

## **Statement by the NIHR on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

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On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), the international community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrates this day on December 3 of every year as a reminder of the importance of removing any obstacles that prevent the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities to fully participate in community life in order to achieve progress and sustainable development for all.

This year, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is celebrated under the theme **“Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world”**, with a view to encouraging cooperation in order to develop an integrated approach and systems that are more resilient and capable of responding to crises in the future.

On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to respect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities, especially during the pandemic, where the services were continued to be provided to them, such as the provision of care and rehabilitation services, the disbursement of monthly financial allowances, the activation of distance learning and training service and the implementation of mobile units project to vaccinate those wishing from this group who have difficulty to move.

On this occasion, the NIHR states its initiative #Let's\_help\_them\_access, in which the public and persons with disabilities are invited to report and monitor public or private facilities intended for public use, whose design or surrounding physical environment prevents this group from enjoying their right to access and use such facilities on an equal basis with others.