



WHO Representative for Sudan Dr Anshu Banerjee together with Health Minister Bahr Idriss Abu-Garda talk with one of the photographers whose work is displayed in a photo exhibition depicting conditions of people with disability. The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the World Bank and the Federal Ministry of Health, launched the Arabic version of the first World Report on Disability on 9 December 2012 in Khartoum, Sudan.

The report highlights the challenges that people with disabilities encounter in their everyday lives, including emotional, social, as well as financial difficulties. Recommendations for action are presented in the report for local, national and international levels. Moreover, the report is considered an important tool for those involved in disability issues, such as government, civil society organizations and disabled people's organizations.

Though with less support, Sudan has long been attempting to address the challenges to unlock the potentials of those with disabilities. According to Sudan's Population Census conducted in 2008, the disability rate has increased over the years, from 1.6% in 1993 to almost 5% in 2008.

