

## 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 countries of the world, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate this day, which falls on December 3 of each year, with a view to drawing attention to all psychological and educational dimensions of disability, whether on persons with disabilities, their family or the whole society.

This year, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is celebrated under the theme **“Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable Post-COVID-19 world by, for and with persons with disabilities”**, as the global crisis of COVID-19 pandemic has deepened existing inequalities, and it is important to act to integrate the perspective of disability in various fields, which will lead to the achievement of more benefiting efforts in terms of responding to and recovering from the pandemic.

On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the efforts made by the Kingdom of Bahrain to care for persons with disabilities, protect their rights and provide opportunities for them in all possible fields, in line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, whereby the State guarantees health care and the provision of educational and cultural services to citizens.

On this occasion, the NIHR states its full commitment to continue spreading a culture and full awareness of human rights and its principles, and the importance of all segments of society enjoying their rights they are entitled to without deprivation, especially persons with disabilities, in addition to monitoring the extent of commitment to international conventions and covenants in this area.