

**1.
What
problem are
we trying to
solve?**

**We believe that there exists;
a common problem.**

**Even with the passage of the
pathbreaking Rights of Persons with
Disabilities Act 2016,**

disabled people are not seen.

**As they are invisible to
employers, educators, policy makers and
the society at large, disabled people are
unable to exercise their rights.**

**due to multiple interconnected barriers
they have to fight to lead a life of dignity.**

As per census data of 2011 there are 2.68 crore people with disabilities living in India. This amounts to 2.21% of the total population of the nation. Out of the above figures, 69% live in rural areas, 1.22 crore disabled persons are illiterate and only a mere 12,46,857 have been able to pursue graduate or above graduate level of education. For the year 2019-20 only 85,877 youth with disabilities were enrolled in universities across the nation.

As per independent CSO studies, it was found that out of the 4% reservation mandated by the disability law in the area of employment, only a mere 0.54% were hired by the public sector and 0.28% were hired by the private sector.

Why are they not seen? What does the data tell us?

Can we trust the data?

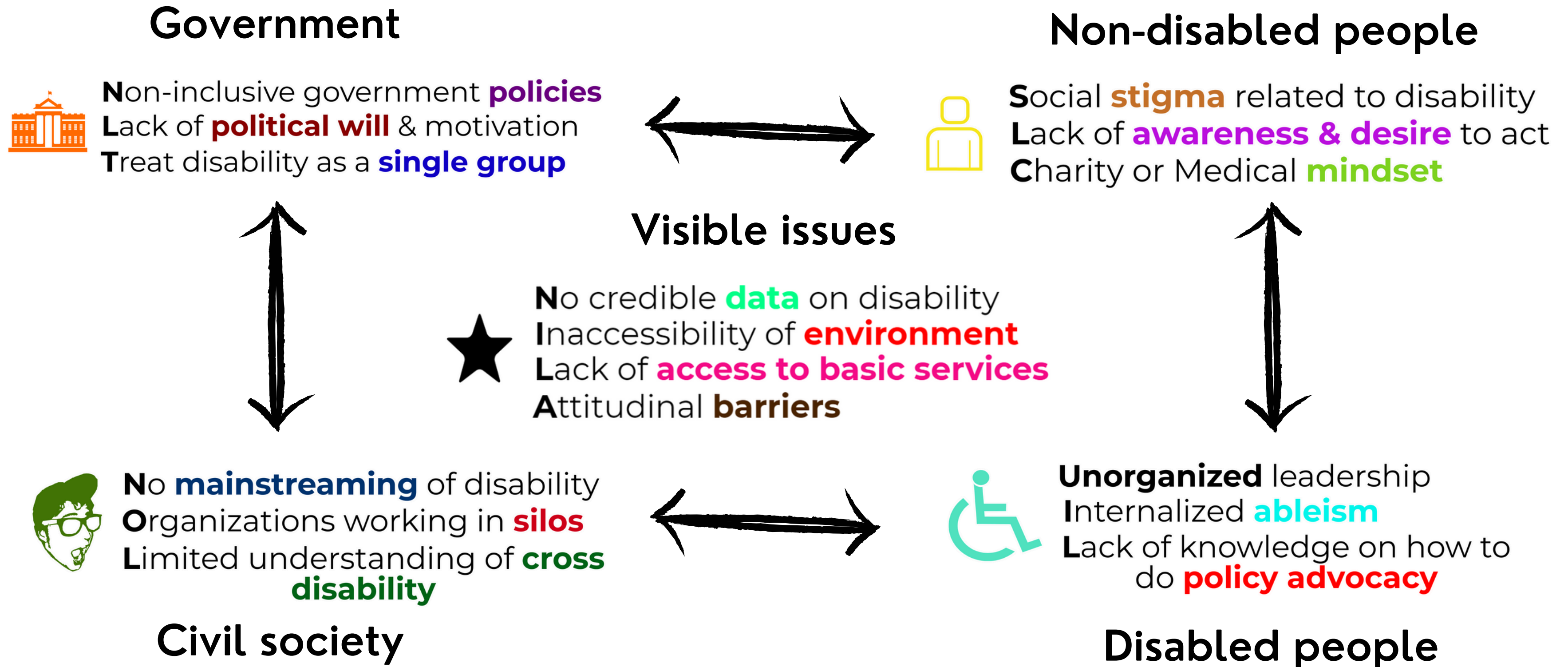


Although we are led to believe that census data of 2011 is credible but it isn't! All the above data is blown away by the WHO report on disability which estimates 10% to 15% of the world population to be disabled. This estimate is also seconded by many disability rights activists/organizations in India. Based on the above percentages there would be 13.52 crore to 20.28 crore persons with disabilities living in India of which majority are not part of the system.

2.
**What is causing
the problem?
How does it
manifest
today?**



Invisibility of disability manifests due to multiple interconnected issues pertaining to different stake holders



Our Solution and Timeline

- **Utilizing existing government data (Shameer - 3 to 6 months)**
- **Collecting individual level data on experiences of persons with disabilities through surveys and interviews (Asahi - 1 year)**
- **Conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis**
- **Creating index for social and political rights of persons with disabilities**
- **Making data and research accessible for all stakeholders (advocates, scholars, policy makers, etc.) through visualization and data repository**

Support us in lifting the cloak of
invisibility off **people with disabilities**

**Work with us to advocate, mainstream
and enforce disability rights.**