# A call to action for assistive products access in low- and middle-income countries

6x the price, only 10% reach.





## >2.5B people

need assistive products globally

### More than 90% don't have access in low resource countries

**Unmet need, 90%** 

**Current provision, 10%** 

Unmet need by product type:



>80%







Prostheses >80%

**Spectacles** >64%

**65-95%** 

Wheelchairs

#### **Procurement by NGOs, corporate** foundations, and select governments

2 out of 3 of users pay out of pocket and purchase from private sector

Procurement by product type:\*









**Hearing Aids** 45,000

Prostheses <30,000 **Spectacles** 

<15M

Wheelchairs 150,000

\*Annually by NGOs, social enterprises, and 12 surveyed governments

#### Supply cost adds on to product cost

End-user price could be **6x** the ex-factory price



#### **Need to optimize markup for assisitive** products to improve access.

Typical markups are 2x. For example, price of smartphones doubles between factory and end-users.

#### What needs to change



Consolidate funding



Integrate into insurance



Optimize supply cost



Raise public & policy awareness



Support local manufacturing

Read more in the upcoming **Assistive Products Market Report 2025** 



