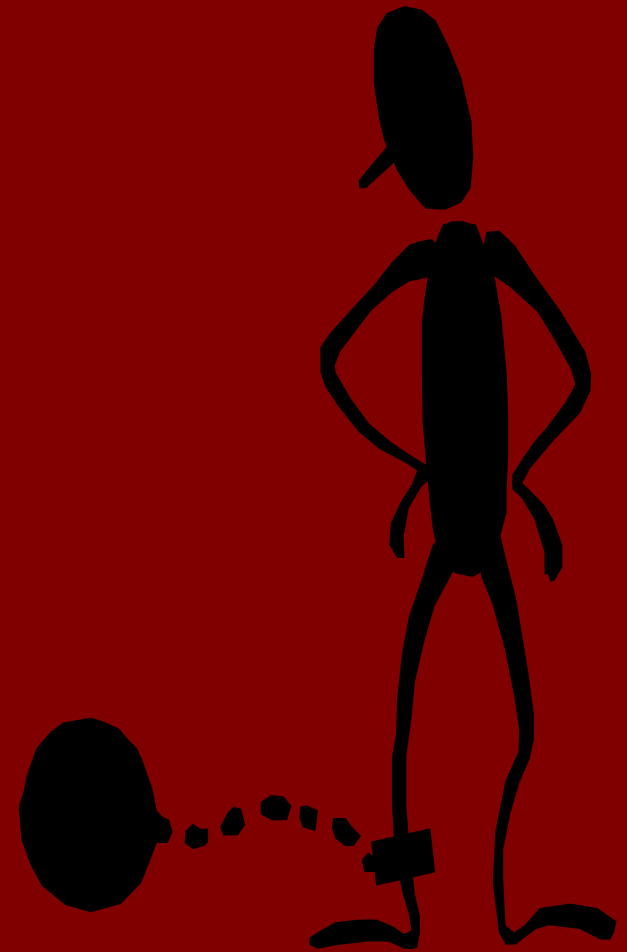


# STARK REALITIES



- *We receive so many messages from the non-disabled world that we are not wanted, that we are considered less than human. The very physical environment tells us we don't belong. It tells us that we are not wanted in the places that non-disabled people spend their lives*

*(Morris, 1991)*



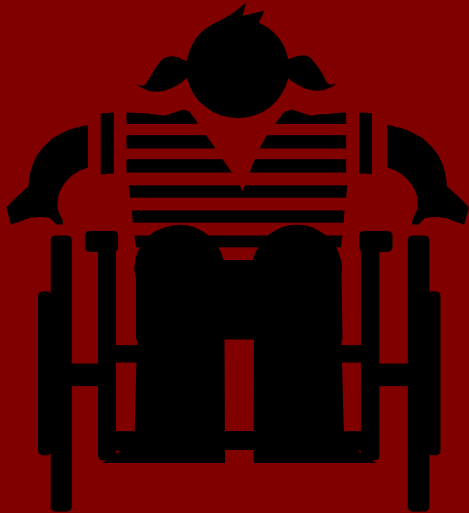
# NEGATIVE ATTITUDES → EXCLUSION



***It could be said that negative attitudes, a lack of access to the same opportunities and to basic respect, are more disabling than the actual impairment.***



- Marginalisation
- Exclusion
- Powerlessness.



*Disabled people are absent  
from all major areas of  
community life*

# NOT GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES



3.6 million Filipinos  
are moderately or severely  
disabled (4.5% of pop)  
& are in need of regular therapy



Yet over 2 million  
disabled people are  
denied rehabilitation.



Out of 32.4 M  
Filipino children,  
2.28 million are  
disabled (NCWDP, 2001)

Only 78,114  
disabled children in  
2008 (DepEd) are  
allowed to go to  
school (1.97%)



# poverty

- Exclusion leads to poverty
- Lack of access to services causes disability
- Lack of access to services & work causes poverty

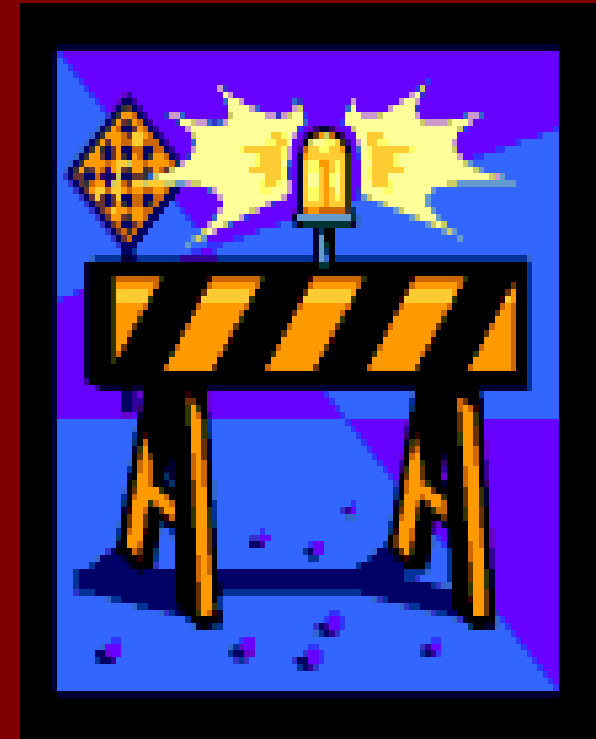
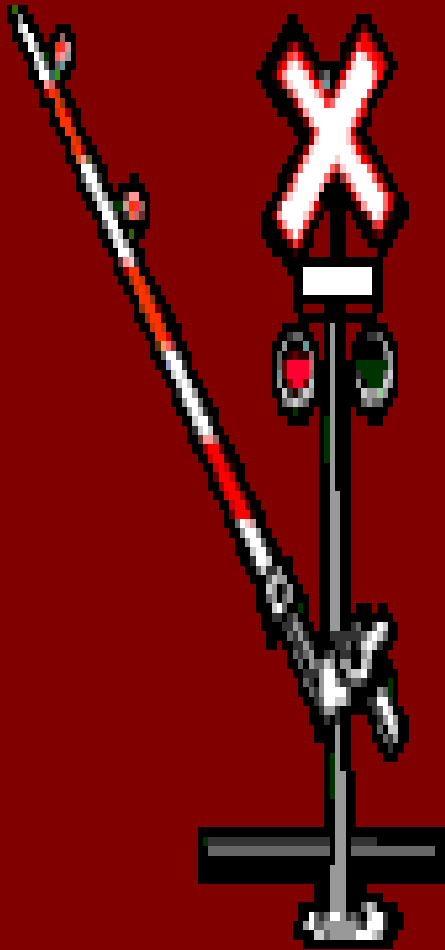


- 4 million + disabled  
Filipinos live below the  
poverty line



# BARRIERS

The onus is usually on the disabled person to overcome such a barrier, while little is expected of society to remove or minimise such a barrier





*Salamat Po.*



*Thank you.*