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This issue brief, produced during the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives 2012, highlights how and why the cooperative form of enterprise can cater to the economic and social needs of persons with disabilities. In recent decades, cooperatives have improved the lives of many women and men with disabilities. Cooperatives enable them to participate more actively in society, increase their independence and make decisions about their lives and futures by providing employment opportunities, access to skills training, health care, financial services, transport and other essential services.

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