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Recover Better: Building towards Inclusive & Resilient post-COVID world

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Crisis within a Crisis

Scientific, Ethical & Humanitarian

Challenges of COVID-19

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Poetry: Coleridge's Ancient
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CORONAVIRUS

He Was Patient #10451 In Life — And Nothing More Than "XX" In Death

The death of patient #10451 in Guatemala's only psychiatric hospital revealed a life that slipped through the cracks even before the pandemic cut it short.



Karla Zabudovsky
BuzzFeed News Reporter



Reporting From
Mexico City

Posted on October 12, 2020, at 1:55 p.m. ET



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Locked down & left behind

- Vulnerable
- 70% in unorganized sector
- AHF in Punjab
- MD-Home bound

Too little, too few

- 1000/- in two installments
- IGNDP

Neglected & forgotten

- No SCDs
- Data & DiDRR

Opinion: Science Alone Can't Solve Covid-19. The Humanities Must Help.

| How Humanities can help in coping with challenges of COVID-19

Covid-19: The humanities and social sciences have much to contribute to beating this pandemic and the next

Humanities as Essential Services

They can be a vital part of the pandemic response through immediate, translational, front-line work, argues Kirsten Ostherr.



STOP AAPI HATE



Our communities stand united against racism. Hate against Asian American Pacific Islander communities has risen during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Together, we can stop it.**

Report a hate incident in:

Select language 

ACT NOW



AN INITIATIVE BY





- Washington, Alabama, Kansas and Tennessee
- Prohibit the rationing of scarce medical resources on the basis of disability, size, age, HIV/AIDS status, comorbidities, or perceived quality of life.

*A tale of two cities:
Connecticut & New Delhi*





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Pandemic Triage: Overall Health



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Pandemic Triage: Quality of Life



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Pandemic Triage: Social Utility

Disabled healthcare professionals stand shoulder to shoulder in the fight against coronavirus

Coronavirus-news



Across India healthcare professionals with disabilities are at the forefront along with other medical experts in the fight to treat patients affected with coronavirus. Many of them are taking enormous risks in doing so given their disability. That's our focus on #StoryOfTheWeek.

Among the many heroes leading the fight against the coronavirus outbreak in India is **M M Prajith**, a disabled lab attendant at the **Ernakulam Medical College Hospital**. In a



Pandemic Triage: Social Utility



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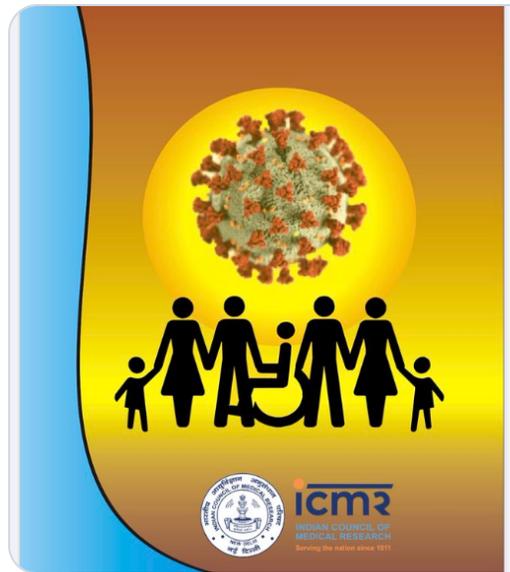
ICMR now says 'issue of plagiarism is not relevant' as document is 'not in public domain' – a claim not backed by facts.



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@ICMRDELHI has produced a Guidance Document for Health System Response for Persons with #Disabilities & Functional Impairment during #COVID19 WITHOUT involving a single health professional with disability or disability rights organisations. #NothingAboutUsWithoutUs @ProfBhargava



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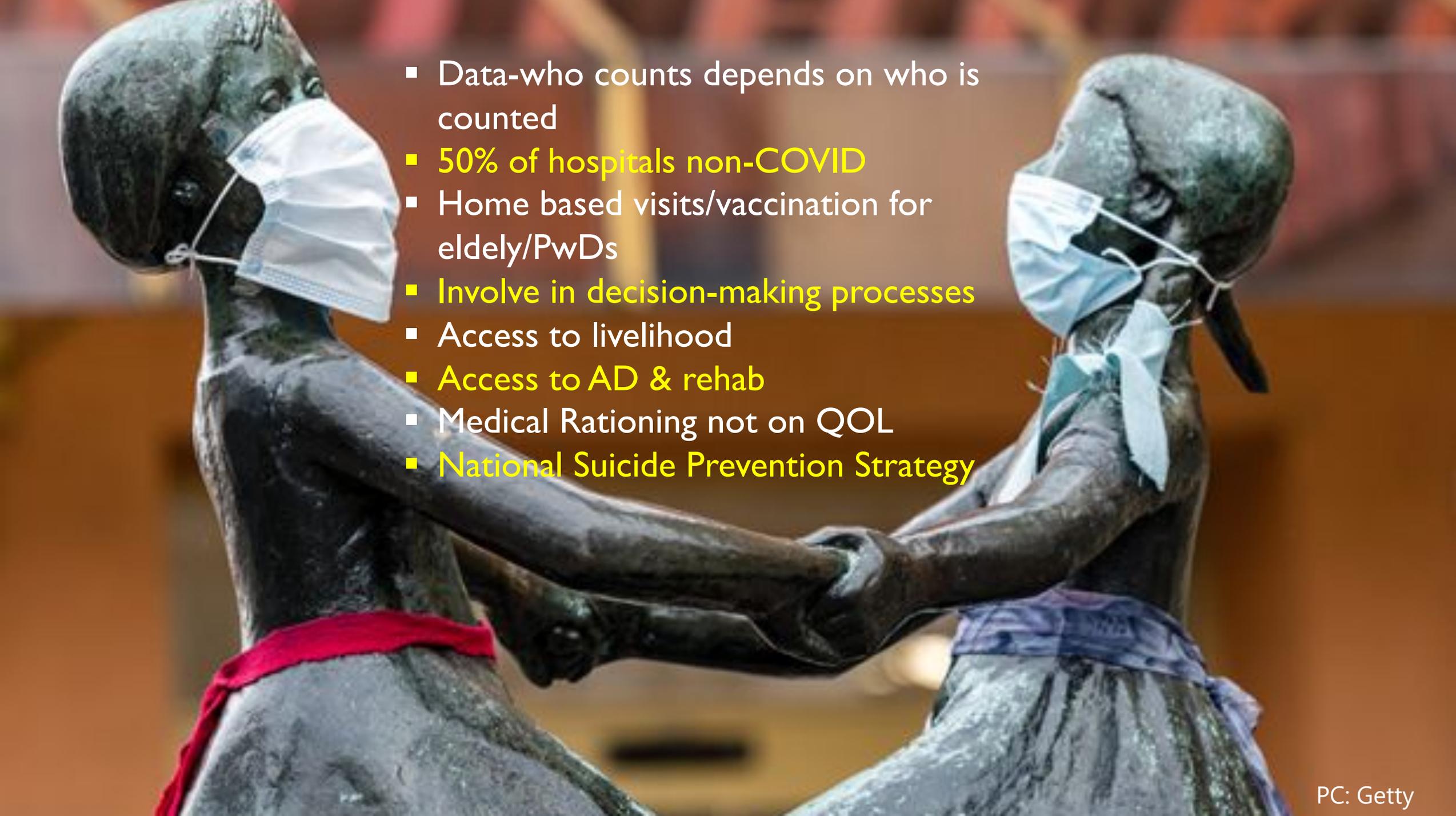
“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. ... Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

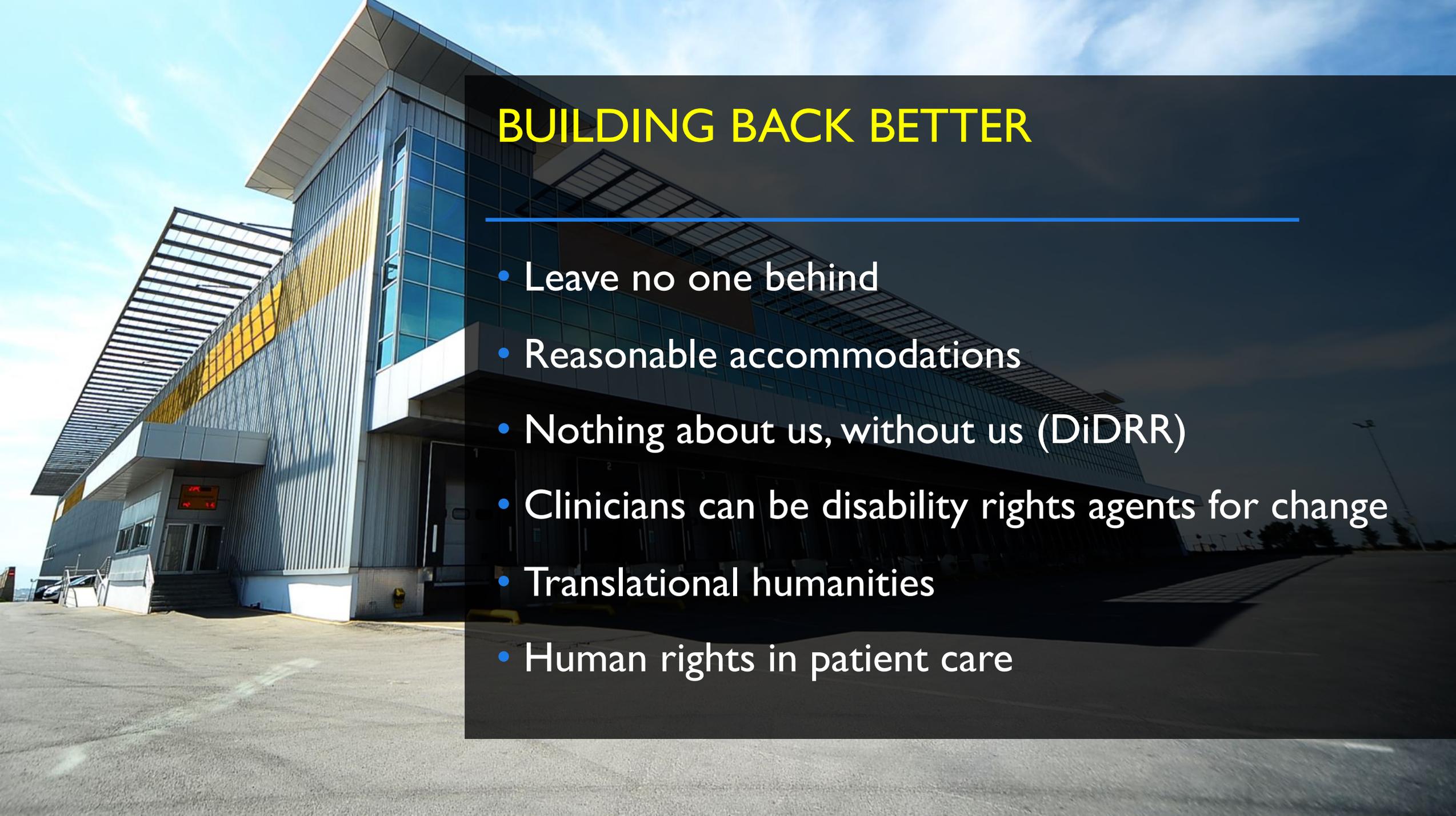
Rights	Examples of violation	UN CRPD provisions
Right to liberty & security	Hospital detention/Institutionalization	Article 28 (Adequate standard of living & social protection)
Right to privacy & confidentiality	Forced to disclose medical diagnosis	Article 22 (Respect for privacy)
Right to information	Lack of accessible COVID info	Article 9 (Accessibility)
Right to highest attainable standard of health		Article 10 (Right to life), 25 (Health), 26 (Habilitation & rehabilitation)
Right to freedom from torture, & cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment	Prisoners denied adequate medical treatment	Article 25 (Health), 11 (Risk & humanitarian emergency)
Right to participate in public policy	Lack of opportunity to share voices of the marginalised	Article 29 (Participation in political & public life)
Right to non-discrimination & equality	Refusal of care in ICU	CRPD Article 5 (Equality & non-discrimination)

Human Rights in Patient Care

- COVID-19 guidance on triage - San Marino Republic
- Priority testing at home – UAE
- COVID-19 Disability Advisory Group – Canada
- Humanities scholars in COVID response - Germany
- Discharge & release of PwD from institutions to community –Spain & Switzerland
- Specific opening hours to PwDs/caregivers in lockdown – Panama
- Caregiver exempted from restrictions of movement during lockdown – Argentina
- Accessible information – Paraguay, Panama, NZ
- Early release of prisoners with disabilities – UK, North Ireland, Iran, Turkey
- KIRAN – mental health care helpline (MSJE, India)

Inclusive & Resilient Promising Practices

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- Data-who counts depends on who is counted
 - **50% of hospitals non-COVID**
 - Home based visits/vaccination for elderly/PwDs
 - **Involve in decision-making processes**
 - Access to livelihood
 - **Access to AD & rehab**
 - Medical Rationing not on QOL
 - **National Suicide Prevention Strategy**



BUILDING BACK BETTER

- Leave no one behind
- Reasonable accommodations
- Nothing about us, without us (DiDRR)
- Clinicians can be disability rights agents for change
- Translational humanities
- Human rights in patient care



Human rights are not a privilege conferred by Govt.

Each human being is entitled these by virtue of their own humanity.