

# **Social Protection Framework for Persons with Disabilities in Bangladesh**

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Resilient nations.*

# Background of the Social Protection Framework for Persons with Disabilities

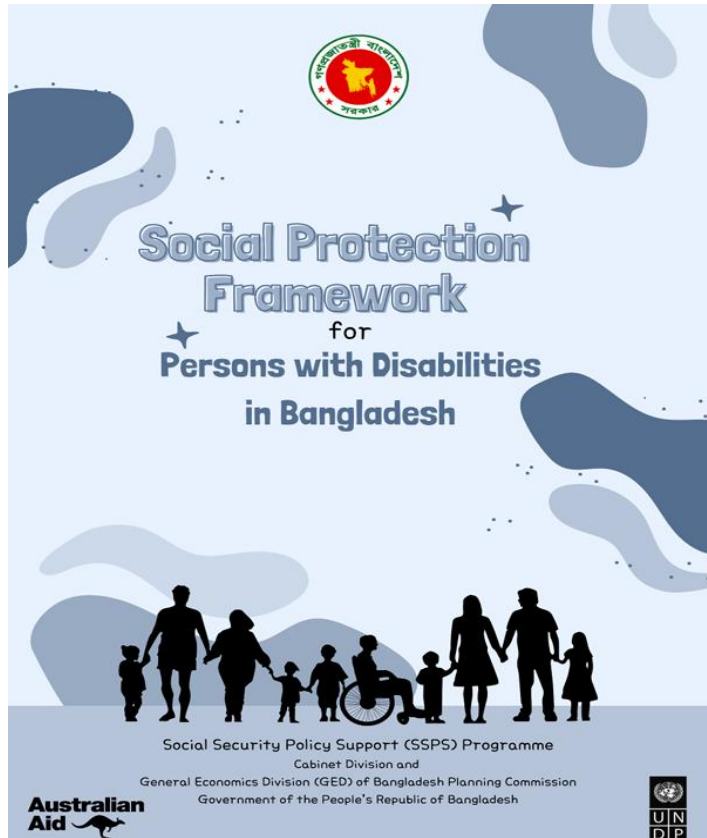
Joint Celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2023

- Theme 'United in Action to Rescue and Achieve the SDGs for, with, and by Persons with Disabilities'

Commitment for A Comprehensive and Inclusive Approach



# The Framework Followed Qualitative Research Methodology



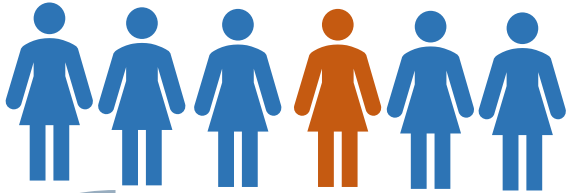
Background Research



# **Mapping Discriminatory Factors Towards Vulnerability of Persons with Disabilities**

**Background of Developing the Social Protection Framework**

# Bangladesh's Primary Data on Disability Prevalence

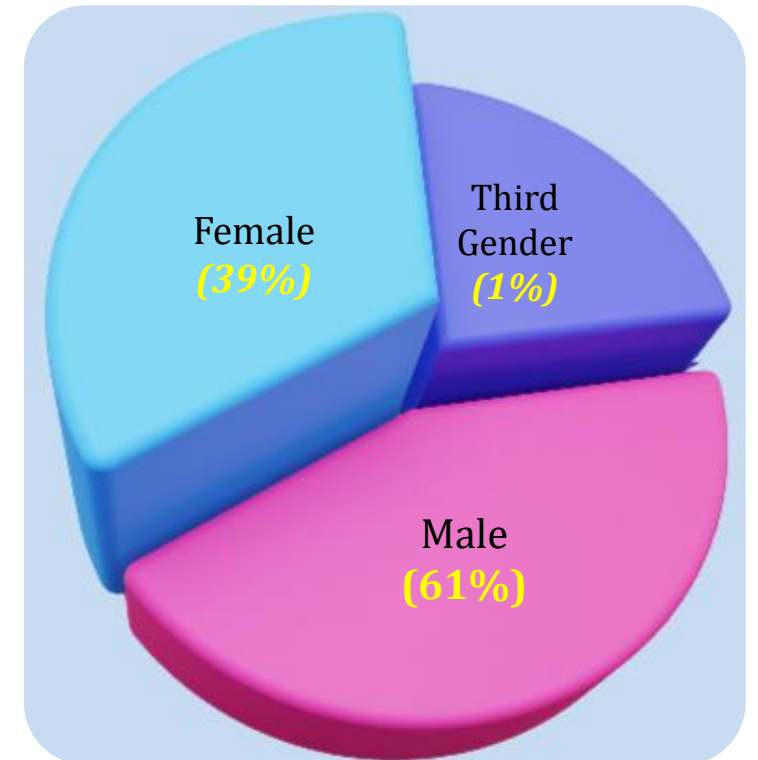


WHO says,  
Globally, approximately  
**1.3 billion** people are  
experiencing disability  
*(per 100, 16 are Persons  
with Disabilities)*

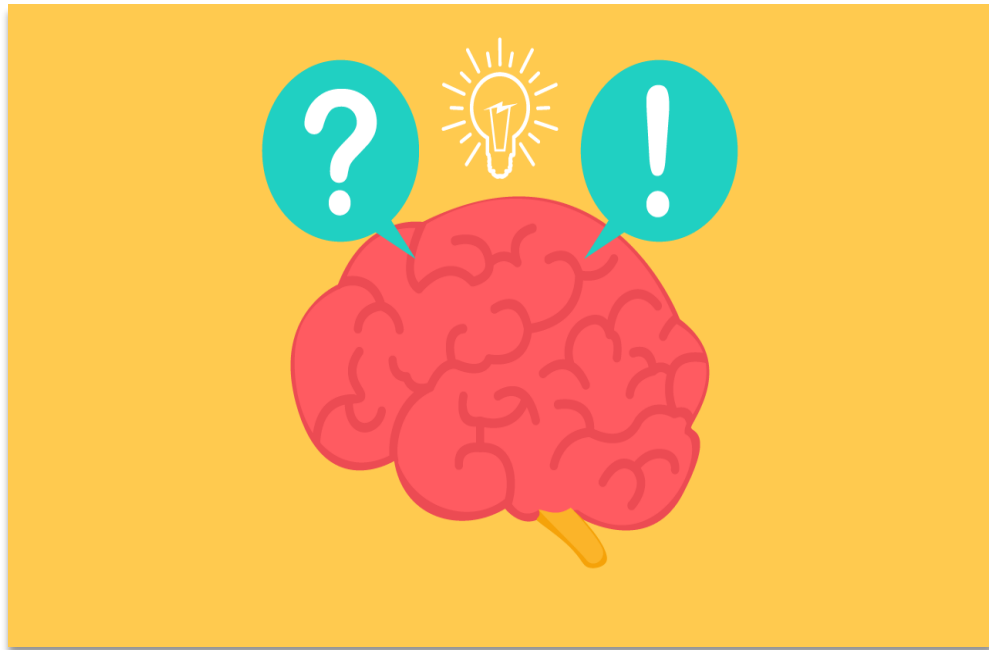
Person with disabilities  
may face a life expectancy  
up to **20 years** shorter  
than those without  
disabilities *(70+ - 20 = 50+  
years)*

35,41,672  
(3.54 million)

Disability Information System  
(DIS)  
Department of Social Services



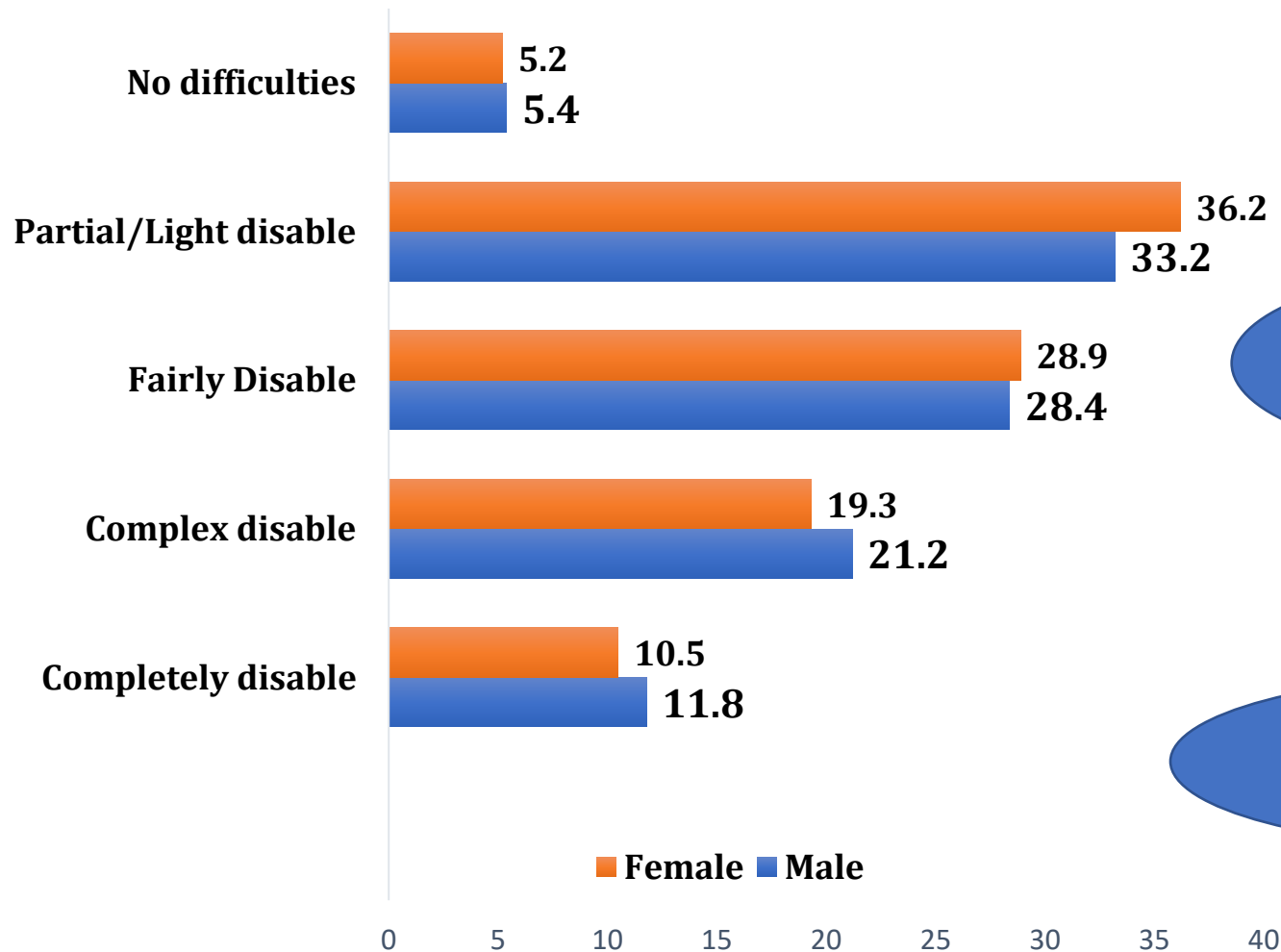
# Perception About Disability



- People with Disability are cursed
- Children born disabled are the result of their parent's wrongdoings.
- People with disabilities are a one-dimensional group.
- People with disabilities want to associate with each other.
- People with disabilities are dependent and always need help.
- People with disabilities are special and should be treated differently
- People with disabilities should only get married to another disabled person.

# Intensity of Disabilities by Pattern

## Intensity of Disabilities, SVRS 2023



*1 in every 5, and  
1 in every 4*

*2 in every 5 are partial or  
light disability and face  
less or no difficulties  
1,413,191/1,317,613*

*<1 in every 3 are  
fairly disable  
986,503/969,435*

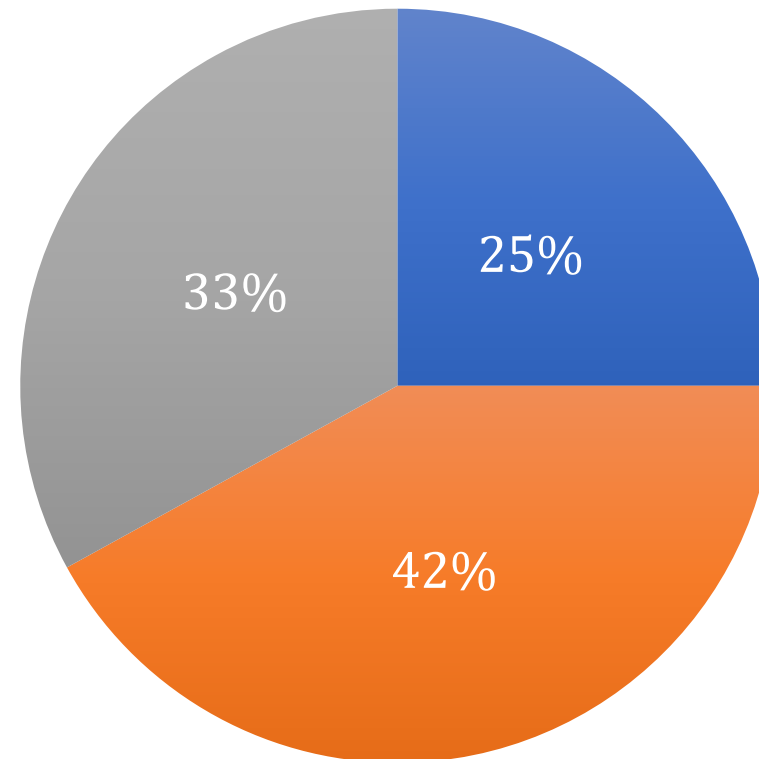
*1 in every 5 are complex  
disable  
658,806/723,663*

*1 in every 10  
complete disable  
358,418/402,793*

# Disability and Vulnerability Issues: Findings from Perception Study

- **Marriage:** A man with disability is more likely to get married with non-disabled woman and whereas the marriages of the disabled women takes place against payment of a dowry in cash or kind or land.
- The survey result found out that Women with disabilities appear to be at risk for emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. They are victims of physical and verbal abuse from the husbands(33%) and in-laws(42%) .

Fig 5:Barriers to Marriage according to women respondents (in%)

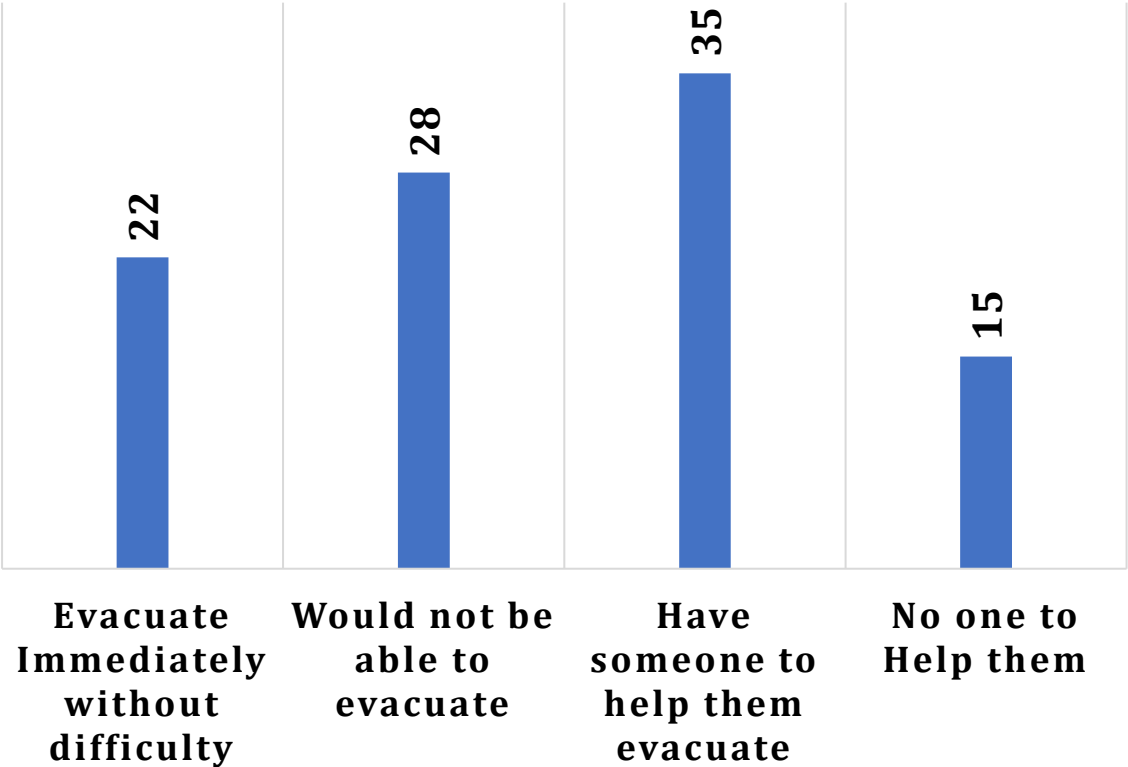


■ Finding a good match ■ Inlaws are abusive  
■ Partners were abusive



# Disability and Vulnerability Issues

Figure 6: Evacuation During Disaster, By %



- **Disability and Disaster:** It is likely that PWDs are especially vulnerable when disaster strikes not only due to aspects of their disabilities, but also because they are more likely, on average, to experience adverse socioeconomic outcomes than persons without disabilities, including higher poverty rates.
- Deaf persons are often unable to receive early warning signals and any information that influences a life or death situation, as they are often transmitted only through audible means. Sign language interpreters are often not provided at emergency shelters. Wheelchair users are often unable to access evacuation routes, emergency shelters, temporarily housing units and bathrooms.

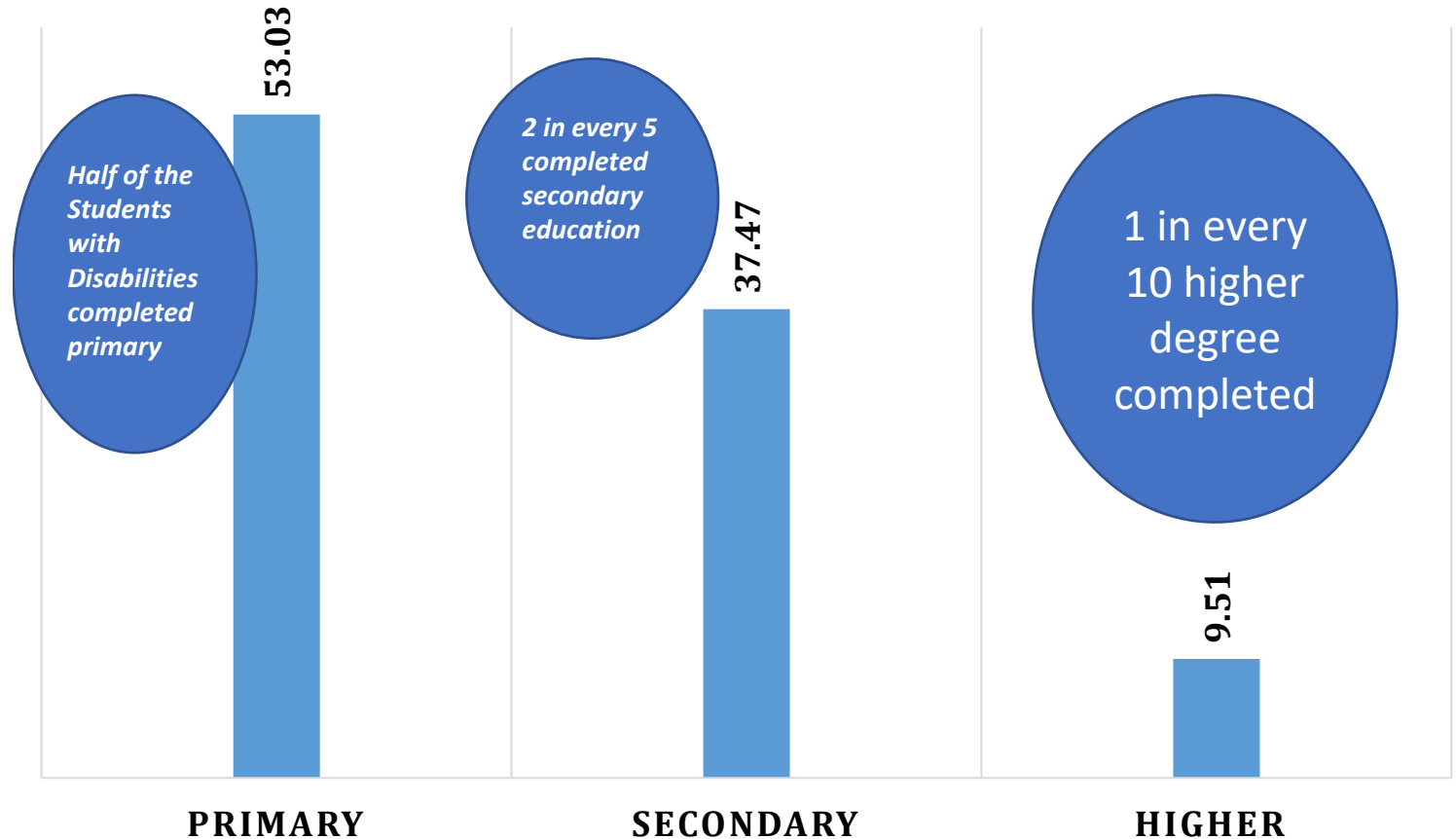
# Divide in Inclusive Education

Participation Of Person With Disabilities:  
Primary, Secondary, And Higher Education (%),  
NSPD 2021

Bangladesh Education  
Statistics 2021 shows,  
in Tertiary Level, Gross  
Enrollment Ratio is

20.19%

Tertiary education divide:  
 $20.2 - 9.5 = 10.7$  (Half!)

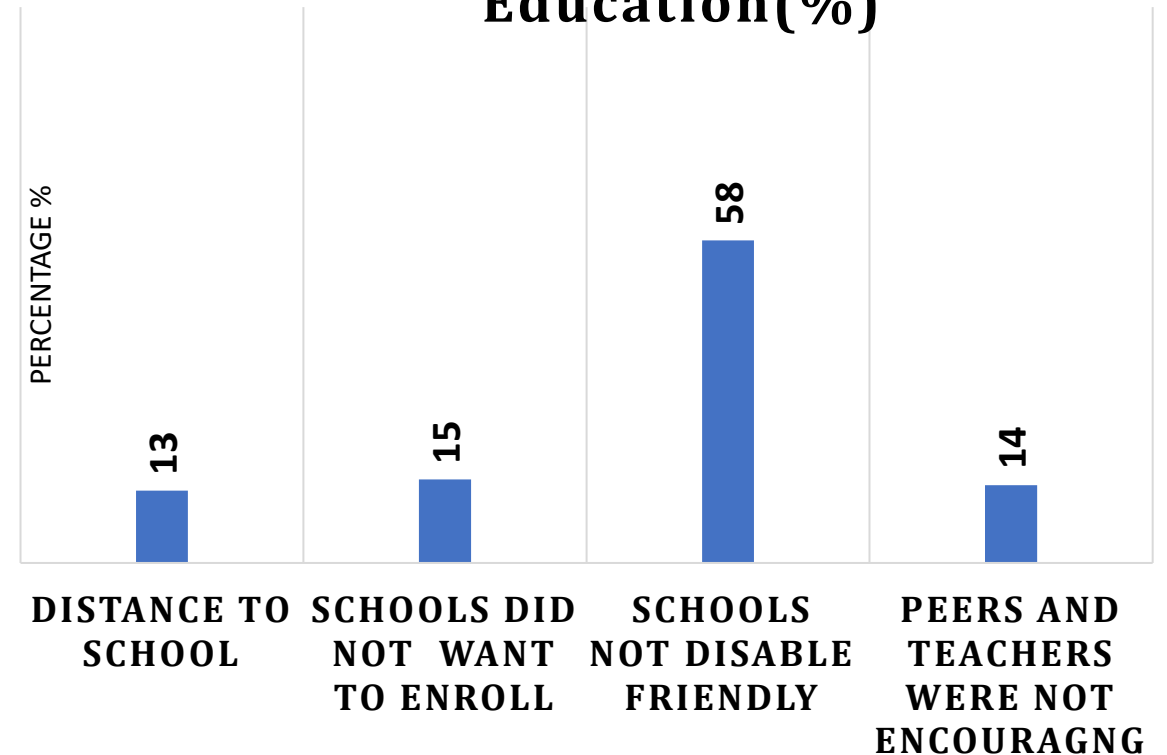


# Disability and Vulnerability Issues: Education

The schools were not disable friendly and the reason were as follows

1. Washrooms were inaccessible,
2. Physical disabled people were unable to go to top floors where exams were held
3. For visually impaired - they had little or no access to braille books, the script writers were not available during exams
4. Invigilators were not aware of the extra time that were allocated for the disabled as per the government rule

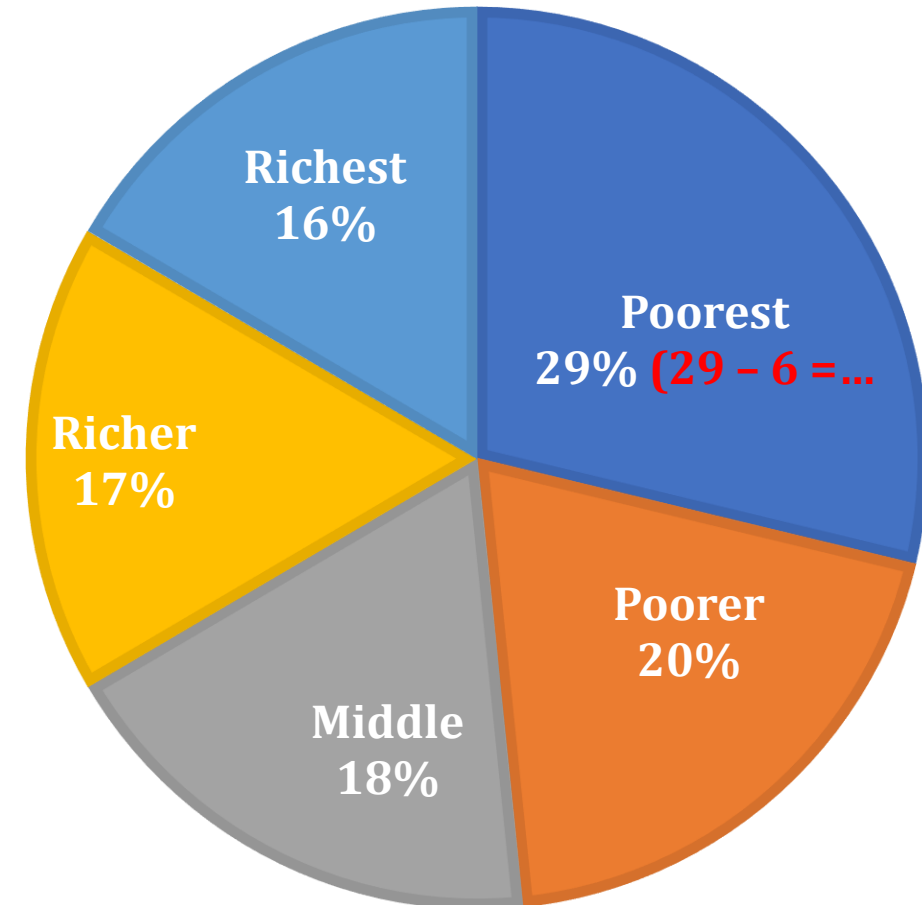
**Fig 1: Barriers To Education(%)**



# Poverty Hits Hard to Poorest Persons with Disabilities

Wealth Quintile For HHs of Persons With Disabilities, SVRS 2023

■ Poorest ■ Poorer ■ Middle ■ Richer ■ Richest



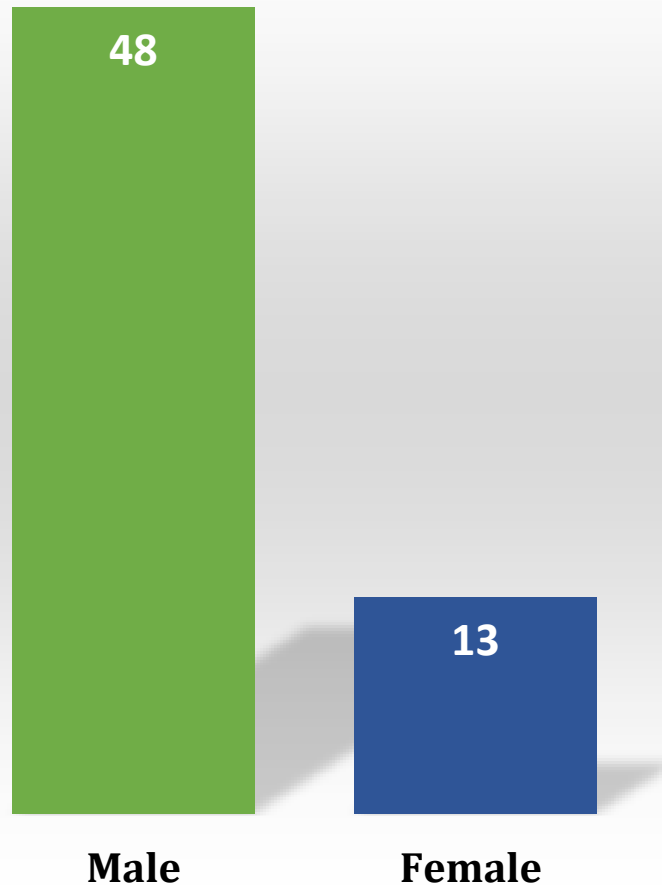
Using the Lower Poverty Lines of HIES 2022, the Head Count Rate, in National Level is

5.6%

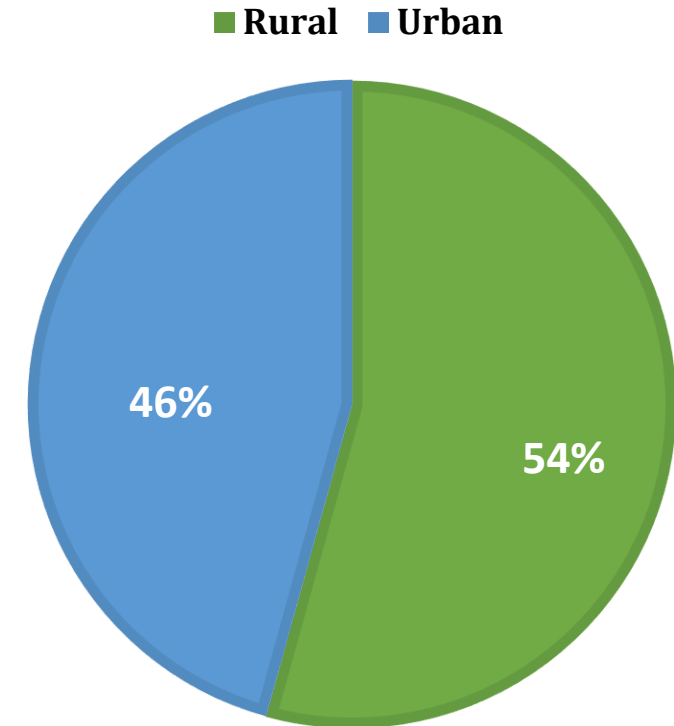
# Male–Female Gap within Persons with Disabilities by Employment

**Males with Disabilities Received Employment 4 Times More Than Females with Disabilities**

Disaggregation by gender (%), NSPD 2021

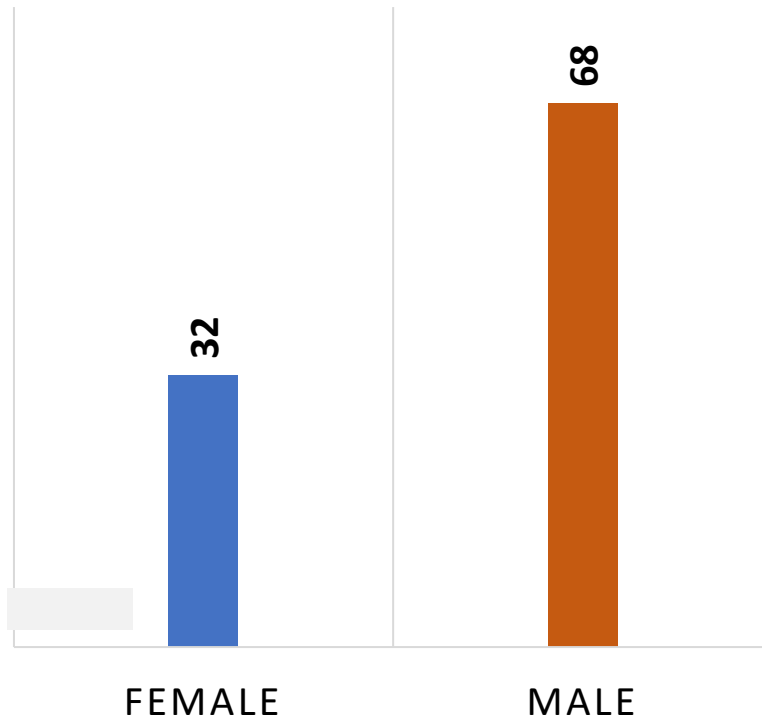


Differential Employment Rates: Rural Vs. Urban Areas (%), NSPD 2021

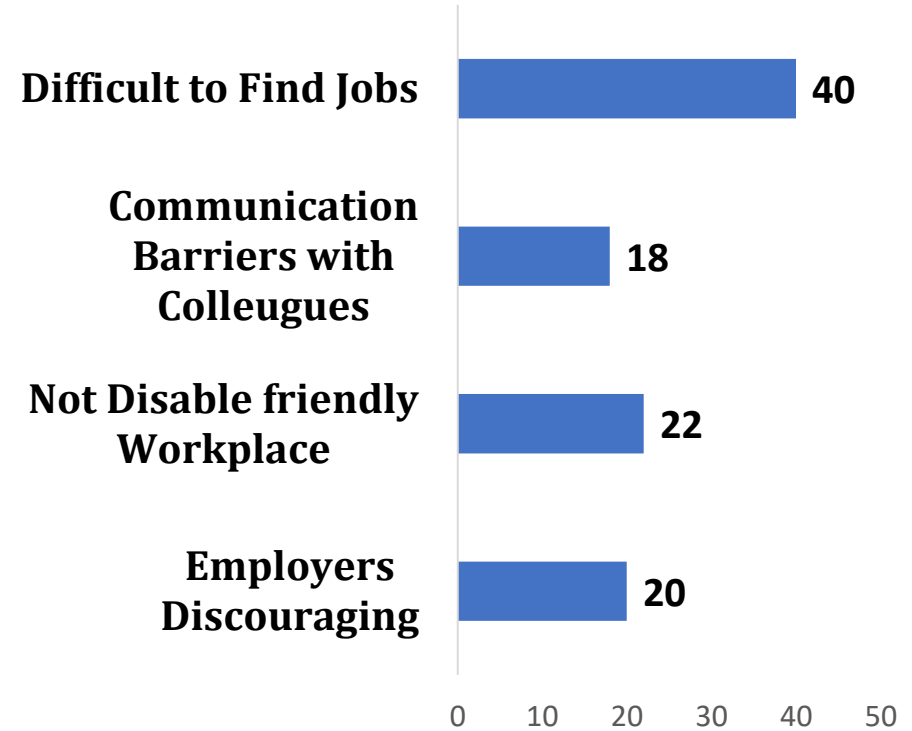


# Disability and Vulnerability Issues: Access to Job

## Job Enrollment (%)

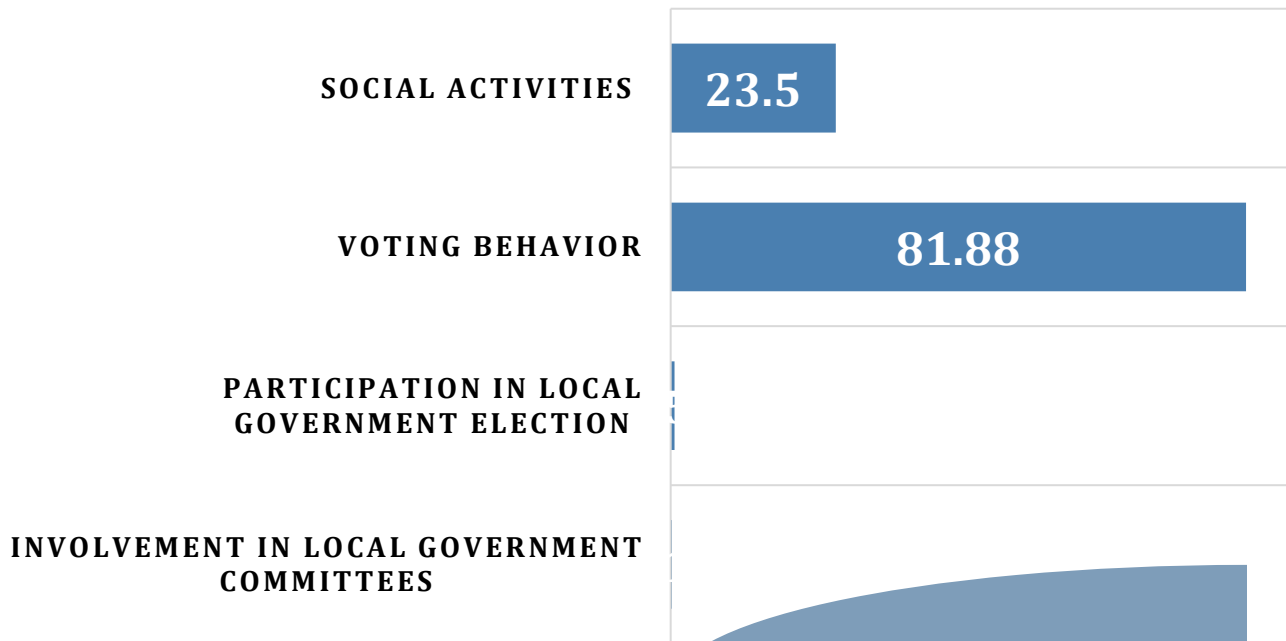


## Barriers to Jobs (%)



# Limited Political Participation and Access to the Opportunities

**Socio-political participation of person with disabilities (%), NSPD 2021**



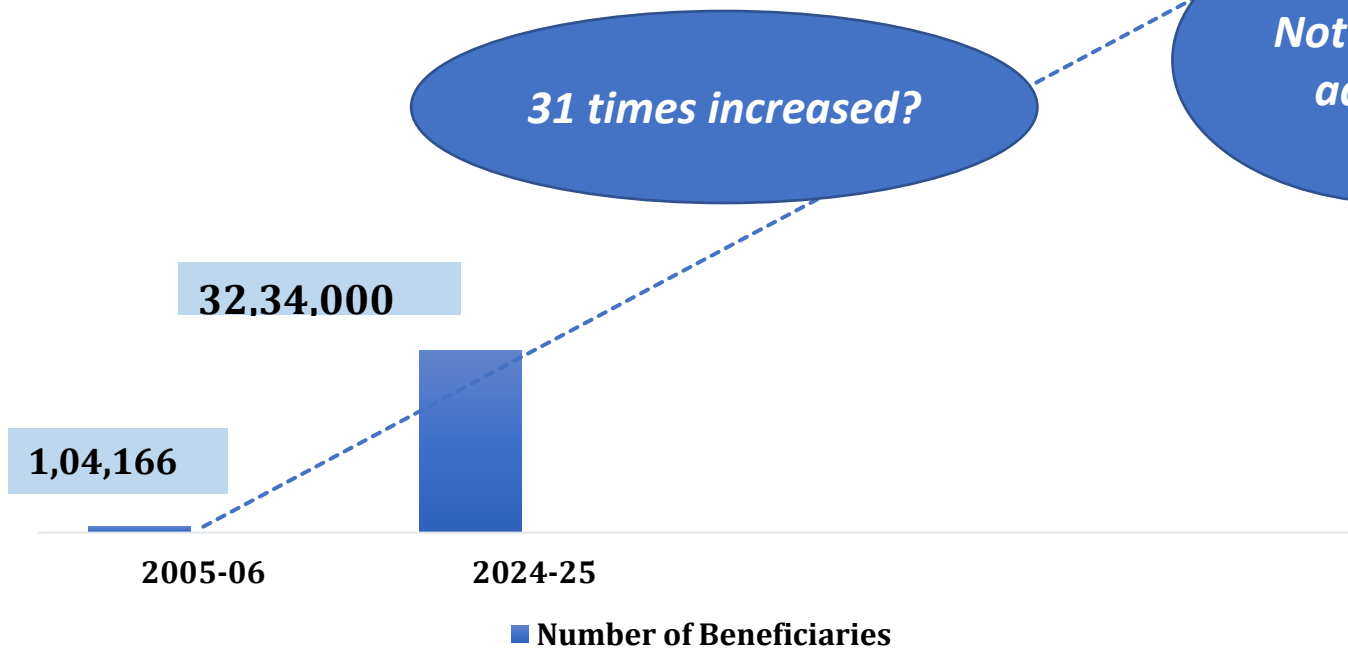
*1 in 5*

## **Underrepresentation in the Political Process**

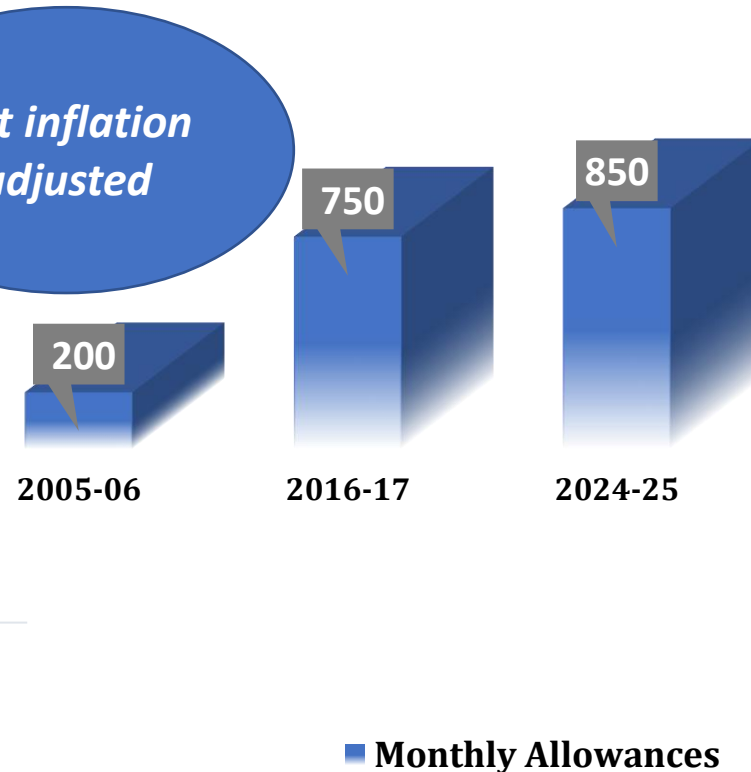
- Involvement in Local government only 0.17%
  - Election involvement 0.53%
- A critical need for inclusive policies that amplify their voices in decision-making processes.

# Enhanced Inclusion but Inadequate - Financial Assistance for Persons with Disabilities 2005-2024

## Disability Allowance Beneficiary Growth Comparison: FY 2005-06 vs. FY 2024-25

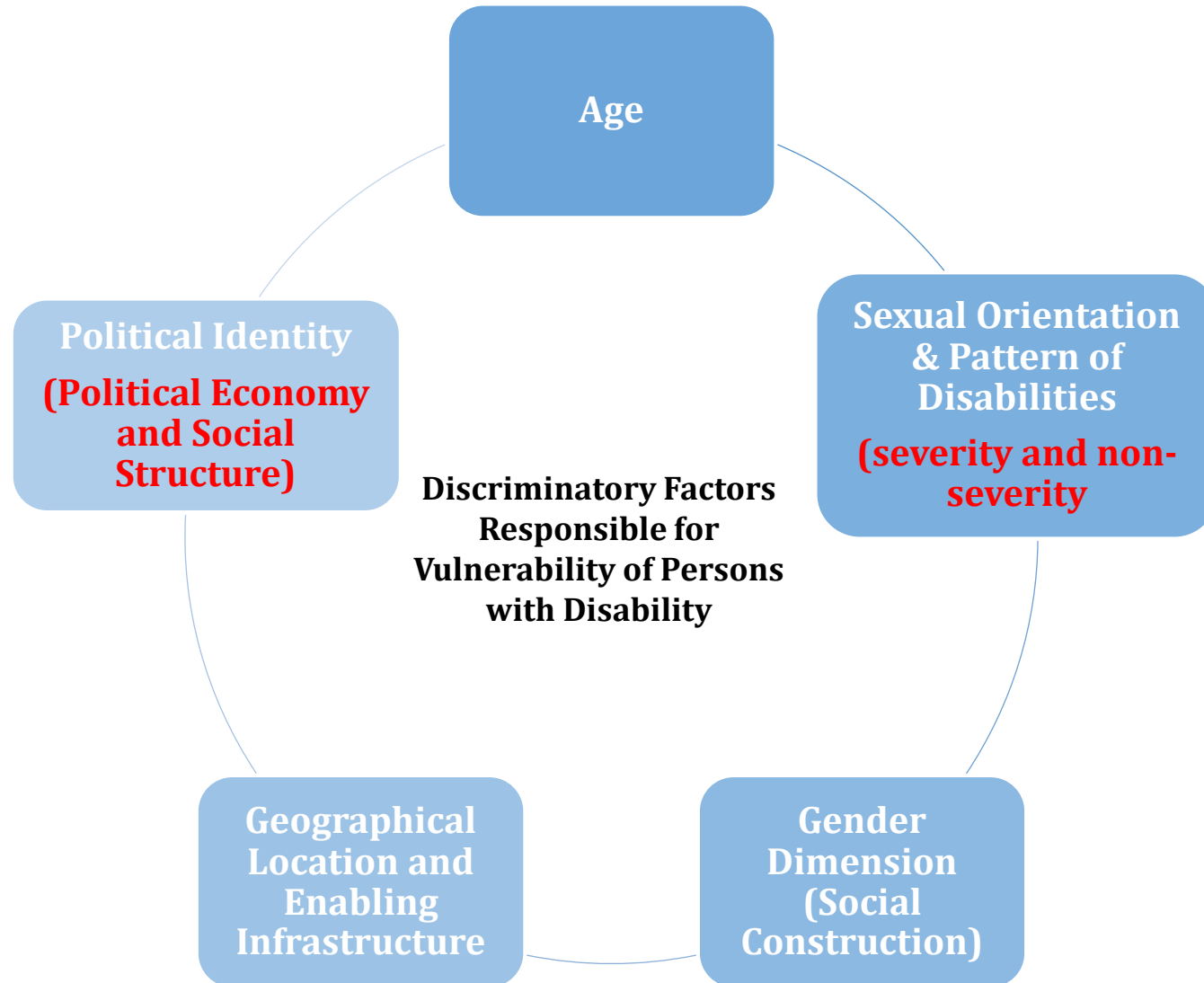


## Progression of Monthly Allowances for Disabled: From Initial Phase to Current Fiscal Year Under NSSS

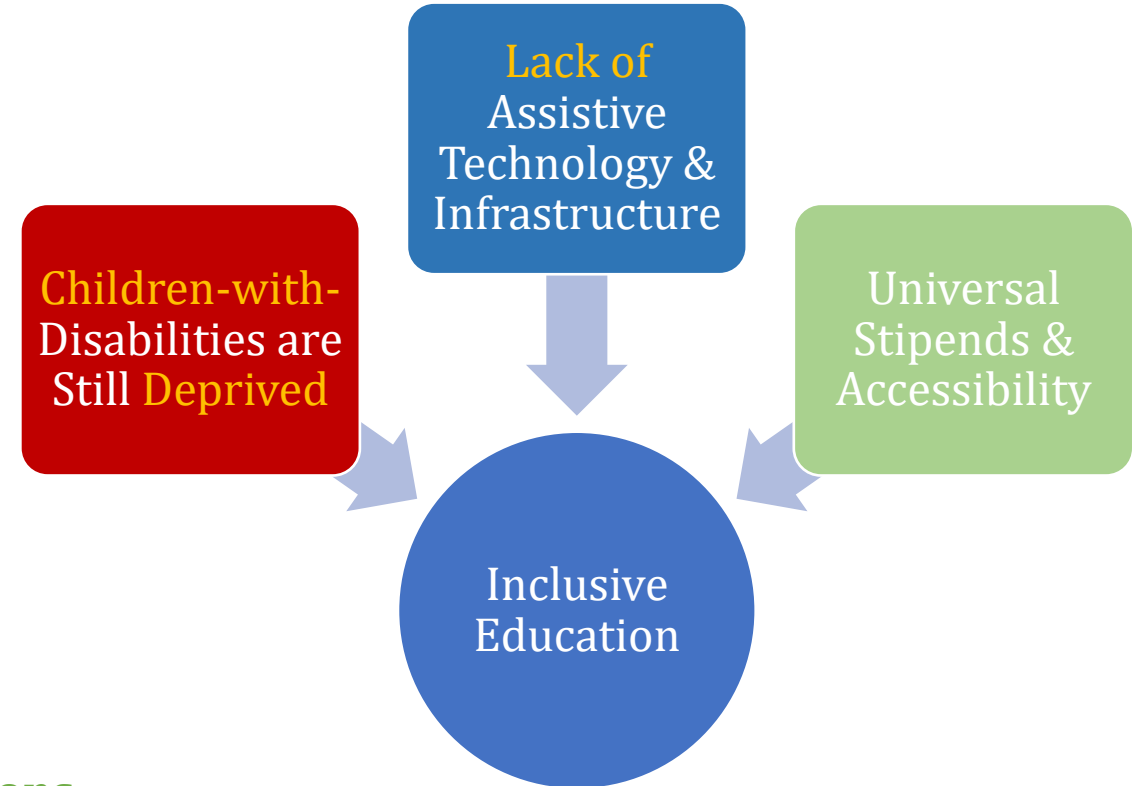
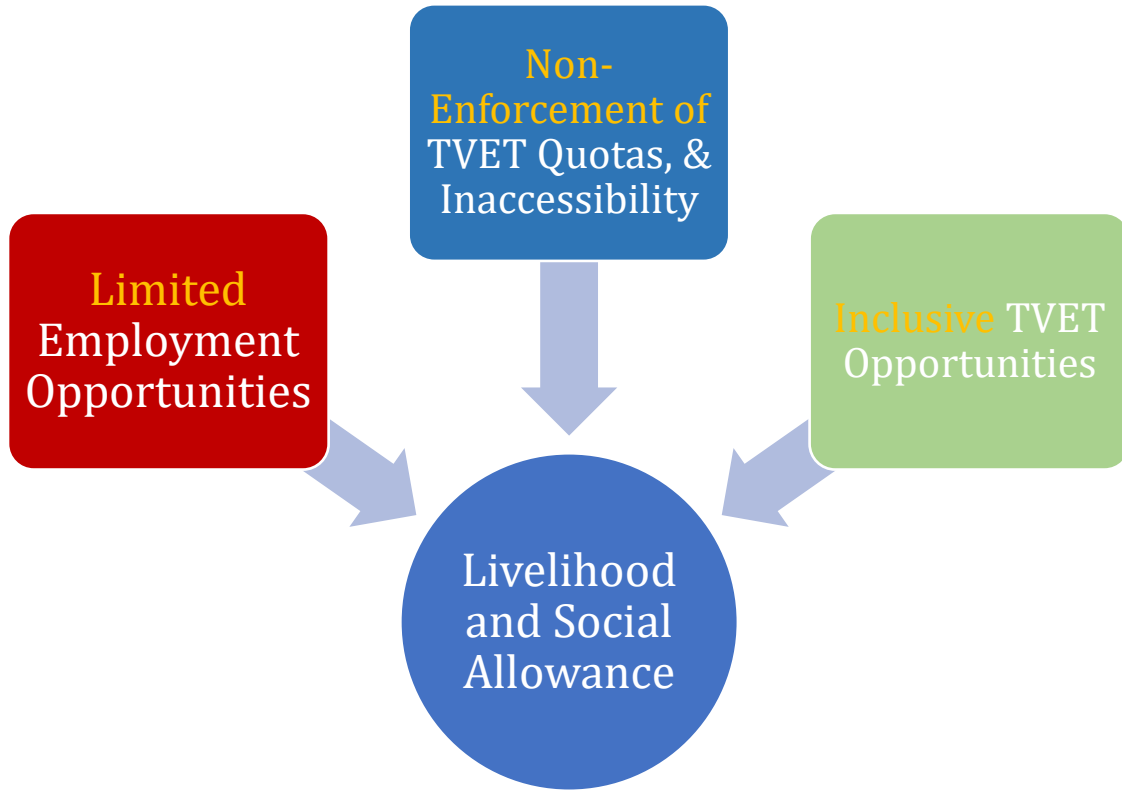




# Vulnerability-Disability Framework & Factors of Discrimination

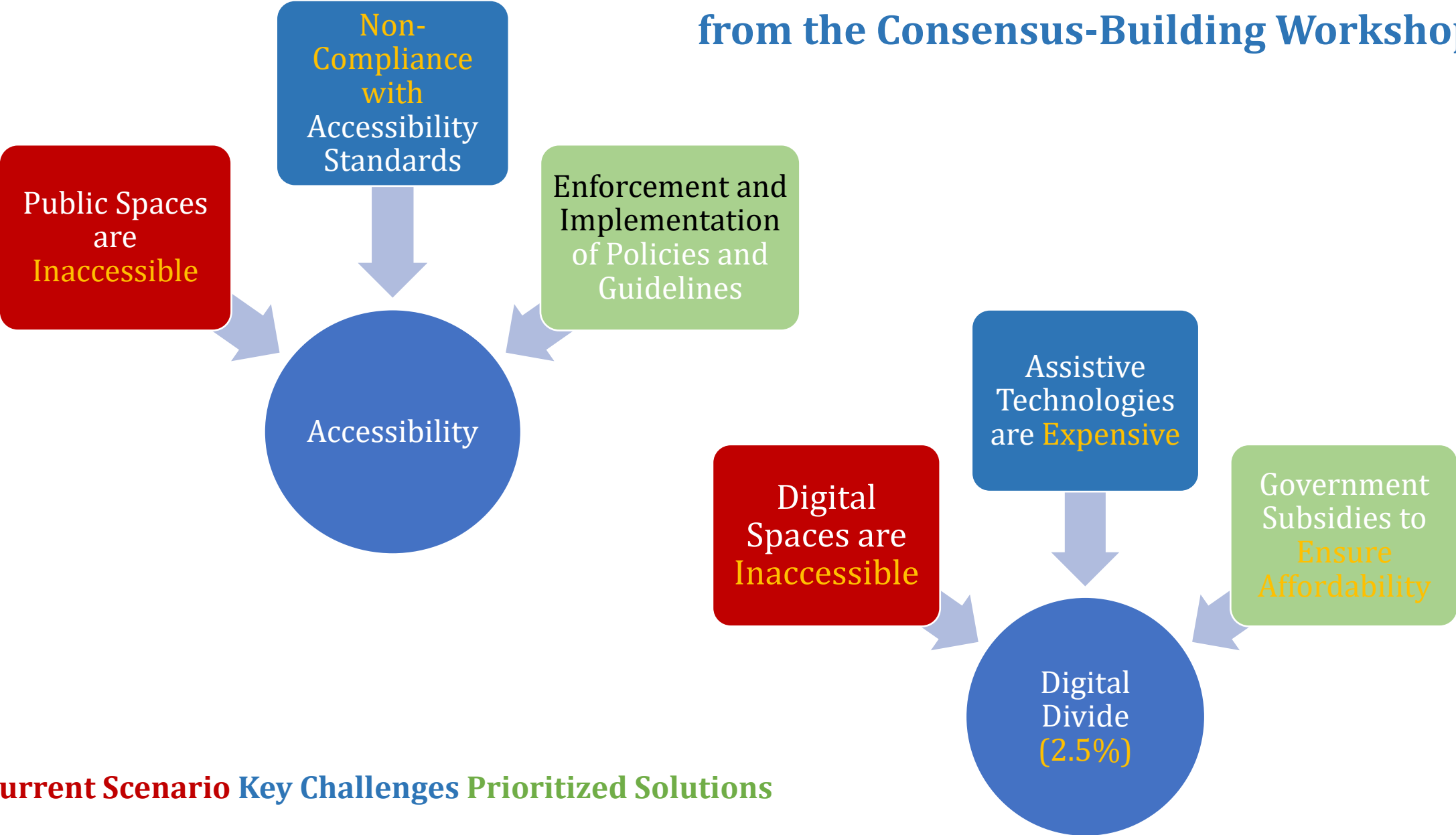


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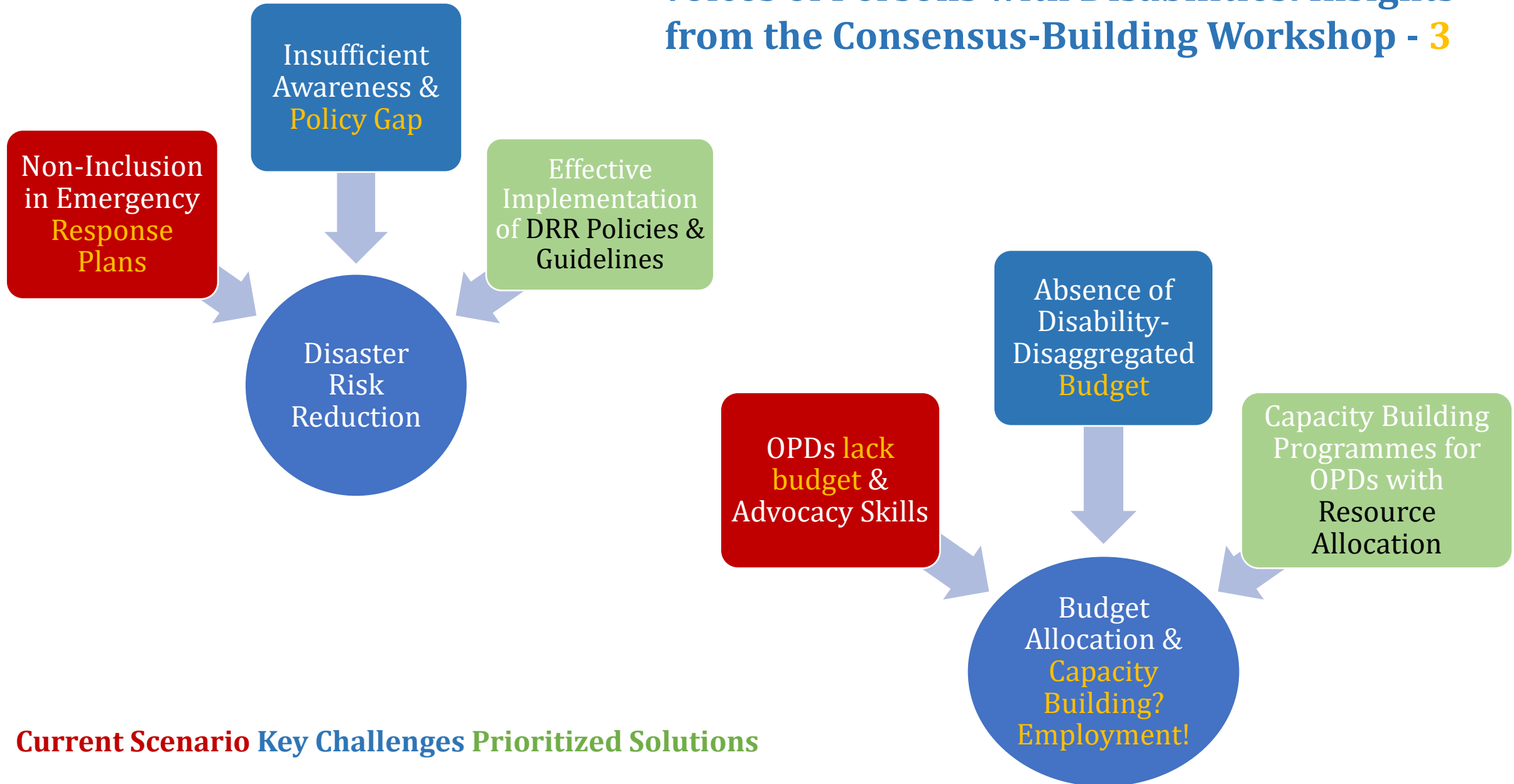
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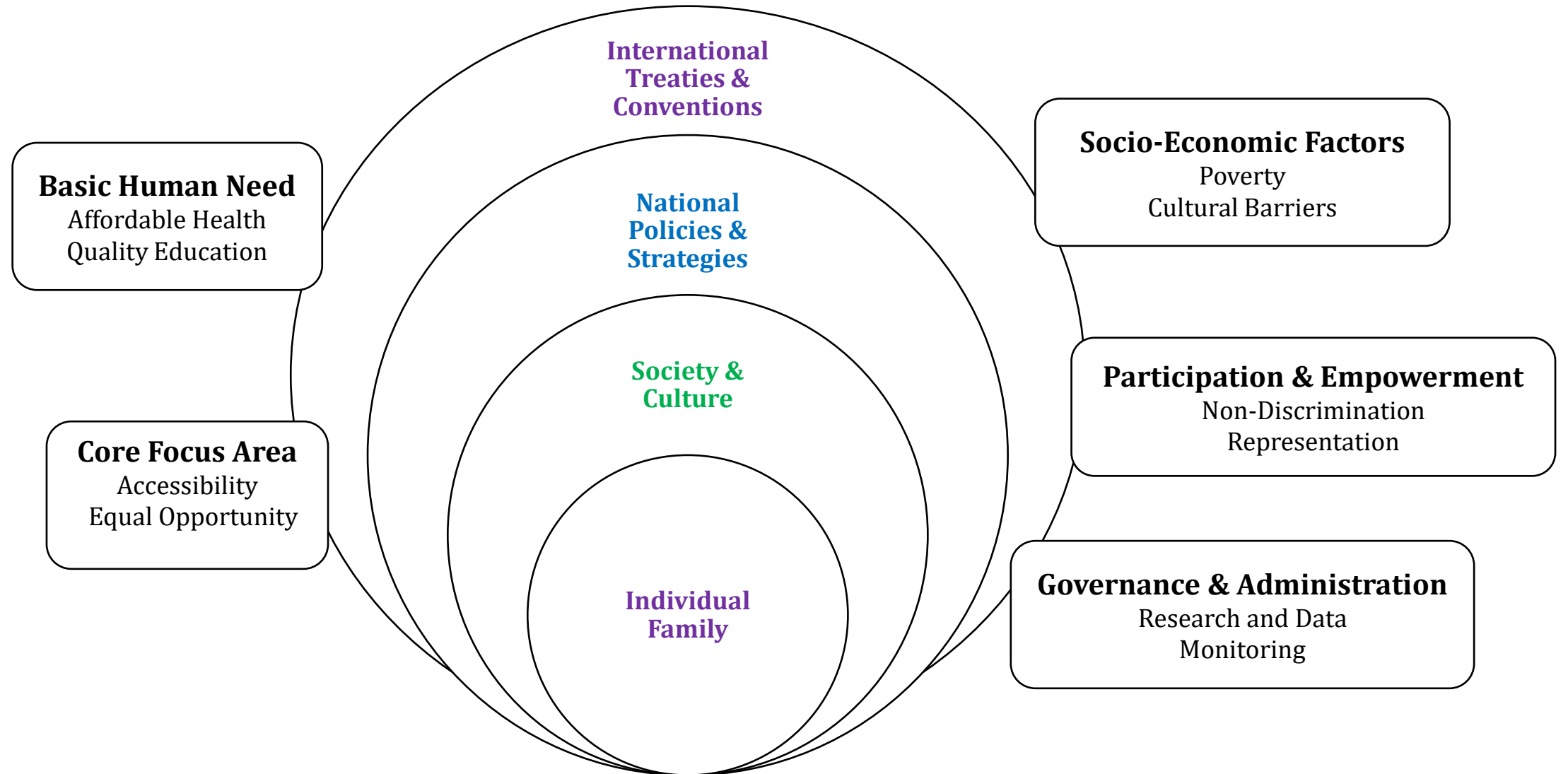
# **Social Protection Framework for Persons with Disabilities**

Shifting Perspectives Towards Economic, Social, and Human Capital

# Empowerment through Action: Protect, Prevent, Promote, Transform



# Thematic Roadmap to the Framework



# **Link to the Social Protection Framework for Persons with Disabilities**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sej0Z6XwhGb8YqPPtQ5IK5slrA2sYbA2/view?usp=sharing>



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