Why do we need ACCESSIBLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT?



66% of the world's population will be living in urban areas by the year 2050¹



Of these 6.25 billion people, 15% will be people with disabilities, that's

living in cities by the year 2050²

persons with disabilities

In both lower- and higher-income countries, persons with disabilities are disproportionately

Improving access to infrastructure, transportation and public services can help everyone, including persons with disabilities

UN Sustainable Development Goals explicitly target the inequalities impacting persons with disabilities⁴

represented among the

world's poor¹

But less than 1/2 of surveyed countries are collecting the data needed to monitor improvements in accessibility³

Including more persons with disabilities in the workforce could boost GDP by an estimated 7 % per year⁴ - that's over **\$7 TRLLON** per year

ACCESSIBLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS EVERYONE!

Be informed! Get involved! www.un.org/disabilities enable@un.org

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