DID YOU KNOW?

Disaster risk reduction plans often exclude persons with disabilities. Information and warnings are not available in accessible means, modes and formats. Moreover, assistive devices are often lost or damaged during disasters and are typically not part of distributed relief aid. When they are, they may not be tailored to the individual and fail to provide the same level of functionality and independence.

Women and girls with disabilities are more at risk of violence, especially during situations of emergency. Shelters and other services for victims of violence are commonly not accessible or do not reach women and girls with disabilities. Owing to their dependence upon, and close relationship with the environment and its resources, indigenous small-scale farmers with disabilities are the most at risk of losing their livelihoods due to climate change.

Discriminatory immigration policies constitute another challenge that persons with disabilities and their families face with respect to migrating to other countries.