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Women's  
Institute on  
Leadership and  
Disability

## Status of Women With Disabilities

THERE ARE

# 500 million

women with disabilities globally.  
The majority live in developing countries.<sup>[1]</sup>



### LITERACY

The literacy rate for women with disabilities is as low as 1% in some parts of the world.<sup>[2]</sup>



### ECONOMICS

Only 25% of women with disabilities are in the workforce worldwide.<sup>[2]</sup>



### HEALTH

Women with disabilities are at higher risk of being infected with HIV & AIDS. Yet, they are less likely to receive and access quality healthcare.<sup>[2]</sup>



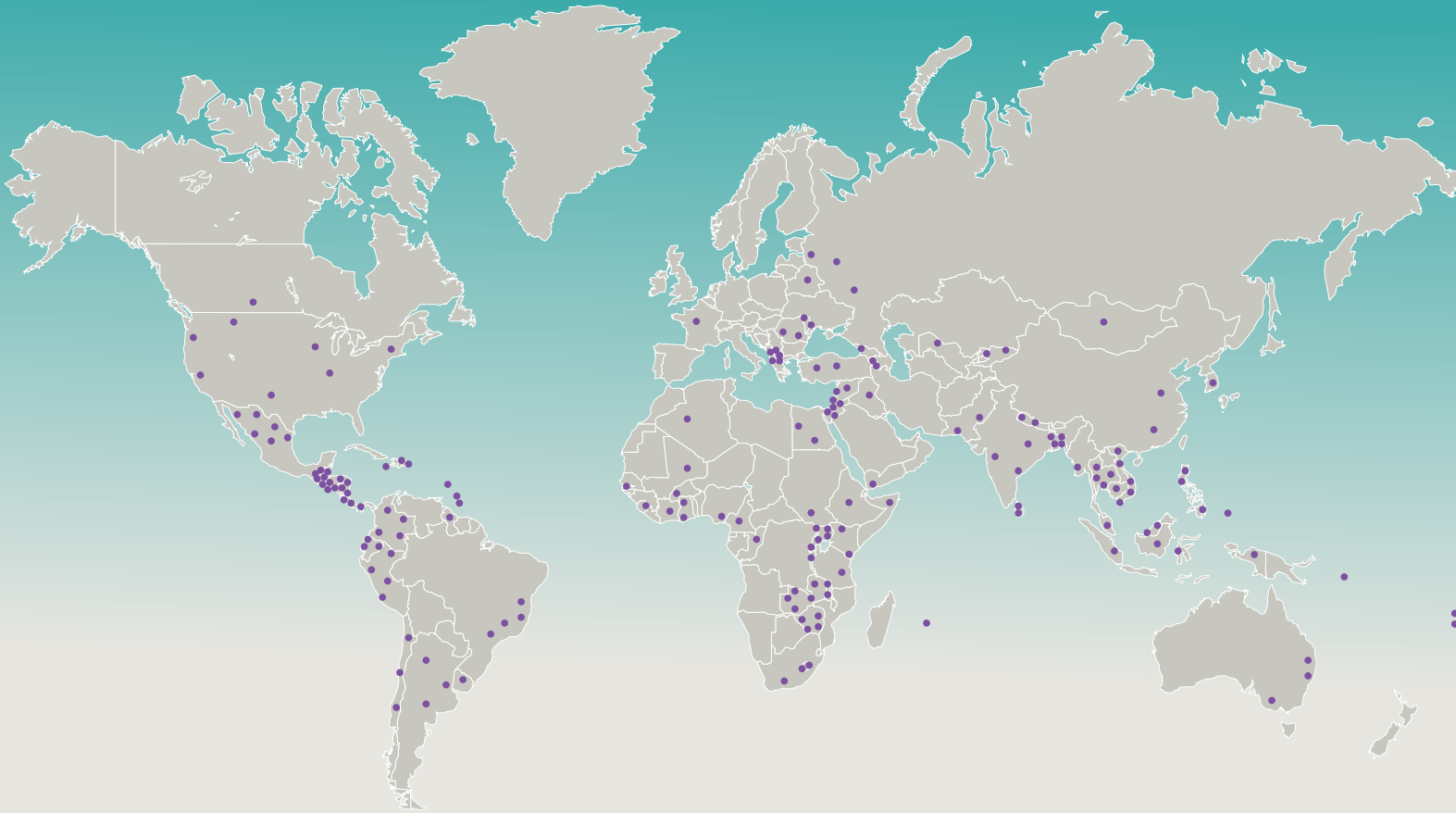
### SAFETY

Women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence. Their perpetrators are rarely brought to justice.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] World Report on Disability. World Health Organization & World Bank. 2011. Web.

[2] Disability - Women with Disability (Article 3&6). World Bank. 2009. Web.

Investing in women with disabilities creates a better world for all.



## Build a global network of disabled women leaders!

When women with disabilities have a space to unite in solidarity, cultivate a rightsbearing attitude, form new visions of what is possible and equip themselves with tools, skills and knowledge...

THEY BECOME CHANGE AGENTS WITH SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES:

- ALLEVIATING POVERTY
- ACHIEVING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY
- BUILDING PEACE

How can we change this situation?