

Non-State Actors' Statement on the occasion of the WHO 152nd Executive Board Meeting

Agenda item n.8: « Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems »

Handicap International Federation and partners from the former Global Rehabilitation Alliance and the ReLAB-HS Consortium congratulate the Member States' initiative to integrate "Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health Systems" in the agenda, taking action towards a WHA Resolution on this topic.

A resolution on rehabilitation has been demanded by civil society, as a pivotal instrument to provide a stronger political framework and further impetus to the Rehabilitation 2030 initiative.

Recognising the largely unmet global need for rehabilitation, particularly in low- and middle-income countries and among vulnerable populations, we encourage wide support to the resolution, with specific commitments to:

- integrate rehabilitation at all levels of the health systems;
- expand financial coverage of rehabilitation services and assistive technology, towards universal health coverage;
- strengthen an interdisciplinary rehabilitation workforce and rehabilitation knowledge among health workers, at all levels;
- define feasible goals and targets for accountability purposes.

This statement is supported by (in alphabetical order):

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