



A global initiative on health equity for persons with disabilities



WHA 74.8 Resolution

SEVENTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Agenda item 26.4

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The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities¹

The Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the consolidated report by the Director-General;²

Urgency



Over 1.3 billion people have a disability worldwide.

This is 1 in 6 people

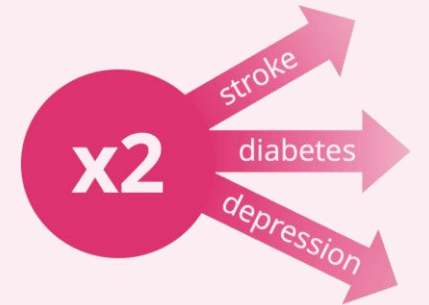


Premature death
up to 20 years earlier

20
years

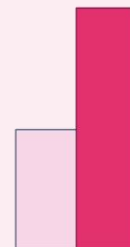


Poorer health
more than double the risk for certain health conditions



Persons with disabilities have reduced healthcare coverage

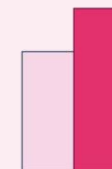
Cardiovascular and diabetes control
up to 45%



Cervical cancer and HPV screening
up to 33%



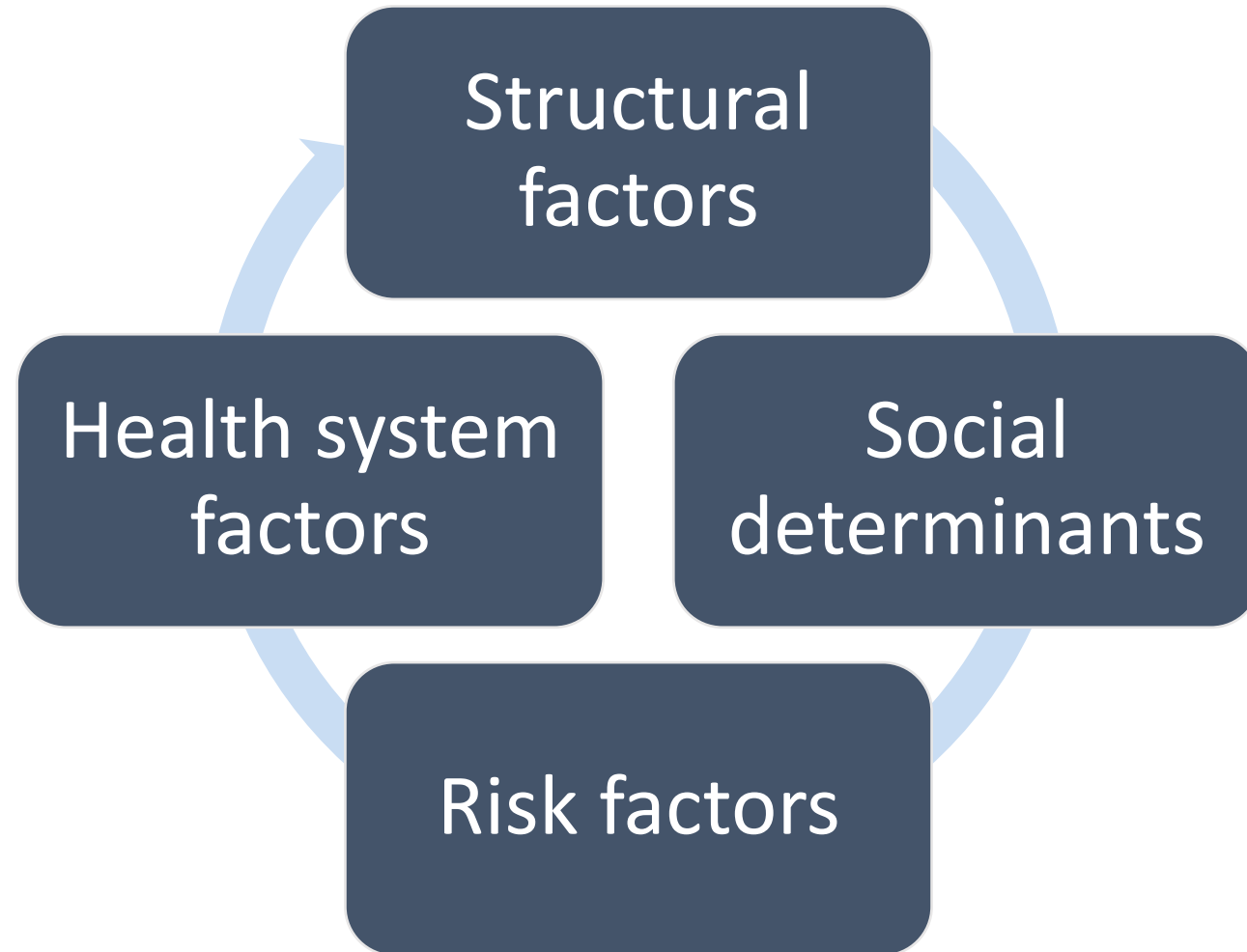
Immunization for children
up to 14%



□ Coverage for persons with disabilities

■ Coverage for persons without disabilities

Contributing factors to health inequities...



Contributing factors to health inequities

Structural factors

Cultural and societal values that manifest in stigma and discrimination

Policies and processes

Governance and accountability

Social determinants

Poverty and added costs

Education and employment

Living conditions

Transportation

Violence

Climate impact

Intersecting factors

Risk factors

Physical inactivity

Smoking

Alcohol and drug use

High body mass index

Health system

Health and care workforce

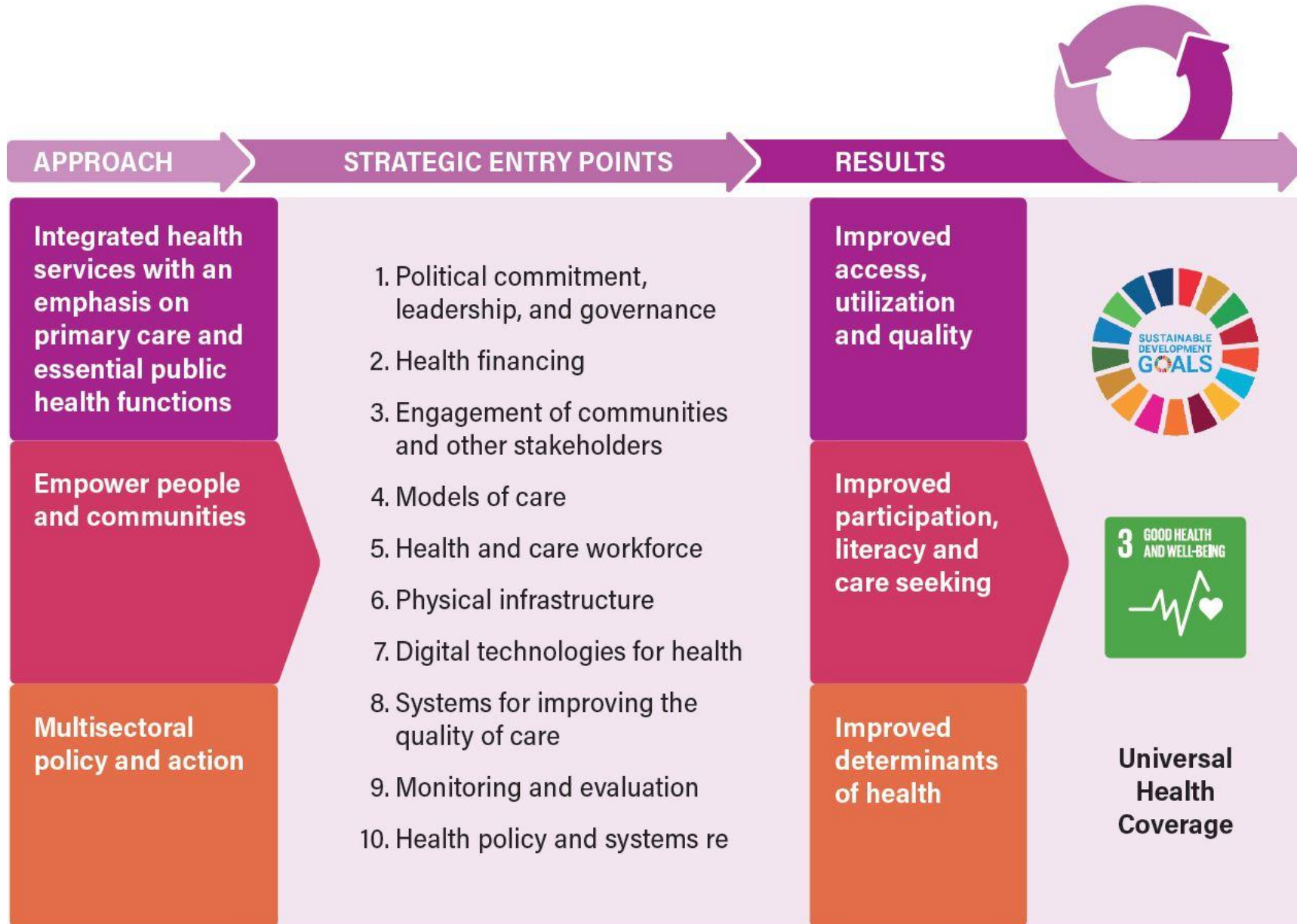
Health information systems

Health financing

Leadership

Service provision

Framework for health sector strengthening through Primary Health Care approach



10 strategic entry points

40 actions

WHO Disability Health Equity Initiative



Country engagement



Implementation of the Disability Inclusion Guide for Action



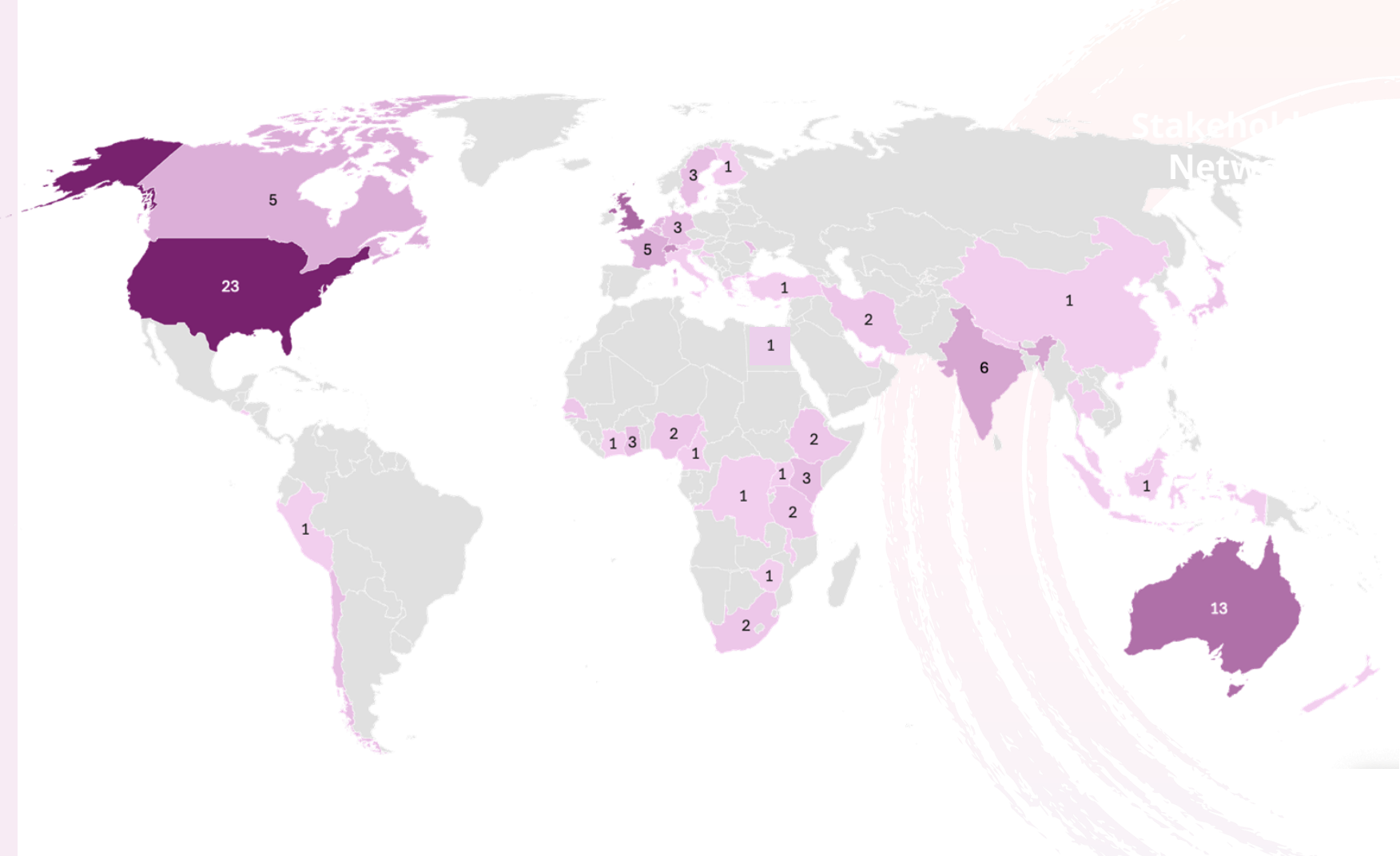
1. **Prepare** for the Disability Guide for Action process with stakeholders.
2. **Assess** the situation of disability inclusion in the health sector.
3. **Design** disability inclusive actions for the health sector.
4. **Implement and monitor** disability inclusive actions in health sector policies, plans, and programmes.

WHO Disability Health Equity Initiative

155 MEMBERS

Member categories

Member States	34
Intergovernmental organizations	14
Civil society organizations	71
Academia	32
Private sector	4



Strategic areas

**Build leadership
on health equity
among persons
with disabilities**



**Elevate health
equity for
persons with
disabilities as a
political priority
in health**



**Create a
disability
inclusive
health
sector**



**Establish robust
indicators,
evidence and
monitoring**

