

Factsheet

KS2 & 3 – Education and Disability



One in three of the world's children live with a disability. In poorer countries, many of these children never go to school and those who do often drop out.

Facts

- 1 in 6 people in the world live with a disability.
- 1 in 3 children out of school live with a disability. That's 24 million children.
- In some countries disabled children are twice as likely not to go to school.

What are some of the challenges for disabled children?

Poverty

If you are poor, rural, disabled and a girl there are many obstacles to going to school. These children are often called the forgotten children because society forgets about their needs. Even when countries have laws to protect disabled people, money is needed to make a difference.

Meet Lucy from Kisumu in Kenya. She would love to go to school but is needed to help at home. She is also unable to make the journey to school because she has polio.



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Transport

Long distances and no transport make it hard for disabled children like Linh from Vietnam to get to school.



Photo: Oxfam

Facilities

For disabled children who do make it to school, it is often difficult to move around. Ramps, wheelchairs and other equipment are needed.

Attitudes

Many people do not think schools are safe places for disabled children. Sorie Kanu from Sierra Leone helped his local school understand that everyone has a special gift. He believes schools can help ALL children to develop their abilities.



Photo: Sightsavers



Trained teachers

More teachers need to be trained to understand disabled children. These teachers can make interesting learning materials and help make school a happier place for children like Abdi from Nigeria.



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What can you do to make school a safer place for ALL children?

58 million children are missing out on school – 2015 could change their future. Remind world leaders that they promised ALL children an education by 2015. Speak up for the right to education for every child.

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