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Family planning for women with disabilities (and their partners — whether able-bodied or disabled) must be made available. As is the case with the inclusion of persons with disabilities for all Millennium Development Goals, general reproductive health disabilities. Finally, women with disabilities face additional concerns that must be anticipated in Millennium Development Goal programming: (a) Contrary to the goals and principles of all the human rights conventions, women with disabilities and girls as young as 7 and 8 are often sterilized against their knowledge or will; (b) In some communities, women (and men) with disabilities who have children face the prospect of having their children taken from them because the parents have a disability.
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