

## **NCDs, disability and ageing: Interrelated challenges in the post-2015 era**

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Today just over a billion people, or approximately 15 per cent of the global population, experience a form of disability (Murray et al., 2012). These can be short- or long-term impairments and often place a person at a disadvantage for full, equitable participation in society.

These barriers to economic opportunities and social services are exacerbated by poverty, with vulnerable populations, including women, children and older people, disproportionately affected.

[Read full article](#) [1] by Alzheimer's Disease International, Handicap International and NCD Alliance at Commonwealths Health-Partnerships 2015 e-book (page 91).

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