



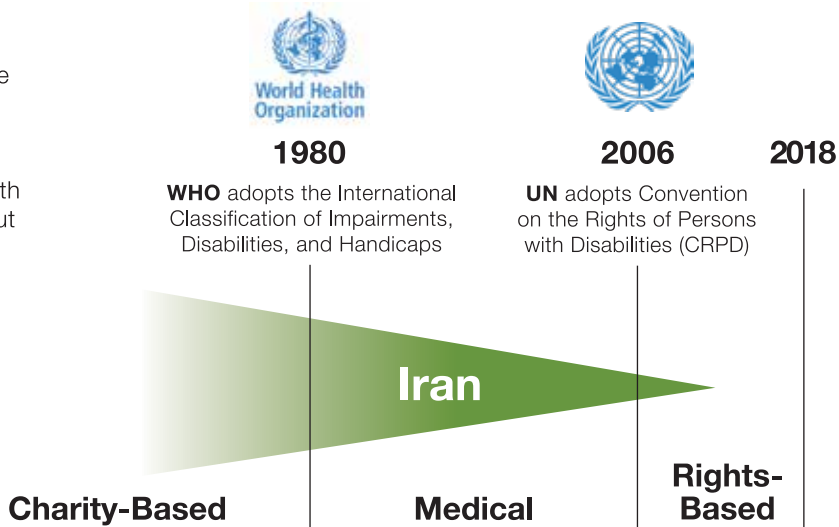
FACT Sheet

DISABILITIES IN IRAN

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Changing Perceptions and Approach

Countries around the world take different approaches to people with disabilities. Iran has adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (CRPD) but continues to follow a charity-based and medical approach.



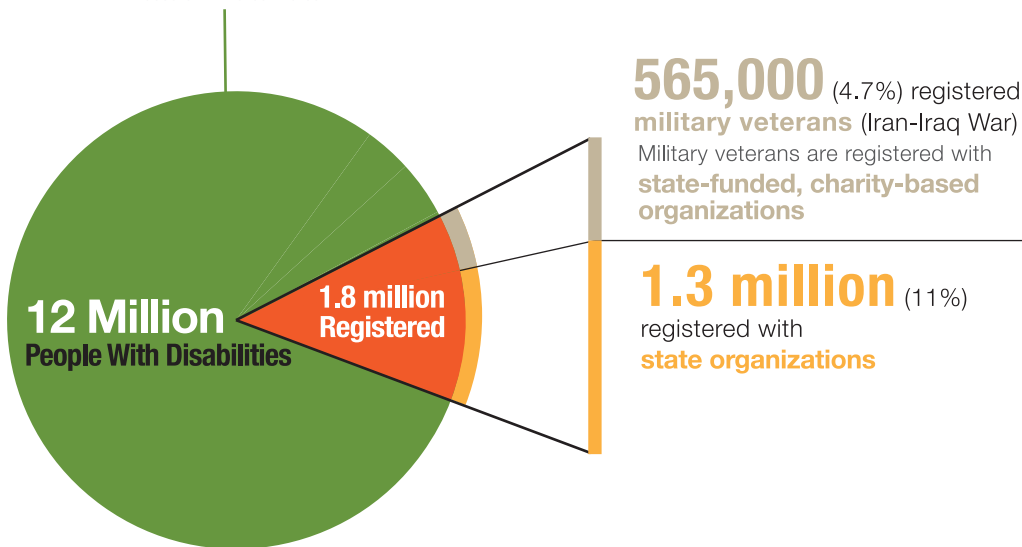
Iran's Population:
82 Million

People with Disabilities:
12 Million

*Based on WHO estimates.

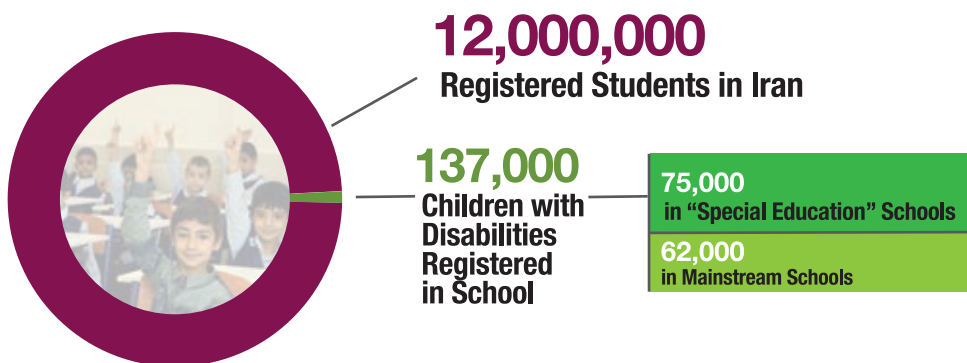
1 in 7

live with a **Disability**



* Accurate statistics on disabilities in Iran are often unavailable and state figures are usually underestimates or inaccurate. These numbers provide general estimates.

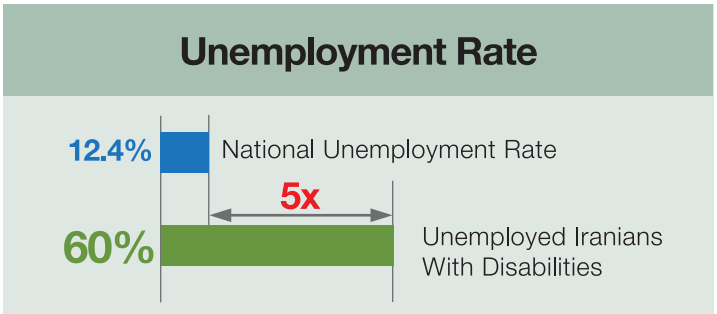
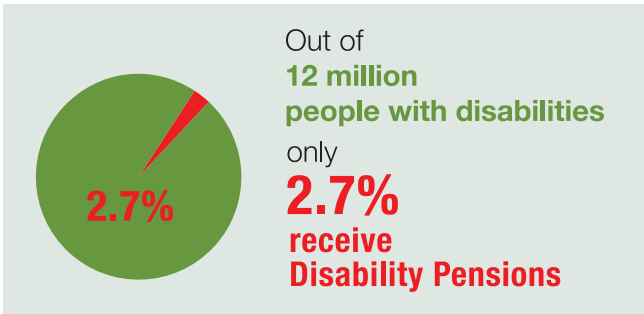
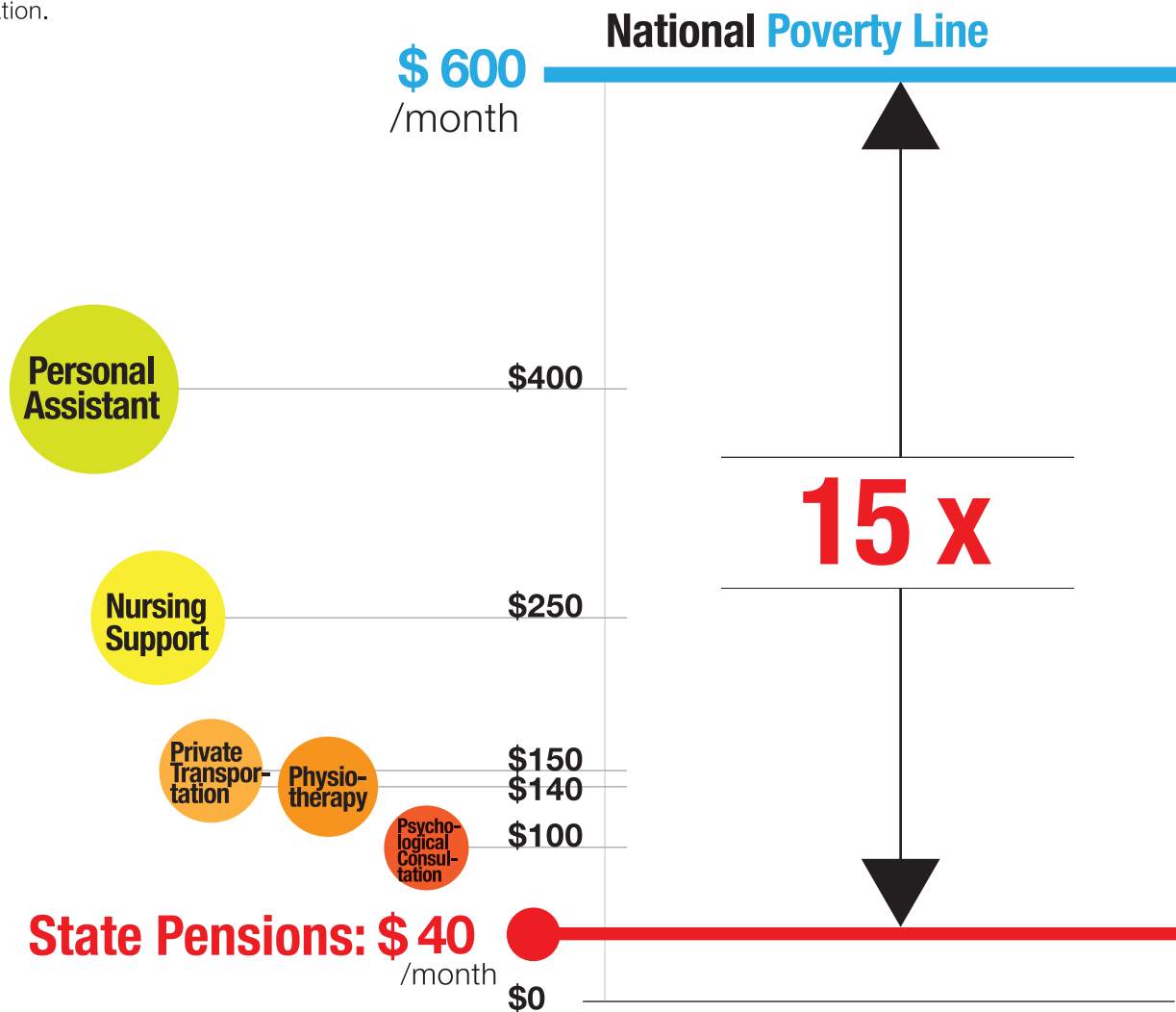
Center for
HUMAN RIGHTS
in Iran



Unaffordable Living Costs

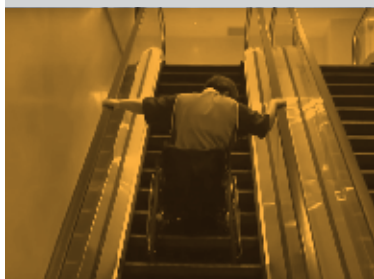


*Estimates based on 2016 currency rates and do not reflect Iran's severe currency devaluation.



91%

of metro stations
in Tehran were
inaccessible
in 2016



**Public
Transportation**

At least
70%

of public buildings are
inaccessible

*Official state estimate.
This number is likely much higher.



**Public
Buildings**

Medical machines
are routinely
inaccessible

There is only one accessible
mammogram machine in
Tehran with a long waiting list.



Health Care

Inaccessible

Education



Many obstacles prevent children
and adults with disabilities from
obtaining education including:

Unaffordable tuition fees

Difficult registration process

**Social stigma of being seen
in public with a disability**

**Lack of affordable
personal assistance**

Lack of trained personnel

Income and Social Assistance



Unemployment
among people with
disabilities is **5x** higher
than the national unem-
ployment rate and
disability pensions do not
meet basic living costs.

Main State Organizations

These organizations and
their headquarters are
usually inaccessible,
under-funded and poorly
staffed.

State Welfare Organization of Iran

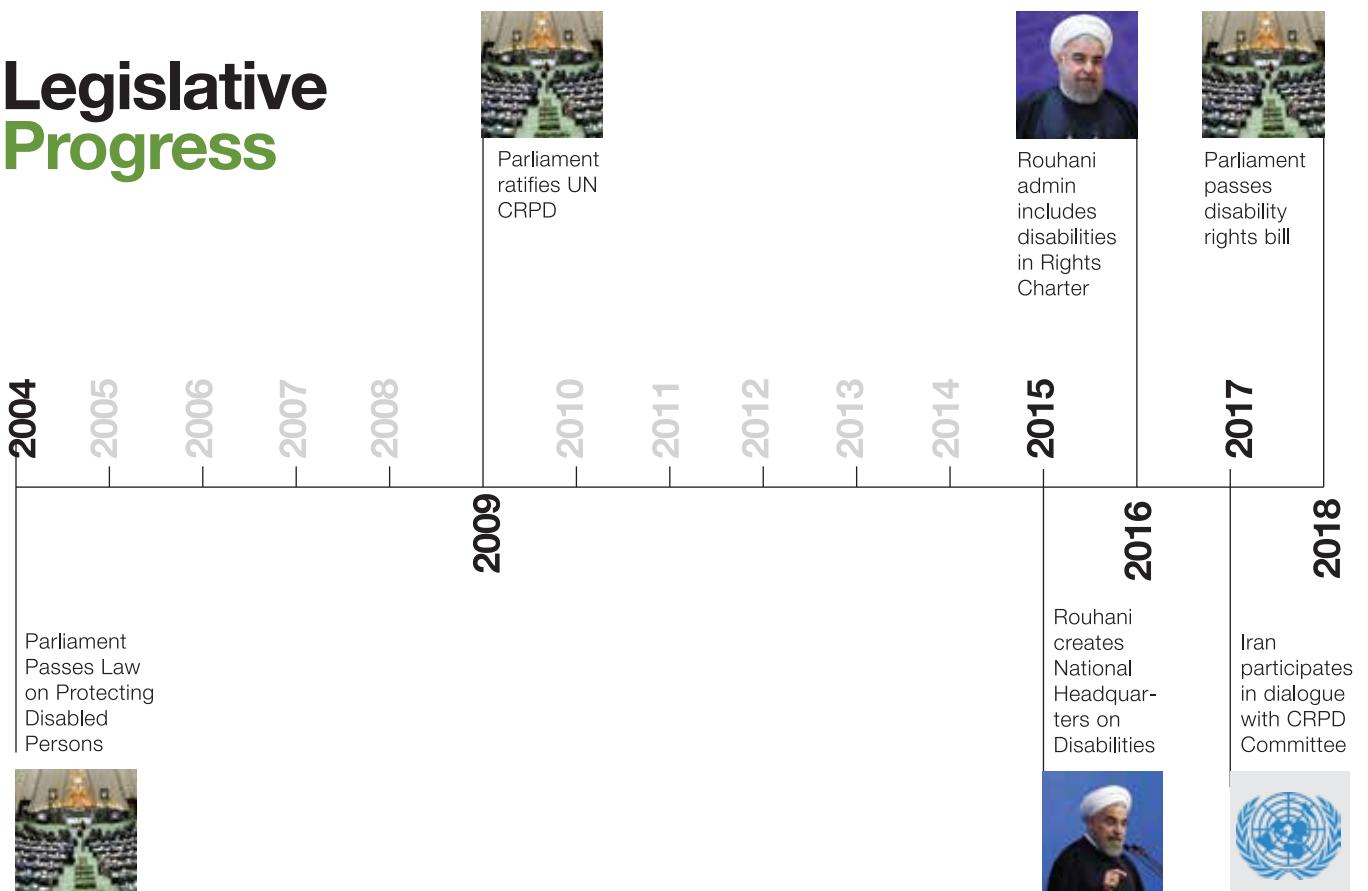
The SWO is the main organization
providing services and pensions to
people with disabilities.

Special Education Organization

Working under the Ministry of
Education, the SEO is responsible
for identifying students with
disabilities and providing them
education.

These organizations are both
charged with implementing the
UN's CRPD

Legislative Progress



*Iran has ratified the UN's Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities and passed laws to protect people with disabilities but has yet to implement measures to enforce these laws.

