Social Development of Disabled Persons

The United Nations within their 17 SDGs made mention to the disabled community 11 times in different aspects. They aim to achieve full and productive employment and also emphasize the social, economic and political inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Factors affecting the social development:

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<th>Lack of education</th>
<th>People with disabilities are discriminated more in terms of what they are not able to do rather than what they can do. Their quality of education deteriorates even if their disability is physical, something which would not affect learning capacity. Many children are isolated from main areas and put into special programs, which likely only teach a few times a week. Mentally disabled persons are excluded from society and not taught the basics or even social norms.</th>
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<td>Lack of job opportunities</td>
<td>Countries around the world tend to avoid hiring those with disabilities for numerous reasons; lack of facilities, lack of training for the disabled and the risk involved. Many companies that do provide are ones with appropriate facilities and are able to afford to provide for the disabled. These are mostly in developed countries.</td>
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<td>Lack of wheelchair access</td>
<td>Although found in common places such as parking lots, bathrooms and restaurants wheelchair access, or other such facilities are not common throughout most countries. This prevents disabled persons to participate in activities which they otherwise could.</td>
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Consequences of the Issue

Through limiting the amount of possible activities for disabled persons and also secluding them from society, can potentially lead to further mental conditions such as anxiety and depression. Overall, this causes a large dependency where a growing number of people are dependent on a certain income which in turn causes economic downfall in a nation. When there is discrimination towards disabled persons, this also increases the unemployment rates causing a chain effect of workers losing purchasing power.
Potential Solutions/Guiding Questions

1. Making areas such as workplaces and schools more wheelchair accessible in developing countries.
2. Nations should subsidize for companies to train disabled persons in order to be a better investment in the workforce.
3. Providing financial and emotional support for disabled person’s families.
4. How else is the global community failing at involving disabled persons?
5. Can education truly be a key factor to the social development of disabled persons?

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