

## **Women With Disability Worldwide**

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### **Abstract:**

Women with disabilities worldwide are emerging from their isolation to take their places in societal mainstream. However, the situation in developing countries is quite different. In the available literature on women with disabilities in developing countries, it is often stated that these women face a triple handicap and discrimination due to their disability, gender and developing world status. In the South Asian context, gender equity is an issue for a large majority of women, given the socio-cultural practices and traditional attitudes of society. Therefore, many of the issues that are faced by women in general in a male dominated society, also have an impact on women with disabilities. In addition, women with disabilities from these countries face certain unique disadvantages compared with disabled men. This paper discusses some of these unique disadvantages that disabled women in developing countries face, and suggests possible strategies to overcome these disadvantages in a community based rehabilitation setting.