

<p><b>7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability</b></p>	<p><i>UN statistics state that about 20% of all disabilities are caused by malnutrition and over 10% are caused by infectious diseases</i></p>	<p>In many makeshift communities and shanty towns there is a disproportionate number of people with disabilities. They live their because they are unable to participate as individuals in economic activities or because their families have been unable to meet both their disability needs and the basic needs of the family for food and shelter. Poor nutrition, dangerous working and living conditions, limited access to vaccination programmes, and to health &amp; maternity care, poor hygiene, bad sanitation, inadequate information about the causes of impairments, war and conflict, and natural disasters all cause disability</p>	<p>Strategies targeted at homeless populations must include targeted programmes to address the needs of people who have a disability and their families. These strategies should take into account the barriers to economic, social and political participation that exist in the mainstream communities of that country.</p>
<p><b>8. Develop a Global Partnership for Development</b></p>	<p><i>Recent estimates indicate that there are approximately 450 million people with disabilities living in the developing world. Approximately 30-40% of households care for a member with a disability</i></p>	<p>The exclusion and systemic undervaluing of people with disabilities perpetuates a cycle of poverty and isolation. Unless disabled people are brought into the development mainstream by creating global partnerships for advocacy and development it will be impossible to achieve full human and economic rights.</p>	<p>Multilateral investment strategies to address inequalities among nations must also take into account inequalities within sovereign nations. Free trade and the removal of trade barriers will generate wealth within nations but the eradication of poverty requires policies to promote economic and social participation of all groups in society.</p>