

DISABILITIES IN IRAN

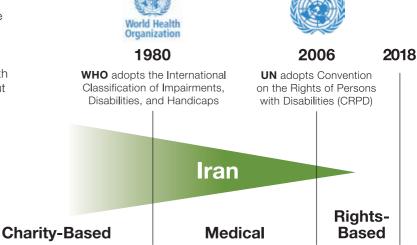
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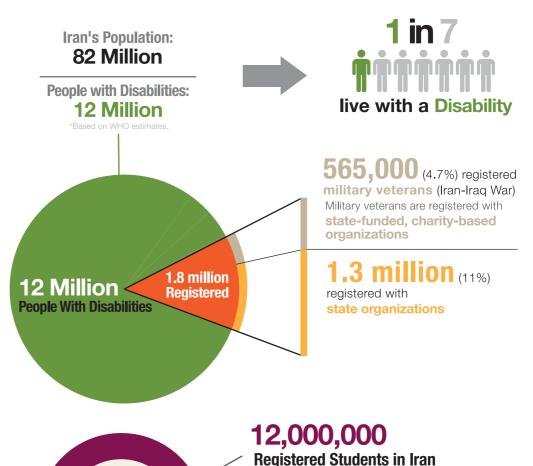
* Accurate statistics on disabilities in Iran are often unavailable and state figures are usually underestimates or inaccurate. These numbers provide general estimates.



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.





137,000

Disabilities

Registered

in School

Children with

75,000

62.000

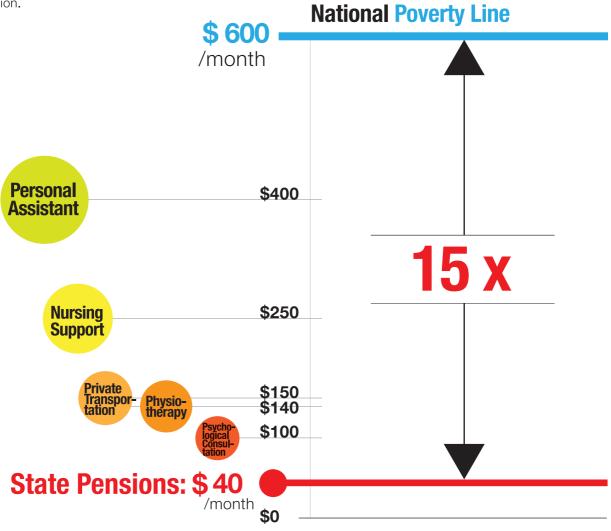
in Mainstream Schools

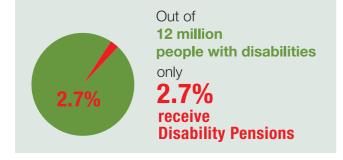
in "Special Education" Schools

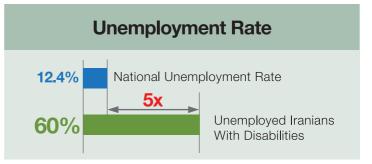
Unaffordable Living Costs



*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 unemployment 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.

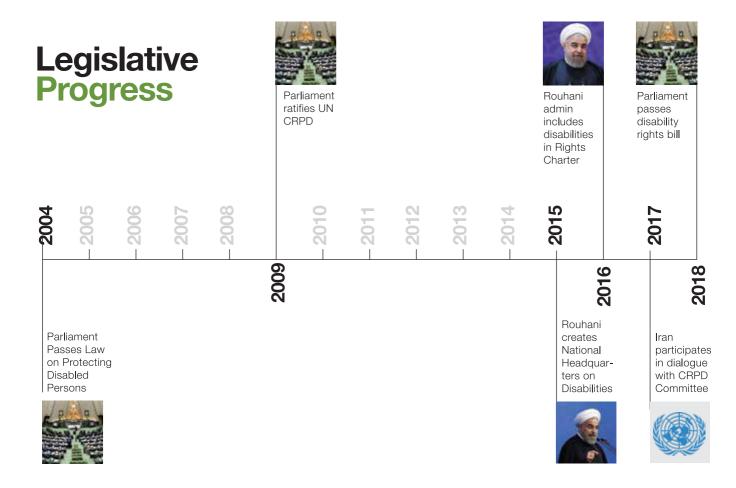
State Welfare Organization of Iran

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

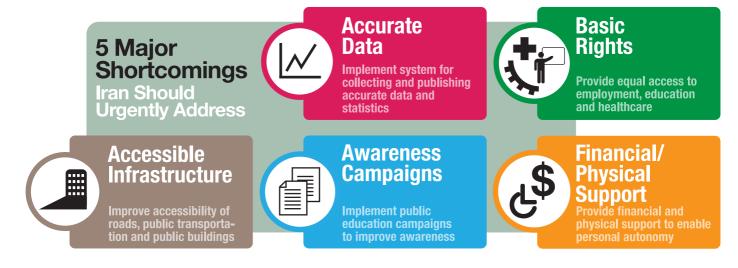
Special Education Organization

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

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



*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.





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