

Tackling people with disabilities poverty : more than words

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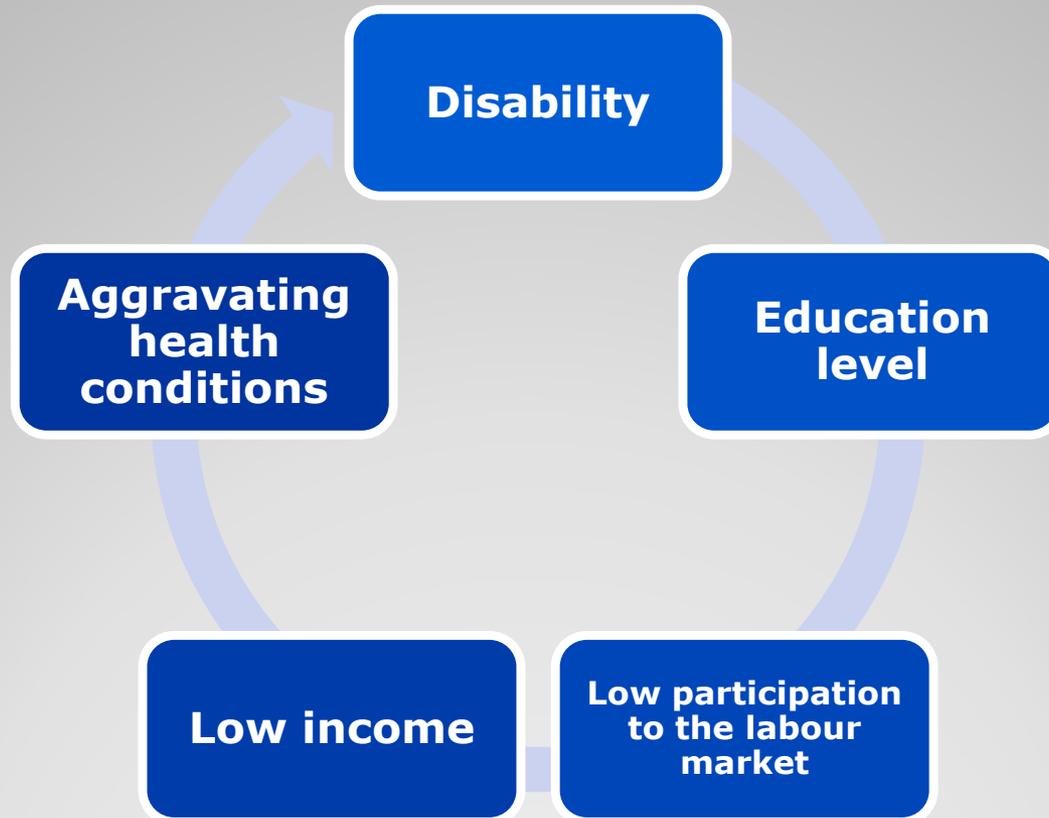
Disability and poverty : definition of a problem

Amartya Sen developed the concept of “capabilities approach”

*Poverty is not solely a function of material goods, but is rather based on **a standard of living described by the capability to conduct various functionings** (Braithwaite, Mont, 2009)*

- Since disability **is by nature a restriction of capabilities** there is **direct causality** between poverty and disability
- Policies must combine **benefits** and **any other means** that **enable people with disabilities to have a “normal life”**

Vicious circle of disability poverty



Where are we now ?

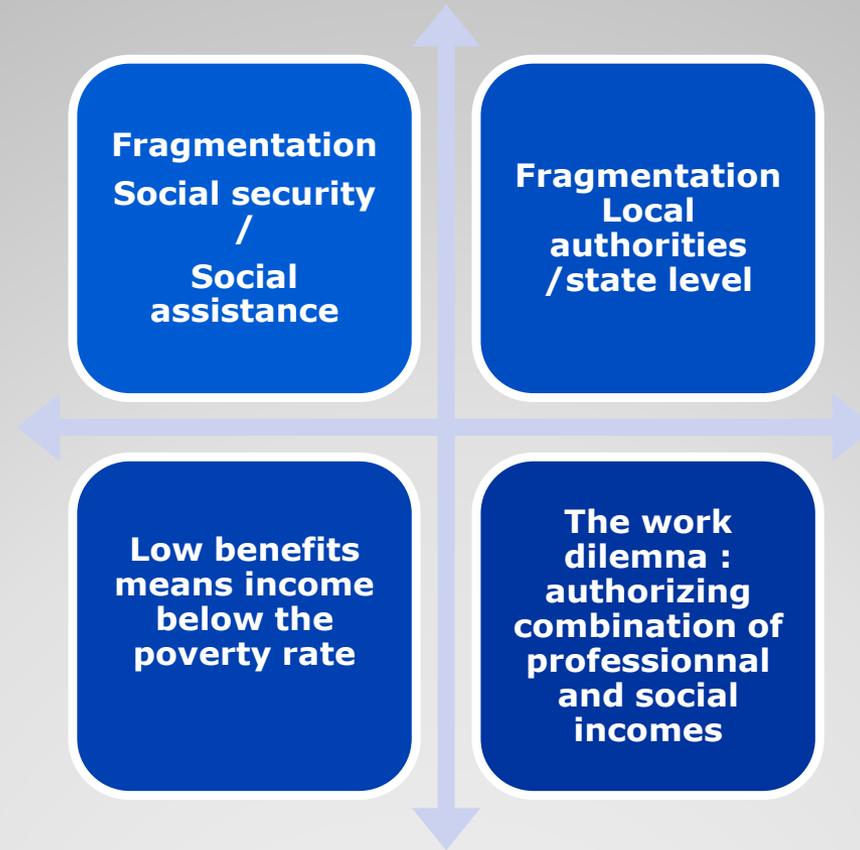
- Poverty rate is up to two times higher for people with disabilities (World Bank) **in developing AND developed countries**
- Participation to the labour market of people with disabilities remains an issue almost everywhere (from 20 to 80% less that from people with no disability)
- **Among people with disabilities, poverty rate is generally higher in the mental health groups.**
- Causes and consequences :
 - Aggravating health conditions / comorbidity
 - Lower education level/ higher unemployment rate
 - Accessibility (physical or not)
 - Stigmatization
- Blind spots
 - Young people's mental health crisis is a silent catastrophe (NHS)
 - Dementia crisis affects younger group of people (higher prevalence ? Better diagnose ?)

Issues

- Services : when it appears that **a significant part** of the population will one day be confronted with **any form of disability** (physical, related to old age, mental health, chronic diseases), the level of public and private **investment in the resorption** of the disabilities remain much too much **low**
- Cultural : since WW2, our societies made **significant progress** in the empowerment of people with disabilities
 - Civil rights
 - Accessibility to education
 - Aocial services
 - Health and assisting technologies

→ **But in many countries, the cultural gap remains**

Issue : level and fragmentation of social benefits



Answers

**DUI : Disability
Universal Income**

**Promoting
diversity value
and continuing
cultural change**

ENABLE

**DIP : Disability
Investment PLAN**

**DOSS : Disability
One Stop Shop**

