**Questionnaire on** **the right of persons with disabilities to the highest attainable standard of health**

1. Please provide information on existing or planned legislation and policies to ensure the realization of the right to health of persons with disabilities, including current challenges and good practices.

* Law on the rights of persons with disability
* Decree on providing detailed guidance to implement the law on persons with disability
* Law on health insurance (#46/2014)
* Circular on rehabilitation services for persons with disability (N0 18/2016 TT-BYT)
* Decree on community based rehabilitation for persons with mental disorders (#1215/2012)

1. Please provide any information and statistical data (including surveys, censuses, administrative data, literature, reports, and studies) related to the exercise of the right to health of persons with disabilities in general, as well as with particular focus in the following areas:

According to the Ministry of labor, Invalid and Social Affair, there are about 8 million with disability in Vietnam. Of which 1.9 million are children with disability under 16 years old.[[1]](#footnote-1)

* Availability of barrier-free general healthcare services and programmes, which take into account all accessibility aspects for persons with disabilities;

There are 38 public rehabilitation hospitals managed by the Ministry of health and 23 rehabilitation hospitals managed by other ministries. 90% of provincial general hospitals have rehabilitation service section. 70% district general hospital have rehabilitation service unit. There is a national association for rehabilitation in Vietnam.

* access to free or affordable general healthcare services and programmes, including mental health services, services related to HIV/AIDS and universal health coverage;
* 51 out of 63 provinces have been launching Community Based Rehabilitation programs (Ministry of Health, 2006),
* Since 2017, the Minister of the Ministry of Health approved the Decision on Programmes for health care and rehabilitation for victims of dioxin, period 2018 -2021 (Decision No 5305/QD-BYT, on 24/11/2017). The government has allocated 72 billion VND for the program implementation.
* access to free or affordable disability-specific healthcare services and programmes; and

According to report of the government, there are about 1,9 million children with disability in Vietnam; only 25% of children access to rehabilitation services, 69% of the children received free health insurance cards; 41% children with disability go to school.

* access to free or affordable health-related habilitation and rehabilitation goods and services, including early identification and intervention.

There are 34 centres for rehabilitation for children with disability that provided services on early diagnose and treatment.

1. Please provide information on discrimination against persons with disabilities in the provision of healthcare, health insurance and/or life insurance by public or private service providers.

Information on discrimination against persons with disabilities in the provision of healthcare, health insurance and/or life insurance is not available.

We need more more support for studies on discrimination against persons with disability in Vietnam.

1. Please provide information on the observance of the right to free and informed consent of persons with disabilities regarding healthcare, including sexual and reproductive health and mental health services.

A study conducted by Dr Le Hoang, Ngoc Yen (2015) pointed out that “most of the persons affected by leprosy still live in exclusive communities (leprosy villages). Despite official efforts to cure, normalize and de-stigmatize the disease, people with severe leprosy symptoms are readily visible in public spaces where they excite abhorrence and compassion among the alms-giving public”[[2]](#footnote-2).

1. Please describe to what extent and how are persons with disabilities and their representative organizations involved in the design, planning, implementation and evaluation of health policies, programmes and services.

Representatives of DPOs are invited to consultation meeting in the design, planning, implementation and evaluation of health policies, programmes and services.

With support from international organization, the government of Vietnam has launched hotline for children, including children with disability to complain and request for child protection

1. UNICEF Vietnam: Workshop documentation on shadow report on implementation of UN convention on the rights of persons with disability in Vietnam, April 5th 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Le Hoang, Ngoc Yen (2015), Living leprosy in Vietnam: care, affliction and agency in the shadows of a cure, accessed via [https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/124058 on January 16](https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/124058%20on%20January%2016), 2018 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)