

# Release of the global estimates of the need for rehabilitation

Webinar in collaboration between WHO, IHME and The Lancet

**2 December 2020,  
14:00-15:00pm CET**

The new global estimates establish rehabilitation as a key strategy for Universal Health Coverage in the 21st century. They also challenge the thinking that rehabilitation is a fallback strategy when preventive, promotive or curative interventions fail, or that rehabilitation is a disability-specific service needed only by a minority of the population.

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This webinar will present the facts behind the numbers and their implications, as well as promote the upcoming WHO Rehabilitation Need Estimator.

We look forward to seeing you!

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## Agenda



### **Introductory remarks and moderation**

Professor Senait Fisseha, Chief Advisor to the Director-General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Michigan



### **Relevance to the WHO Triple Billion Goals**

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO



### **Partnerships for better data and evidence**

Dr Samira Asma, Assistant Director-General, WHO



### **A deeper look at the numbers**

Dr Theo Vos, Professor of Health Metrics Sciences, IHME



### **Scaling up rehabilitation in health systems**

Dr Alarcos Cieza, Unit Head, WHO

### **Q&A session**



### **Closing remarks**

Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Director NCD Department, WHO

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to a webinar on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 from 14:00-15:00 CET, to present key findings from the newly released “Global estimates of the need for rehabilitation based on the Global Burden of Disease study 2019”. The study, published in The Lancet and jointly developed by WHO and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), provides the first-ever global and regional figures on the number of people in need of rehabilitation.

The astounding findings from this landmark study establish rehabilitation as a key strategy for universal health coverage in the 21st century and challenge the common view of rehabilitation being an optional service that is only needed by a minority of the population. The study marks an important milestone for the rehabilitation sector, and serves as a powerful advocacy tool to challenge the current status quo of rehabilitation, calling for governments to strengthen and integrate rehabilitation in their health systems.

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Best regards,

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