**MATERIALS FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY**

**SUGGESTED TWEETS**

**Link to the video -** <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>

**ADDC Twitter Handle** - @ADDCnews

* @[org name] we’re helping change attitudes & change lives this #IDPWD
* This #IDPWD we’re making our attitudes towards people with disability count!
* Watch this video to learn how changing attitudes changes lives #IDPWD <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>
* Untrue perceptions of people with #disability is the biggest barrier to #inclusion #IDPWD <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>

**To tweet quotes from the video:**

Benjamin from PNG says #disability does not mean incapability #IDPWD <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>

Ranjesh from Fiji says Impossible means I’m possible this #IDPWD <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>

Yen from Vietnam says to get into uni “I had to tell them that I will study with my head and not my legs” <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>

Stevie from Australia says “we have contributions to make” #IDPWD <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>

**SUGGESTED FACEBOOK POSTS**

**In your Facebook posts you may like to attach the link to the video, a poster with a quote or a picture of your own IDPWD event.**

* At [INSERT ORG NAME] we’re celebrating International Day of People with Disability by [INSERT EVENT].
* This International Day of People with Disability we’re reflecting on how changing attitudes, changes lives! Watch this short video debunking some of the common myths about people with disability. <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>
* This International Day of People with Disability, we are reflecting on how attitudes towards people with disability are the biggest barrier to inclusion.

* Today is International Day of People with Disability. Hear from Yen, who had to convince her university to let her study even though she had acceptable marks. She now heads up a Disabled People’s Organisation in Ho Chi Minh City. <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>
* Today is International Day of People with Disability. Hear from Benjamin from PNG, who was told by a teacher he was “a disgrace to able bodied people”. He got top marks and will study at university next year. <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>
* “People always think that women with disability are asexual” hear from An from Vietnam and other people with disability this International Day. <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0>

**Key Statistics and Information to guide blog post or media release**

**Statement about IDPWD:**

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) is a sanctioned United Nations day that aims to promote an understanding of people with disability and encourage support for their dignity, rights and well-being and is celebrated each year on 3 December.

## Incidence of disability in development

15% / (1 in 7 people) / (1 billion people) in the world have a disability.[[1]](#endnote-1)

22% of the world’s poorest people have a disability.[[2]](#endnote-2)

Disability and poverty are often linked as those in poverty have a higher chance of acquiring a disability due to lack of medical care, poor nutrition, violence, unsafe housing and getting injured at work.[[3]](#endnote-3)

**Children with a disability**

Children with a disability are less likely than their peers without a disability to start school.[[4]](#endnote-4)

Children with a disability who do go to school have much lower rates of staying and succeeding in school.[[5]](#endnote-5)

**Women and Girls with a disability**

Women and girls with a disability face triple discrimination, being female, having a disability and being among the poorest of the poor.[[6]](#endnote-6)

Women with a disability are 2 to 3 times more likely to be physically or sexually abused than women without a disability.[[7]](#endnote-7)

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE**

**Make Your Attitude Count!**

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) is a sanctioned United Nations day that aims to promote an understanding of people with disability and encourage support for their dignity, rights and well-being and is celebrated each year on 3 December.

Increasingly, Australia’s aid and development programs are becoming inclusive of people with disability, but there is a huge challenge ahead. Globally one billion people have a disability, with 80% of people with a disability living in developing countries.

Often though, people’s attitudes are one of the biggest barriers to the inclusion of people with disability in all aspects of community life including education, health, livelihoods, governance and decision making.

To see how attitudes impact the lives of people with a disability from Australia and our region visit <http://goo.gl/9L4cy0> to view a short new video **“Make You Attitude Count”** where you will hear first-hand about  experiences of discrimination and what is possible.

So this International Day of People with Disability - Make Your Attitude Count! [↑](#endnote-ref-7)