



## International Conference: Evidence in Global Disability and Health

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## ABSTRACT

**Title:** **Roads to Inclusion - a tool to reflect and plan action towards inclusion.**

**Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):**

Inclusion is at the heart of the work of organisations active in the field of disability and Community Based Rehabilitation. Including people with disabilities in communities is increasingly becoming the overall objective. But inclusion is a very complex issue, and monitoring progress towards this goal is a huge challenge. In 2014, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD and Enablement set out to address this challenge.

The first step was to define what is meant by inclusion. It was crucial to engage local communities in partner countries from the start, so action research around the "meaning of inclusion" was undertaken in 6 communities in 3 countries (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and North East India).

On the basis of the information collected, a tool was developed with the ambitious objective of measuring the complex notion of inclusion of persons with disabilities at community level. The goal of the tool is to be:

- **Participative:** people with disabilities and their families are at the forefront of the exercise
- **User-friendly:** the project team can conduct the exercise themselves, no need for extensive experience or training in monitoring or evaluation
- **Action-oriented:** the tool helps the team plan further measures that will promote inclusion in that community
- **Context-specific:** the tool takes into account the complexity of inclusion and the disability thematic and can be adapted to the realities of the community.
- **Cost-effective:** no need for expensive materials or lengthy trainings

The tool was piloted in 3 countries and received with great enthusiasm. CBR partners appreciated its flexibility, the guidance it provides to reflect on their own programme, and the inspiration of new ideas to foster inclusion.

The London conference is the perfect opportunity to present this tool to likeminded organisations and experts in the field of disability inclusion and encourage partners to try it out!

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