



Disability with Possibility

What We Learned from
Disabled People Across
Canada on Shaping the
Canada Disability Benefit



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Outline

- What is Shape the CDB?
- Who did we reach?
- Key Findings
- Q & A
- Wrap-up



DID YOU KNOW?

Statistics on Disability and Poverty in Canada



16%

of disabled people in Canada live in poverty. This is more than **1.5 million people**.¹



27%

of people in Canada are disabled. This is approximately **8 million people**.²



41%

of people who live in poverty are disabled.³



89%

of Canadians said that disabled people should not live in poverty.

No provincial or territorial disability assistance payment raises people above the poverty line.



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WHAT WAS THE SHAPE THE CDB PROJECT?

In September 2020, the federal government said that they would make a new benefit called the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB). The CDB would reduce poverty and support the financial security of disabled people.

In response, Disability Without Poverty launched this project to assist the government in understanding the needs of disabled people by reaching out to disabled communities directly.

PHASE 1 ONLINE SURVEY

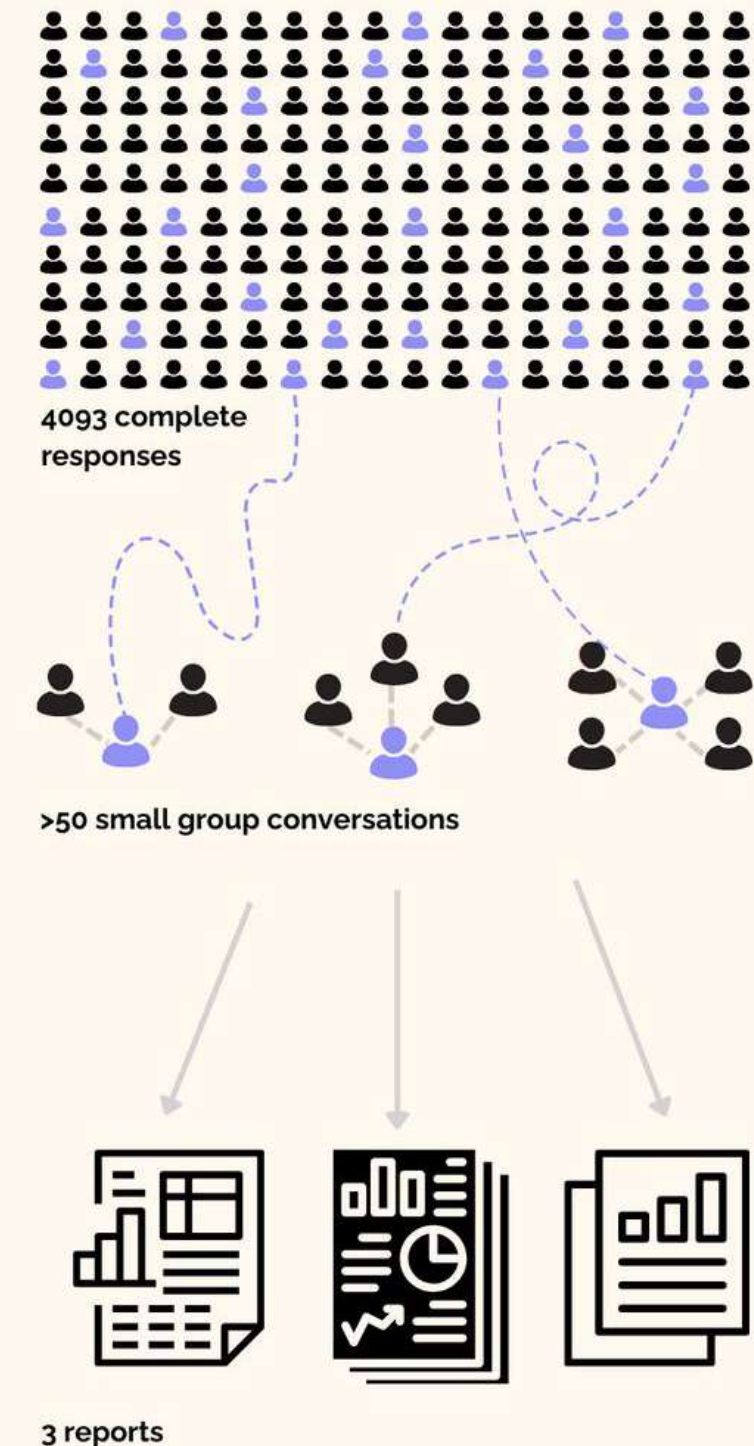
We used an online surveying tool and received the views of over 4000 disabled people. This survey asked about the values and issues that disabled people care about.

PHASE 2 PEER-TO-PEER CONVERSATIONS

In the peer-to-peer action weeks, almost 300 people with disabilities participated in over 50 in-depth conversations about the CDB.

PHASE 3 REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The third phase of the Shape the CDB project is the publication of three project reports. These reports will be delivered to the Government of Canada, showcasing what people with disabilities need from the benefit so they can live with more dignity, autonomy, power and possibility.



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Key Findings

- 1. Urgency**
- 2. Dignity**
- 3. Added costs**
- 4. Inclusive eligibility**
- 5. Simple application**
- 6. A fair benefit**
- 7. Keep people with disabilities involved**



Urgency

URGENT! DISABLED FOLKS NEED ASSISTANCE NOW

- more than **1.5 million** disabled Canadians live in poverty
- currently, no provincial or territorial assistance payment raises people out of poverty
- 33%** of disabled Canadians live alone and need help to access assistance



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Dignity

**disabled folks
deserve a life with
dignity, not
poverty.**



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Added Costs

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE
ADDED COST OF
DISABILITY...

CARE COSTS

THERAPY

TRANSIT

MOBILITY
AIDS

AND MORE!



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Inclusive Eligibility

DISABLED CANADIANS
CURRENTLY RECEIVING A
FEDERAL, TERRITORIAL OR
PROVINCIAL BENEFIT SHOULD
GET IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO
THE CDB.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT.



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Simple Application

ONE OF THE LARGEST
BARRIERS TO
ACCESSING
ASSISTANCE?

A **SIMPLIFIED**
APPLICATION PROCESS.



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A Fair Benefit

DISABLED CANADIANS AND
THEIR CARERS ARE
DEMANDING A FAIR BENEFIT.

WHAT DOES THAT LOOK
LIKE?



96% OF SURVEYED
CANADIANS WANT A
BENEFIT THAT **WON'T**
BE CLAWED BACK, AND
WILL MAKE A
FINANCIAL
DIFFERENCE.



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Keep Disabled People Involved

NOTHING **ABOUT US**
WITHOUT US!



DISABLED CANADIANS **DESERVE**
TO BE PART OF THE
CONVERSATION AROUND
ASSISTANCE. DON'T LEAVE US
OUT!



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WHAT POSSIBILITIES WOULD THE CDB PROVIDE?

In Phase 3 of the project, the Shape the CDB team reached out to project participants and asked them to share how the CDB could change their lives.

What would you be able to afford?
What would you be able to do?



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