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#### **Learning objectives**

By the end of the session participants shall be able to:

- Discuss challenges faced by persons with disabilities.
- Explain the rationale for using correct disability terminology and appropriate language.

## Challenges

World Report on Disability (2011) summarized some of the main challenges facing persons with disabilities as:

- Costs
- Poverty
- Lower participation in education
- Higher rates of unemployment
- Isolation.

## **Activity**

- Write down names / terms / expressions used to describe children or adults with disabilities – positive or negative.
- Swop your paper with someone else.
- Stick the word under the appropriate 'face'.

