

Inclusive transport

Regional issues in inclusive transport for people with disabilities and elderly

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Quote by Albert Einstein

- Unless all people and countries of the world empathise that, providing a decent living is a obligation of all people and countries; till then civilization has no meaning” (Einstein).

Issues of people with disabilities and elderly

- Access to:
- Education;
- Health care
- Work and livelihoods;
- Recreation;
- Participation;

Broad issues

- Design of vehicles
- Condition of roads
- Design of vehicle stations
- Sensitivity of operators
- Affordability of users
- Reluctance to advanced technology
- Lack of collective planning in design
- Lack/Implementation of effective policy framework at the national level
- Absence of research for innovative strategies

Design

- Wheel chair access
- Door width
- Height of steps
- Chassy level
- Seating arrangements
- Colour
- Route board
- Horron
- Sign boards
- No. Board
- Signal lights



Roads

- Bad condition of roads
- Road safety awareness
- Road safety signals
- Signs and symbols
- Traffic rules
- Absence of metal roads
- Foot path condition
- Road fencing
- Sensitivity of traffic police
- Inaccessible traffic signals



Shelters and stations

- Location
- Access to entry and exit
- Platforms
- Pavements
- Buildings
- Seating arrangements
- Counter height and location
- Toilets and wash rooms
- Other facilities



Attitudes

- Sensitivity of vehicle operators
- Attitudes of conductor
- Attitudes of counter people
- Awareness of traffic police
- Attitudes of transport operators
- Attitudes and awareness of passengers

Affordability

- Private transport is expensive
- Cannot afford for private vehicle
- Accessible transport is expensive
- Concessional fare is not allowed
- Cannot hire own vehicle

Technology

- Auditory signals are not used
- Visual display is rarely used
- Braille No. boards are not found
- Simple and cost effective technology is also not adopted
- Lack of awareness on advanced technology



User involvement

- No consultation with the user group
- No active participation of user in planning
- No involvement in design process
- User advisory groups do not exist
- No representation of user group in general advisory bodies

Research and Development

- Lack of resources of research
- No encouragement to young engineers for innovation
- No initiatives to support innovative projects
- Lack of support to commercialise prototype

Policy framework

- Lack of effective policy framework to harmonise CRPD
- Out dated building codes and standards
- No effective enforcement

Way forward

- Collective actions
- Active involvement of user groups in processes
- Strong linkages with cross sectors
- Effective convergence
- Sustained lobby with the state

Who is disabled?

- If you fail to see the “person” but only the disability then who is blind?
- If you cannot hear the cry of your brother for justice, Who is deaf?
- If you cannot communicate to your sister but separate her from you, Who is dumb?
- If you cannot stand up for the rights of all people, Who is crippled?
- If your heart and mind do not reach others, Who is mentally handicap?
- “person is not disabled” but your attitude makes a person disabled [Tony]

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