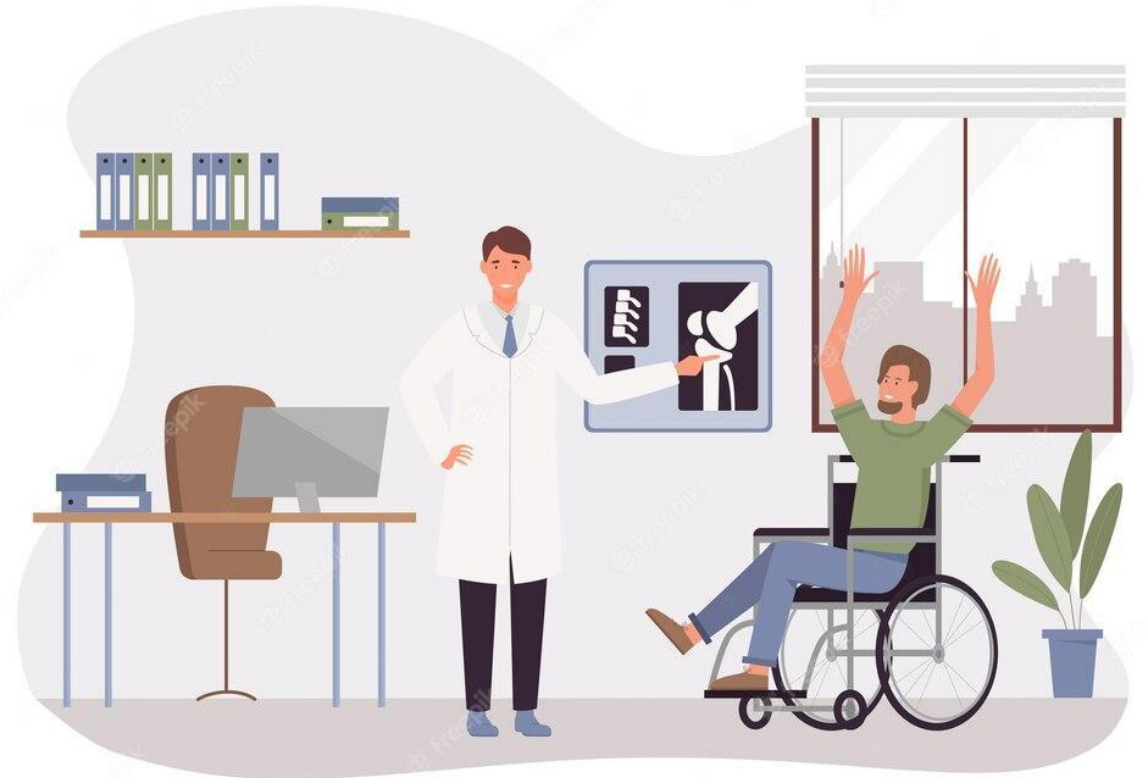
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SEE THE PERSON

Do not use subjective descriptors such as "unfortunate", "pitiful", or "sad" when describing people with disabilities. **Emphasize abilities**, for example, *instead of saying John is confined to his wheelchair, use a positive expression of ability such as John uses a wheelchair. Or, Jane is partially sighted rather than Jane is partially blind.*

Avoid comparing a disability with a disease. Do not refer to a person with disability as a *patient* unless he/she is under medical care.



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RESOURCES



<https://emergency.unhcr.org/entry/43586/persons-with-disabilities>

<https://www.reachcils.org/guidelines-writing-and-referring-people-disabilities/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/developmentaldisabilities/facts-about-intellectual-disability.html>

<https://www.reachcils.org/guidelines-writing-and-referring-people-disabilities/#>

<https://www.aruma.com.au/about-us/about-disability/types-of-disabilities/>

<http://www.markwynn.com/wp-content/uploads/Common-Myths-and-Misconceptions-about-Disability.pdf>

<https://atlascorps.org/negative-stereotypes-and-attitudes-linked-to-disability/>

<https://www.in.gov/spd/files/Myth.pdf>

<https://www.easterseals.com/support-and-education/facts-about-disability/myths-facts.html>