

# Improving awareness of persons with disabilities about their rights at court premises

Hearing and visually impaired persons have limited knowledge on the rights they are entitled to according to judiciary procedure.

## Summary of Recommendations

**Immediately:** Compile rights that PWDs are entitled to according to judiciary procedure

**Short term:** Disseminate information on the rights of PWDs in the judiciary process via mainstream media (TV, radio), social media (Facebook, Whatsapp, Viber) and especially through targeted campaigns across associations and organizations representing PWDs.

## The Research

- LIRNEasia conducted a nationally representative survey among 15-65-years-old PWDs in Nepal to understand ICT access and use. Four hundred PWDs from 400 households in 100 wards in all 7 provinces were interviewed between August and October 2018. The questionnaire was designed based on the Washington Group on Disabilities Questions. The results are nationally representative with 95% confidence interval and  $\pm 9.8$  margin of error.
- LIRNEasia conducted qualitative research in Provinces No. 1, 2, 3 and 5 in urban and rural locations. The research was designed to understand how ICTs can help ensure independent living for PWDs in Nepal. Grounded theory was applied to identify key themes emerging in interviews of 174 PWDs and nine key informants.

## Key Findings

- 1.6% of the population aged 15-65 reported as a PWD

**“Since we stay at home with other siblings there are challenges during the distribution of ancestral property. Since there is no arrangement of sign language expert, we may be at a loss.” -- Hearing disability, Female, Biratnagar**

## More Information: <http://bit.ly/NPtech4PWD>

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