



A Study of Disability in Asian Countries, with emphasis on Vietnam and Bangladesh

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Until recently, good quality data on disability linked to data on socio-economic indicators has been hard to come by. Vietnam and Bangladesh are two developing Asian countries, however, where data is readily available. This paper uses those data to explore the link between disability, poverty, education, and employment. The relationship between disability and poverty is complex, with various factors that can strengthen, weaken, or even reverse the correlation. Therefore, analysis of socio-economic indicators and disability must account for those complexities to reveal results that can effectively drive public policy. In the end, data show that disabled people do face significant barriers to economic participation in Vietnam and Bangladesh.

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