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## ABSTRACT

**Title:** Bridging the Gap: Initial Report on a new Project Exploring Disability and Development in Four African Countries

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

Despite attempts to include persons with disabilities in global development and poverty alleviation strategies, these have rarely been done in a systematic or sustainable way. In 2015, The Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, UCL in partnership with 5 African Universities – (University of Nairobi, University of Sierra Leone, Makerere University, University of Zambia and Stellenbosch University) and a group of leading global disability researchers, began a three-year DFID/ESRC funded project to better understand not only what barriers to inclusion in international development efforts exist, but also why such barriers to inclusion persist. It is hoped this data will allow us to better identify ways in which these barriers can be ‘bridged’.

Central to this proposal is the concept of the ‘disability and development gap’, in which, the lack of systematic or sustainable inclusion in development efforts results in persons with disabilities falling increasingly behind their non-disabled peers in terms of poverty alleviation and development. Looking specifically in the domains of health, education, social protection and labour markets, this project builds on current research around the relationship between disability and multidimensional poverty, which is increasingly understood to be more complex and nuanced than previously thought.

This presentation provides an overview of first year of the project (1<sup>st</sup> April-present), including the Inception Phase meetings and a review of fieldwork to date. Initial results have already begun to provide promising insight into key issues related to disability and development that are of particular relevance in light of the new SDGs.

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