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ABSTRACT

Title: Participation of persons with disabilities in political activities: Perspectives of persons with disabilities in the Buea municipality in Cameroon

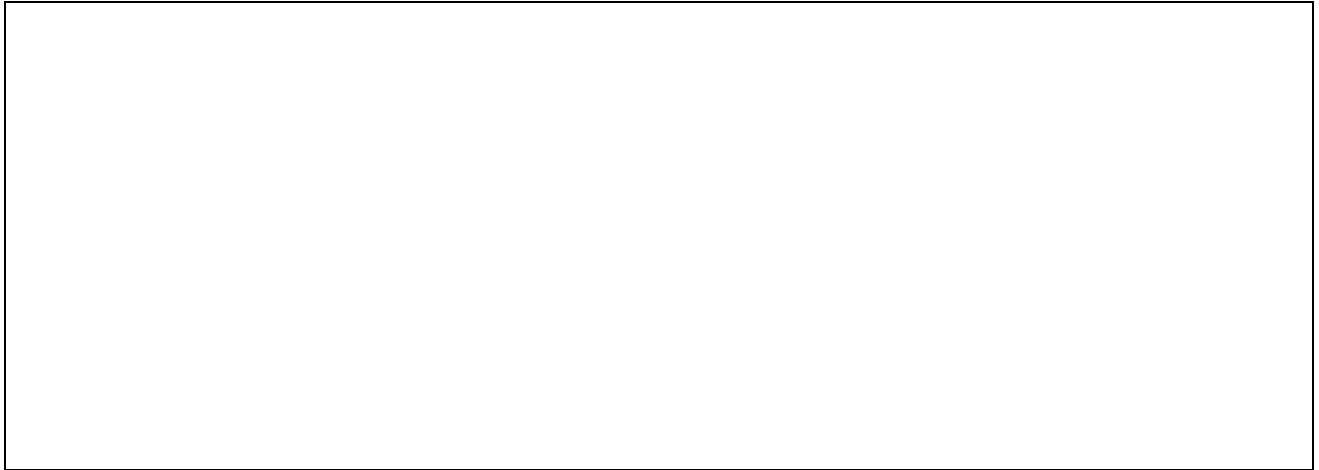
Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

Introduction: *Although every citizen has the right to participate in the political process of his or her country, this right is often not available to persons with disabilities, so they are unable to participate actively in decisions that affect their lives. This study investigated the level of and barriers to political participation of persons with disabilities in the Buea municipality in Cameroon.*

Method: *A qualitative data collection method, consisting of three focus group discussions with 36 persons with disabilities was conducted to ascertain and barriers to political participation. Participants were selected from three categories of persons with disabilities – visually impaired, hearing impaired and physically impaired— residing in the Buea municipality; 12 participants were selected from each category of disability.*

Finding: *The study found that the involvement of persons with disabilities in politics in the area was minimal as they were rarely considered for political appointments and in decision making.*

Conclusion: *These findings and their implications for policy making to increase the participation of persons with disabilities in politics in Cameroon are discussed.*



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