

Seeing the invisible: sexuality-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of children and youth with disabilities in China

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Description:

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) clearly states the need to protect and promote Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of persons with disabilities and to provide quality and free or affordable access to SRH information and services. Children and youth with disabilities enjoy equal rights to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) as their peers without disabilities, but their SRH needs and rights are often overlooked. This is partly because there is very limited data available about their access to and needs for SRH information and services, which hinders relevant policy-making and programming. Recognizing this gap, UNESCO Beijing Office and Humanity & Inclusion jointly initiated a study to examine the sexuality-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of young persons with disabilities in China, as well as their access to SRH-related education, information and services. The findings of the study are intended to inform decision-makers, researchers, educators and disability and development workers in terms of policy-making and programming to promote disability-inclusive sexuality education and SRH services. The study was undertaken in 2015 by Shanghai Institute of Planned Parenthood Research (SIPPR), with the assistance of the Able Development Institute (ADI) and the Guangzhou Yuexiu District Nurturing Relationship Education Support Centre (GYDNRESC).

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