

December 3rd is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPWD), which promotes inclusion for people with disabilities. The global crisis of COVID-19 is deepening pre-existing inequalities, exposing the extent of exclusion and highlighting that work towards correcting this is imperative. Disability inclusion is an essential component that aims to address these inequalities, and promotes sustainable development, peace, and security.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 15% of the world's population is considered to have some form of disability. However, all too often, the needs of people with disabilities are not catered to by the communities in which they live.

The Special Kin Inclusion Program (SKIP) provides social support for children, youth, and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities as well as their families. The program works towards minimizing the risk of families experiencing community isolation. SKIP focuses on inclusion, awareness, advocacy, and social support navigation or resources.