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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CBR</b>	community-based rehabilitation
<b>DPO</b>	disabled people's organization
<b>ICF</b>	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
<b>INGO</b>	international nongovernmental organization
<b>NGO</b>	nongovernmental organization
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

## COUNTRY CODES

<b>AUS</b>	Australia
<b>BRN</b>	Brunei Darussalam
<b>CHN</b>	China
<b>FJI</b>	Fiji
<b>FSM</b>	Micronesia, Federated States of
<b>JPN</b>	Japan
<b>KHM</b>	Cambodia
<b>KIR</b>	Kiribati
<b>KOR</b>	Republic of Korea
<b>LAO</b>	Lao People's Democratic Republic
<b>MHL</b>	Marshall Islands
<b>MNG</b>	Mongolia
<b>MYS</b>	Malaysia
<b>NEZ</b>	New Zealand
<b>PHL</b>	Philippines
<b>PLW</b>	Palau
<b>PNG</b>	Papua New Guinea
<b>SGP</b>	Singapore
<b>SLB</b>	Solomon Islands
<b>TON</b>	Tonga
<b>TUV</b>	Tuvalu
<b>VUT</b>	Vanuatu
<b>VNM</b>	Viet Nam
<b>WSM</b>	Samoa

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *World Report on Disability* estimates there are more than 1 billion people with disability worldwide, about 15% of the global population. People with disability face widespread barriers to accessing services. They experience poorer health outcomes, lower educational achievement, less economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disability. The World Health Organization (WHO) recognizes disability as a global public health concern, a human rights issue and a development priority. Linked to this, the *WHO Global Disability Action Plan 2014–2021: Better Health for All People with Disability* aims to contribute to improving health, well-being and human rights for people with disability.

In 2015, the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific conducted a survey on the status of rehabilitation and disability in the Western Pacific Region. It is the first survey of its kind in the Region, intending to provide information on the status of national capacity to provide disability-inclusive health care, rehabilitation, assistive technology, community-based rehabilitation and disability data in the Western Pacific Region. An 80-item questionnaire was developed with three parts to reflect the objectives of the WHO Global Disability Action Plan:

1. Inclusion of people with disability in health care services and health facilities;
2. Rehabilitation services, community-based rehabilitation and assistive technology; and
3. Information and data about people with disability.

In all, 24 out of 27 countries (89%) in the Western Pacific Region responded to the survey. This report reflects the information provided by countries as of December 2015. The key findings are reflected against the background of progress of countries towards the three objectives of the Global Disability Action Plan.

### Removing barriers and improving access to health services and programmes

Governments in the Region are increasingly echoing international commitments. National

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