

# Social Spotlight

*Amplifying the Voices of  
Persons with Disabilities*

## Editorial

As we welcome a new year, the Social Security Policy Support (SSPS) Programme is proud to present the inaugural issue of its quarterly newsletter, Social Spotlight. Centred on 'Amplifying the Voices of Persons with Disabilities,' this issue underscores the programme's steadfast commitment to fostering equity, dignity, and inclusion for all. Grounded in a life-cycle approach, the SSPS Programme works to strengthen the governance of the social protection system while amplifying the voices of marginalised communities and harnessing the transformative potential of social protection.

For this edition, we shine a light on the extraordinary journeys and initiatives that centre around persons with disabilities, a group that remains at the heart of our collective vision for an inclusive Bangladesh. Over the past quarter, the SSPS Programme has worked tirelessly to identify the policy gaps while addressing the needs of persons with disabilities in Bangladesh.

Central to these initiatives was the draughting of the Social Protection Framework for Persons with Disabilities—a thoroughly researched document aimed at addressing existing challenges and paving the way for an inclusive future. The SSPS Programme remains steadfast in its pledge to build a Bangladesh where no one is left behind—a vision realised through the relentless advocacy for those who often go unheard.

Let this edition serve as a reminder that inclusive development is not a distant goal when we prioritise equity and work together to strengthen the social protection landscape. Stay tuned for the upcoming issues, where we will shine the spotlight on another crucial theme, bringing us one step closer to a truly inclusive Bangladesh.

**Our Goal is to Ensure  
Persons with Disabilities as...**

**Social Capital**

**Human Capital**

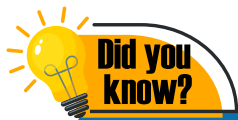
**Economic Capital**



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## There are 12 Types of Disabilities in our National Disability Act

### Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

A range of developmental brain disorders affecting communication, behavior, and social interaction.

### Physical Disability

Impairments impacting mobility or physical function, such as missing limbs or paralysis.

### Mental Illness Leading to Disability

Conditions like schizophrenia or depression that disrupt daily functioning.

### Visual Disability

Impaired vision, including blindness, not correctable by standard treatments.

### Speech Disability

Disorders affecting verbal communication, like stuttering or speech delay.

### Intellectual Disability

Limitations in learning and adaptive behavior affecting everyday skills.

### Hearing Disability

Partial or total hearing loss affecting communication and interaction.

### Deafblindness

Combined severe hearing and vision impairments hindering environmental interaction.

### Cerebral Palsy

Movement and coordination disorders caused by brain damage before or during birth.

### Down Syndrome

A genetic disorder causing developmental delays and intellectual disabilities.

### Multiple Disabilities

Coexistence of two or more disabilities requiring comprehensive support.

### Other Disabilities

Emerging conditions or rare disorders significantly impacting daily life.

## How To Call Them?

### WHAT WE SHOULD CALL THEM



PERSONS WITH

DISABILITY

HEARING IMPAIRMENT

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

HEARING IMPAIRMENT

HEARING IMPAIRMENT

### WHAT WE CAN'T CALL THEM



PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, DIFFERENTLY ABLED, SPECIAL CHILD, SPECIAL PERSON

DEAF

MENTALLY IMBALANCED

BLIND

DEAF-MUTE

# WHAT HAVE WE DONE

## OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 2024 DECEMBER 04, 2024

Amplifying the Leadership  
of Persons with Disabilities  
for An Inclusive and  
Sustainable Future



## RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP ON DISABILITY RIGHTS LANDSCAPE IN BANGLADESH

To bring together stakeholders to:

- ✓ Review progress
- ✓ Address challenges
- ✓ Commit to action



## CONSENSUS BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE SOCIAL PROTECTION FRAMEWORK FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE EVENTS



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Amid the digital revolution, podcasts have emerged as a dynamic tool for spreading awareness and sparking conversations. Recognizing their potential, the SSPS Program is diving into the podcasting realm, crafting engaging episodes on diverse topics to inform, inspire, and connect with a broader audience.

### **'Social Inclusion: The Role of UNDP in Bangladesh'**

See here: <https://tinyurl.com/2edh9yt>



### **New Interim Government's Commitment to Bangladesh's Persons with Disabilities to Meet SDG Goals**

See here: <https://tinyurl.com/2d638u7a>



### **Women with Disabilities: The Multidimensionality of the Problem and Initiatives Required**

See here: <https://tinyurl.com/2d638u7a>



### **Missing Future: Deprivation of quality education**

See here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9nmrhh>



### **Social Protection as a Catalyst for Change**

See here: <https://tinyurl.com/3tcd3dvv>



### **Shaping Inclusive Policies: Protecting the Rights of People with Disabilities**

See here: <https://tinyurl.com/2yw7bb2y>



### **SSPS Programme: Advancing Socio-Economic Development**

See here: <https://tinyurl.com/bddc7c7d>



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The next edition of Social Spotlight is coming soon!