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Medical and Social Aspects of Disability Among Children

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ABSTRACT

Children with disabilities face various barriers, including physical, communication, and attitudinal obstacles that limit their daily functioning and access to essential services. Discrimination against these children is pervasive, rooted in negative perceptions associated with ableism. Despite international commitments, children with disabilities often remain invisible in research and programs aimed at creating more equitable and inclusive societies. The CRPD emphasizes that children with disabilities have the same rights as other children, including access to healthcare, nutrition, education, social inclusion, and protection from violence and neglect. Girls, children from marginalized groups, and those with severe or multiple disabilities face additional layers of discrimination. UNICEF works to transform attitudes, practices, and social norms around disability. Their goal is to make families, communities, schools, healthcare, and social services inclusive and accessible. Supporting the full participation of children with disabilities in society is essential for ensuring that every child has the right to thrive.

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