

Rebuild strong.
Rebuild smart.

Let's not miss the chance.

Inclusive Recovery





Build Back Better

With sharp increases in the number of persons with disabilities since 2022, disability inclusion is central to the country's future workforce, economy, and social fabric. This is not a marginal issue. It is a defining reality of Ukraine's future.

Yet, millions still face barriers to education, employment, healthcare, and infrastructure. If these barriers remain, recovery will not just be incomplete, but also unjust and economically short-sighted.

The evidence is clear: inclusive investment delivers, is profitable and should never be an afterthought. Accessible cities, inclusive workplaces, and equitable services accelerate recovery, empowering human talent, and driving long-term growth.

Inclusion is also key to return. Ukrainians will come back if they can live with dignity. For persons with disabilities, that means accessible housing and education, inclusive public services, inclusive workplaces and real opportunities to live independently.

8 Steps to Actually Build Back Better

1. Ensure inclusion by allocating funding to organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) for involvement in the design, implementation, and monitoring of recovery programmes.
2. Advance the legal and policy framework by supporting the alignment of national legislation with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
3. Align with European Union (EU) acquis and international commitments for accession by ensuring all investments are consistent with EU standards on non-discrimination.
4. Reinforce rule of law and enforcement capacity by investing in institutions that ensure effective implementation and enforcement of human rights, including access to justice.
5. Promote deinstitutionalisation and independent living and full participation in the community.
6. Apply a “design for all” approach to all funded infrastructure, including housing, education, health, employment, digital and transport.
7. Prioritise the excluded by targeting to reach those most at risk of exclusion, in particular women, children, and persons with disabilities.
8. Strengthen accountability by requiring disaggregated data (by disability, age, and gender) to inform planning, resource allocation, and results monitoring.

We all play a role in inclusive recovery

Let's be clear: rebuilding without inclusion doesn't just leave people behind; it weakens institutions, wastes talent and money, and undermines stability. Inclusion is not charity. It is strategy. It is security. It is smart economics.



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