

An Analytical Study of Social Protection Policies for Persons with Disabilities

Abstract:

Social protection is a critical issue in Arab countries, facing significant challenges in terms of inclusivity. Goals 1.3 and 10.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals urge governments and stakeholders to "implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable, especially persons with disabilities, by 2030. They also call for adopting policies, including fiscal, wage, and social protection policies, to progressively achieve greater equality."

International institutions and organizations have shown increasing interest in the issues faced by persons with disabilities, adopting a philosophy that emphasizes the importance of rehabilitating them for integration into their societies. This approach facilitates their participation in development processes as a fundamental right. Consequently, numerous international conventions and charters have been issued and endorsed by many nations. However, the response of social policies varies from one country to another, rooted in the understanding that human resources are the true driving force behind development.

Many Arab countries have accordingly directed unprecedented attention toward persons with disabilities, providing various forms of support to rehabilitate and reintegrate them into their communities. This has included enacting legislation and laws alongside delivering a range of services across diverse fields, which reflects growing awareness of the issues faced by this group.

This research aims to examine the aspects of social protection for persons with disabilities within social policies, identify the challenges hindering the implementation of these policies, and propose solutions to address these obstacles. The study's findings are presented as recommendations for improving social protection policies for persons with disabilities in Arab communities.

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