


# World report on disability, and rehabilitation *working towards inclusion*

A young boy is performing a handstand on a sandy beach. He is wearing a blue denim shirt and shorts. He is holding a wooden baseball bat horizontally across his back, with his hands gripping it. The background shows the ocean with waves breaking on the shore. The entire image is framed by a thick orange border.

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# The catalyst for a world report?

## World Health Assembly Resolution 58.23 on "Disability, including prevention, management and rehabilitation"

" based on the best  
available scientific  
evidence."



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
FIFTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY A58/59

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Agenda item 13.13

### Resolution on Disability, including prevention, management and rehabilitation

The Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on disability, including management and rehabilitation;<sup>1</sup>

Noting that about 600 million people live with disabilities of various types;

Aware of the global magnitude of the health and rehabilitation needs of persons with disabilities and the cost of their exclusion from society;

Concerned by the rapid increase in the number of persons with disabilities as a result of population growth, growth of the ageing population, chronic conditions, malnutrition, those injured by land mines, war, violence, especially domestic violence, AIDS, environmental degradation, road traffic, domestic injuries, injuries caused by games and occupational injuries, and other causes often related to poverty;

Stressing that 80% of people with disabilities, particularly in the child population, live in low income countries and that poverty further limits access to basic health services, including rehabilitation services;

Recognizing that people with disabilities are important contributors to society and that allocating resources to their rehabilitation is an investment;

Recognizing the importance of reliable information on various aspects of disability prevention, rehabilitation and care, and the need to invest in health and rehabilitation services required to ensure equality of opportunities and good quality of life for persons with disabilities;

Recalling the United Nations' Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;<sup>2</sup>

Recalling the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) officially endorsed at the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly in 2001;

Recalling also the United Nations World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,<sup>3</sup> indicating inter alia that the sphere of responsibility of WHO includes disability prevention and medical rehabilitation;

<sup>1</sup> Document A58/17

<sup>2</sup> Adopted by United Nations General Assembly resolution 48/96

<sup>3</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution 37/52

A joint  
WHO-WB  
report



# Why is it so important ?



**Important and timely.....**



# UN Convention on disability



# Aim

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To provide governments and civil society with a comprehensive description of the importance of disability, rehabilitation and inclusion, an analysis of the responses provided and recommendations for action at national, regional and global levels based on the best available scientific evidence.



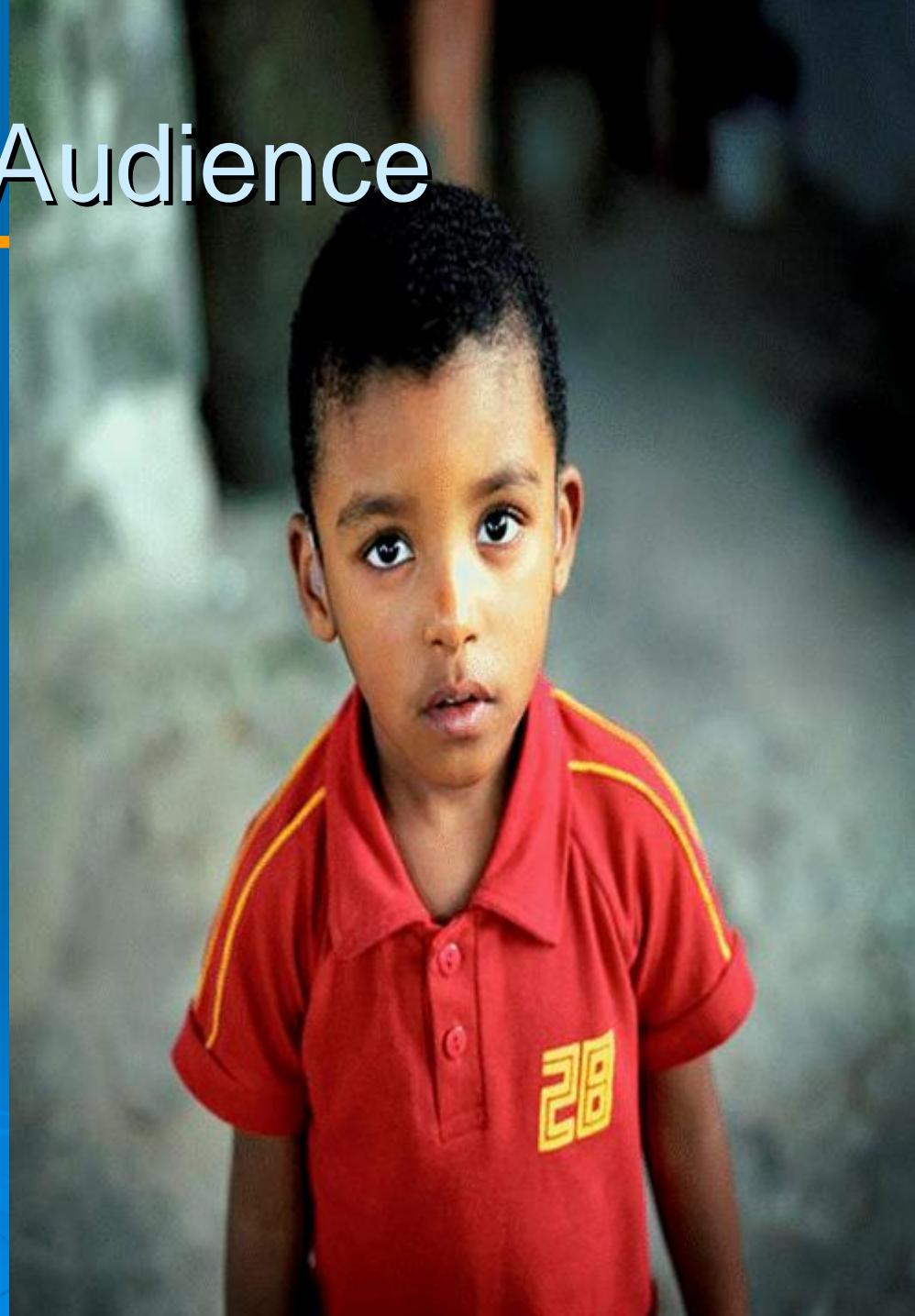
# Objectives

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- To summarize existing information on the status of disability, rehabilitation, inclusion and the lived experience of persons with disabilities
- To document the evidence base demonstrating the gap between what exists and what is required
- To issue a call to action with a path forward in an evidence based framework

# Target Audience

- Policy Makers
- Disability and development actors
- Donors
- Academics
- Service providers , insurers
- Media
- People with disabilities and their families
- Broader community - Private sector



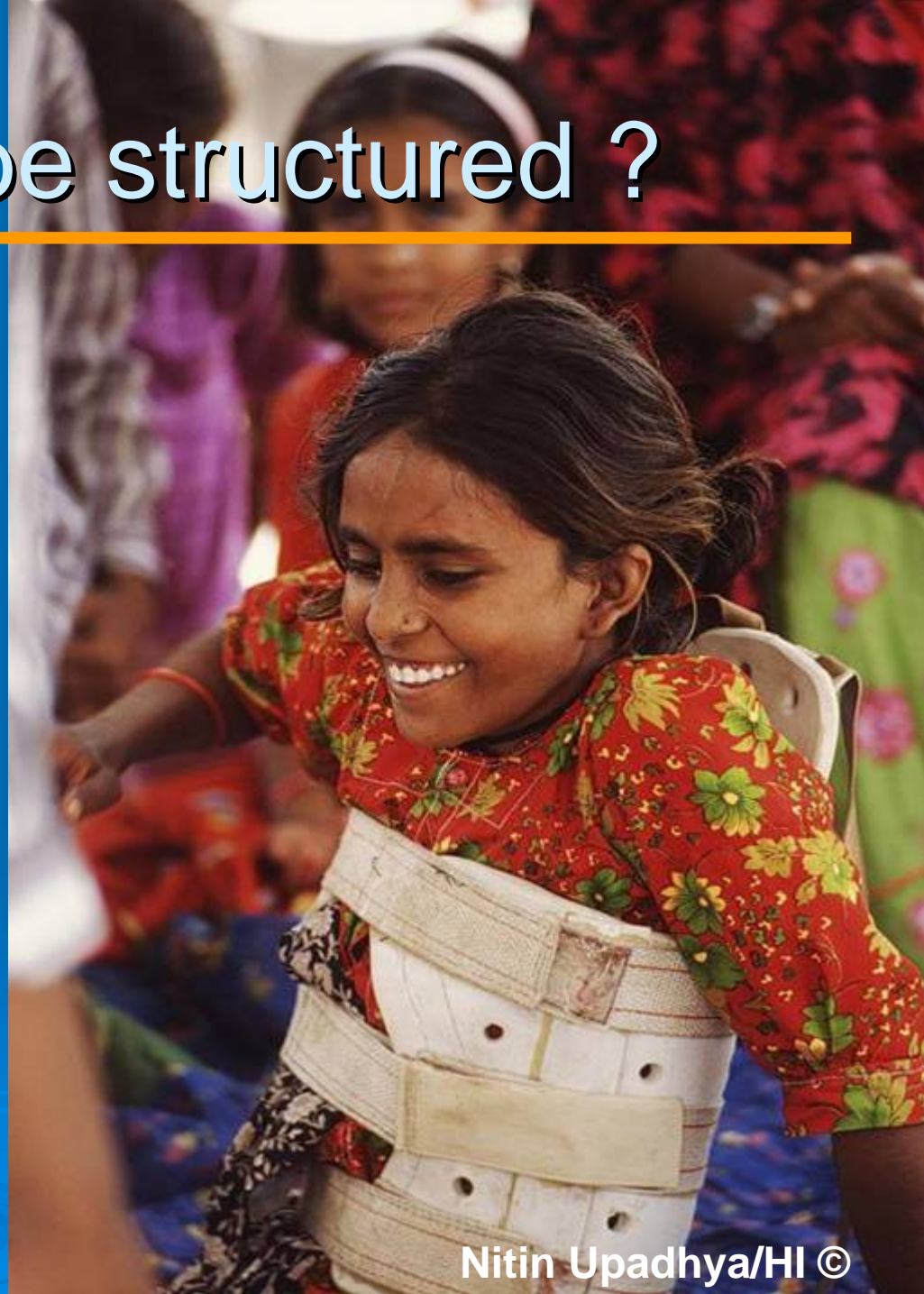
# What will the Report cover?

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- A man in a blue and white striped shirt is standing in front of a chalkboard, pointing at it with his right hand. The chalkboard is dark and has some faint writing on it. The background is a plain wall.
- Current data and trends
  - Causes of disability
  - Existing responses and the impact
  - Challenges and gaps in knowledge and responses
  - Cross cutting issues
  - Recommendations

# How will it be structured ?

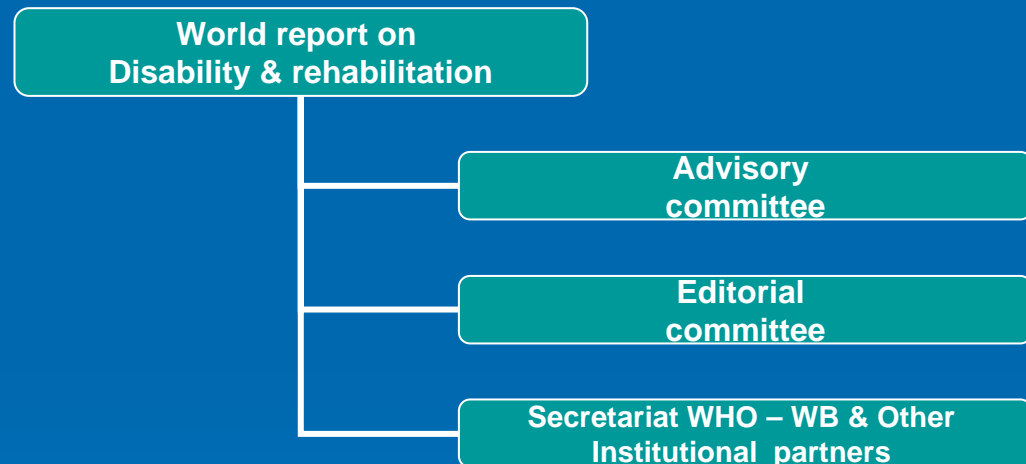
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1. Disability - a universal experience
2. Disability - a global picture
3. Impairment prevention
4. Getting people included
5. Conclusions and recommendations



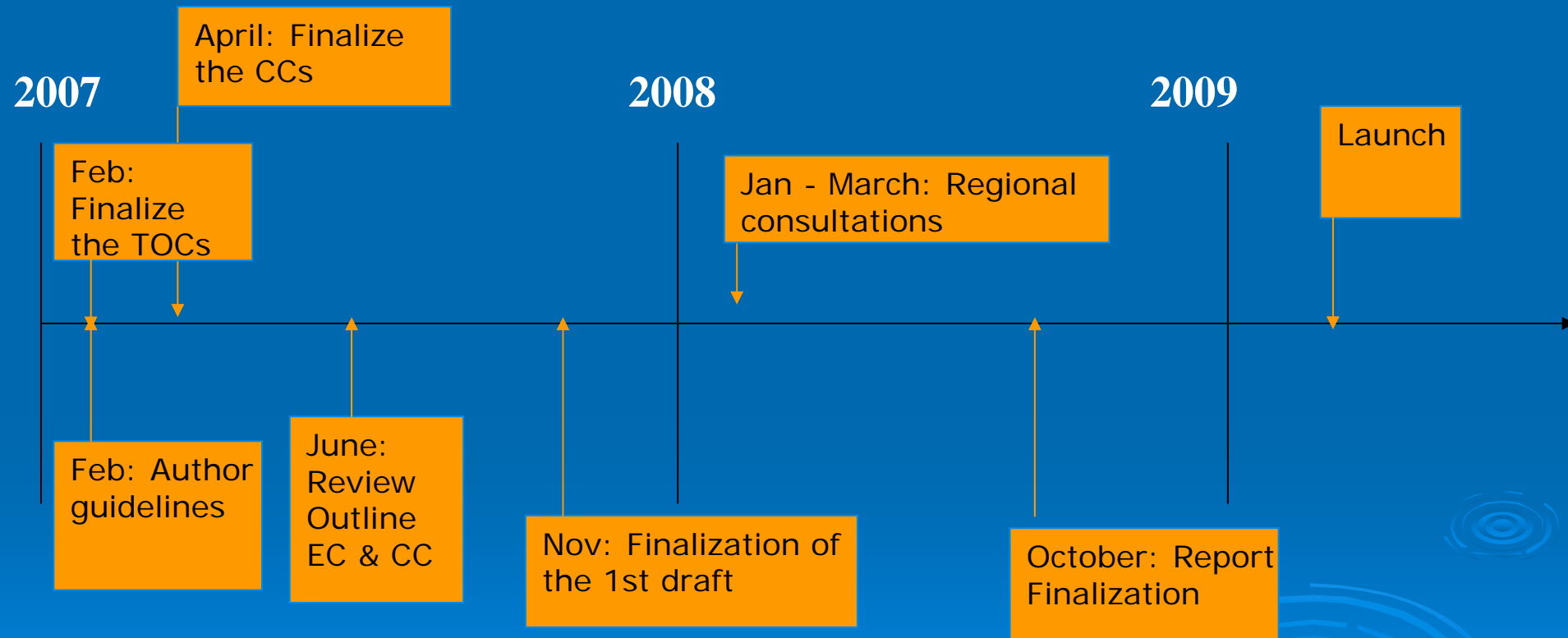
# What is the process of development ?

- Involvement of a large number of stakeholders

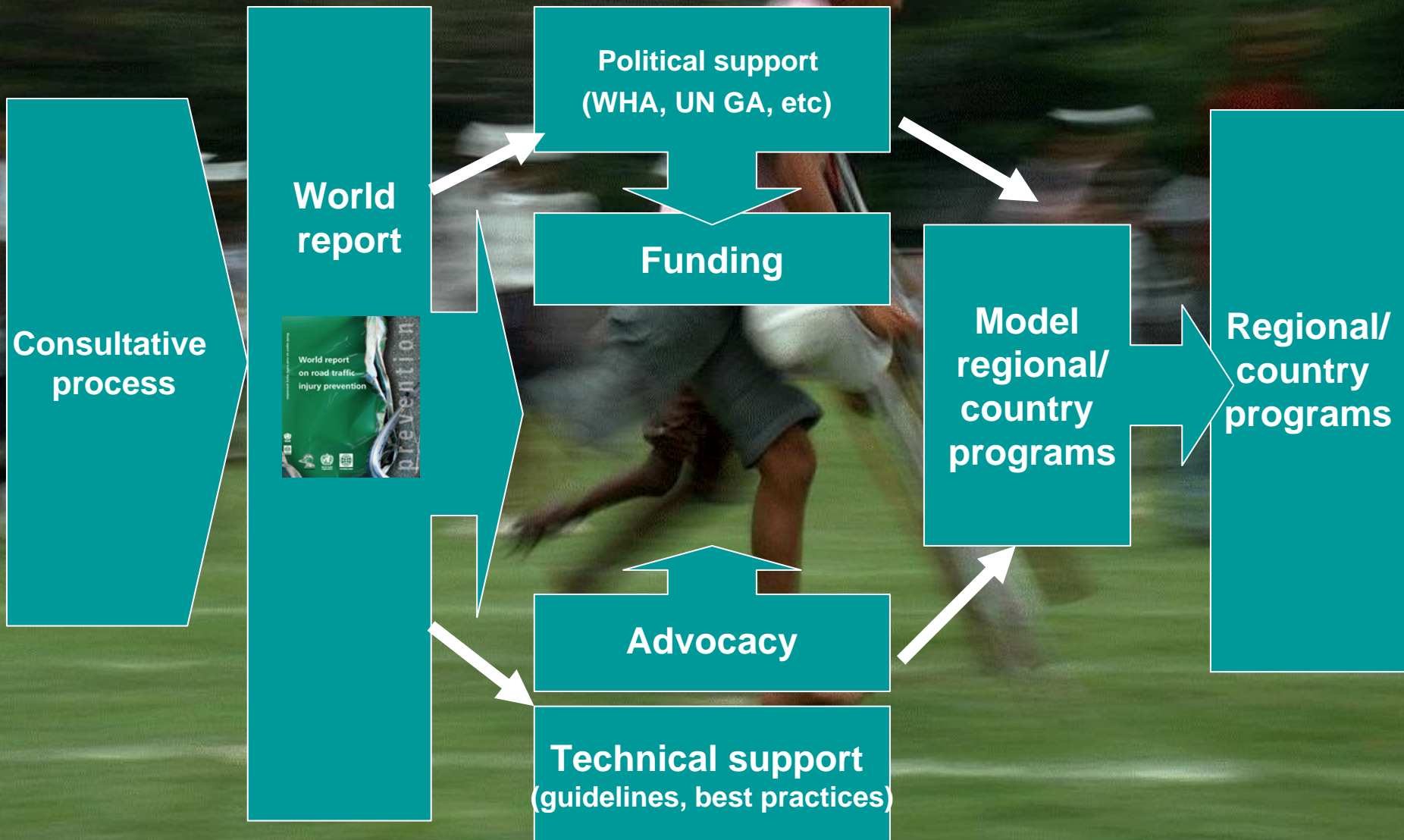


- Extensive review process
- Wide dissemination

# The timeline for production?

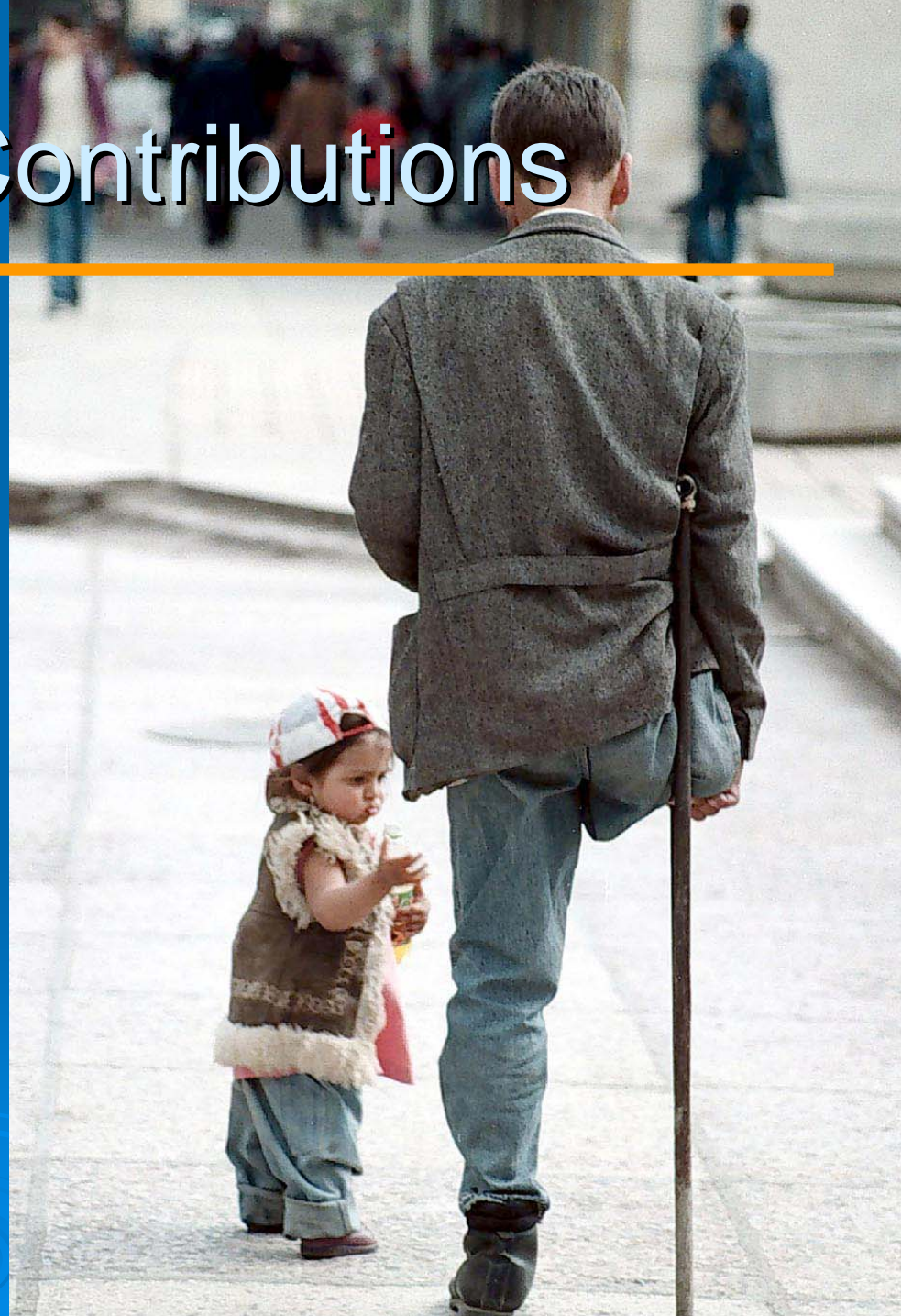


# Replicating **successful** strategies



# Financial Contributions

- Ministry of Health  
Government of New Zealand
- Christoffel-  
Blindenmission (CBM)
- Global Partnership on  
Disability and  
Development (GPDD)



**Disability and  
Rehabilitation  
Team (DAR)**

**Violence and  
Injuries Prevention  
Department (VIP)**

**Noncommunicable  
Diseases and  
Mental Health  
(NMH)**



**Disability &  
Development  
(D&D)**

**Human  
Development  
Network Social  
Protection  
(HDNSP)**

