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Education for all – inclusive education Abstract

Education for all is the slogan of UNESCO. During the last decades a worldwide movement towards inclusive education is taken place. The idea is to make the school accessible to all children, whatever their differences or background. Not only accessible but also to give every child, together with its peers, a good education. Inclusive education also means that children with special needs and/or disability are integrated into regular education settings. Article 24 of the 2006 United Nations Convention on the rights of people with disability states that children with a disability have the right to be educated in regular school settings together with non-disabled peers, and that governments should take measures to grant them that right. A number of countries have adapted their laws to make education more inclusive. But practice is lagging behind policies: teachers hardly know how to deal with the diversity of student's needs and performance levels and there are many organizational gaps.