

Why?

- Cerebral Palsy is the most common disability worldwide
- Prevalence is 5-10x higher in LMIC
- Quality of life is often compromised among children and caregivers
- Little is known on community perspectives

Methodology

- 5 focus-group interviews
- Total of 67 stakeholders (chiefs, counsellors, teachers, traditional healers, community health workers)

Perception, beliefs and attitudes of key stakeholders towards children with Cerebral Palsy in communities in Mangochi district, Malawi

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Themes

- Improve knowledge
- Access to schools
- Integrated care program

- Stigma
- Causes
- Lack of knowledge

Facilitators

Knowledge & Beliefs

Community participation & community response

Perceptions & impact on family

- lack of participation
- Lack of support
- Lack of community awareness

- Child
- Stigma
 - Bullying
 - No access school

- Family
- Financial instability
 - Marital issues
 - Inability to work
 - Social isolation



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