

***Special Olympics***









"The work of Special Olympics is very important for people with disabilities, but in reality, it has an important role in the comprehensive development of humanity around the world."

—Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China



# SOI and the IOC



## *Special Olympics is officially recognized by the IOC*

In February 1988, the IOC, the umbrella organization of the Olympic movement, officially recognized Special Olympics and agreed to cooperate with Special Olympics as a representative of the interests of athletes with intellectual disability.

Special Olympics is the only organization authorized by the IOC to use the world "Olympics" worldwide.



# Our Case



According to the World Health Organization approx.

**200,000,000**

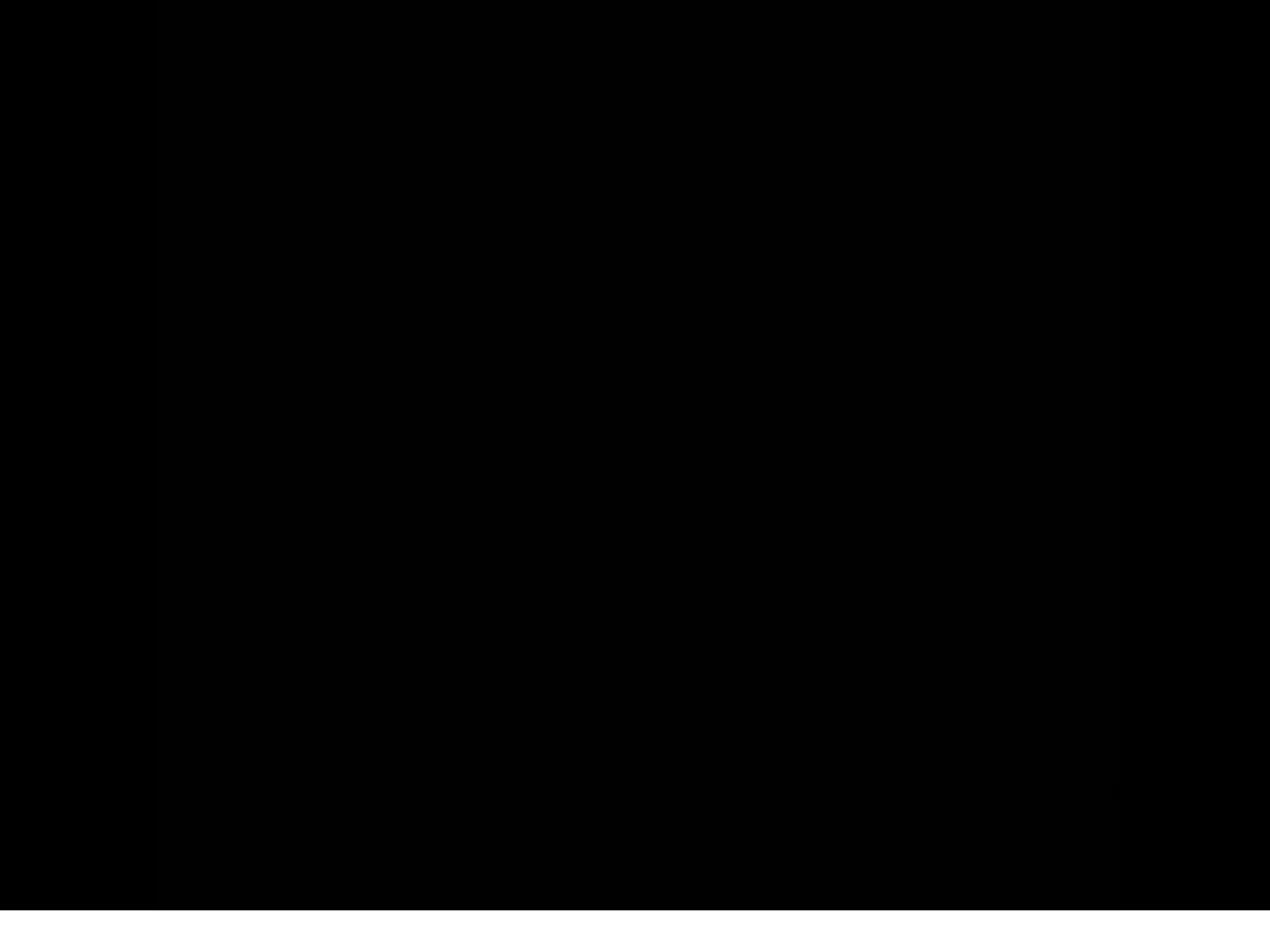
people in the world have an intellectual disability,  
making it the largest disability group worldwide.

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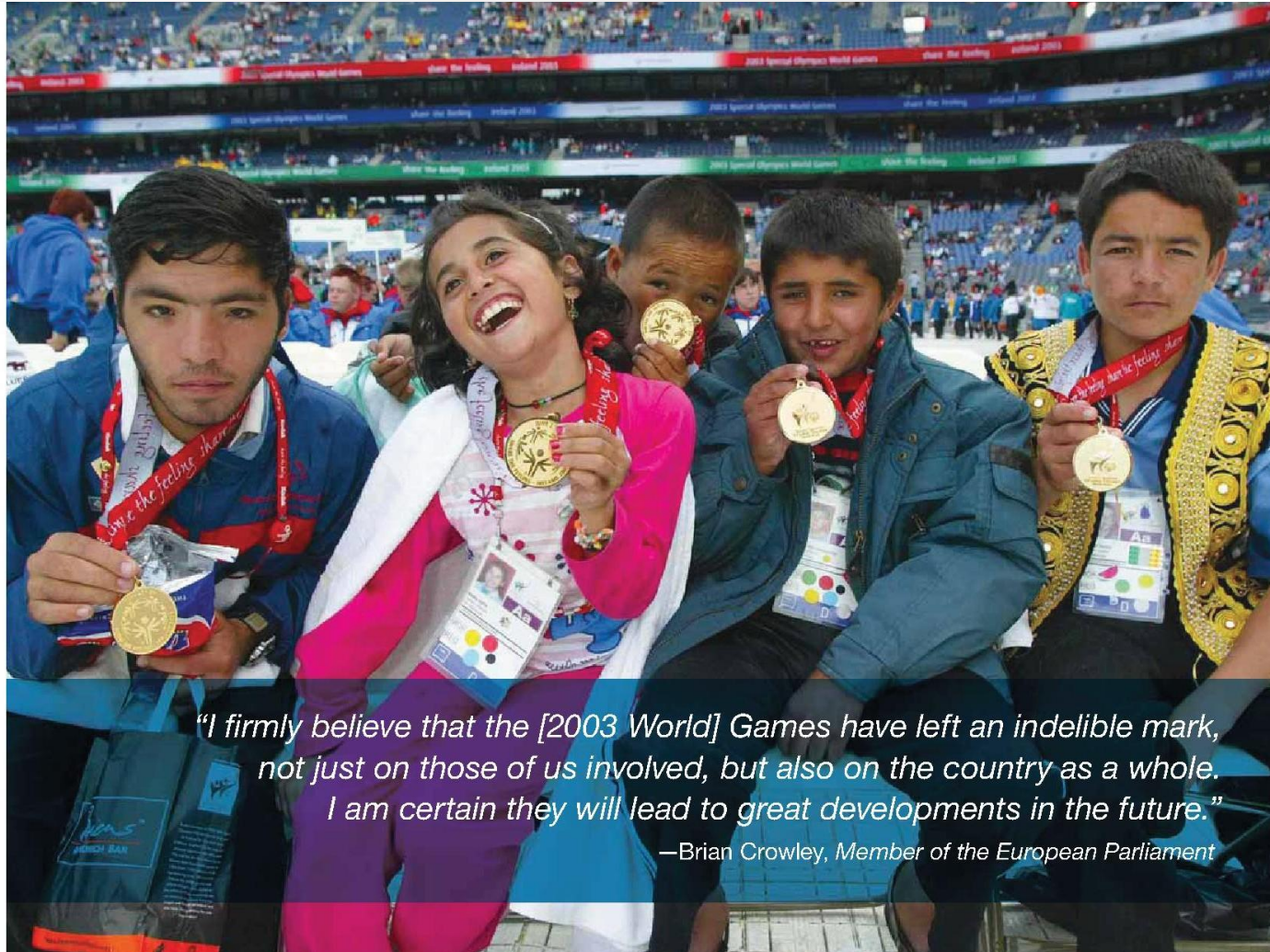




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# Sports on all levels / Sports for All



*"I firmly believe that the [2003 World] Games have left an indelible mark, not just on those of us involved, but also on the country as a whole. I am certain they will lead to great developments in the future."*

—Brian Crowley, Member of the European Parliament



# UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Article 30: **Participation** in cultural life, recreation, leisure and **sport**.

Promote the participation of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels.



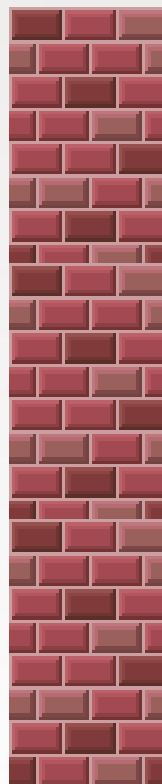
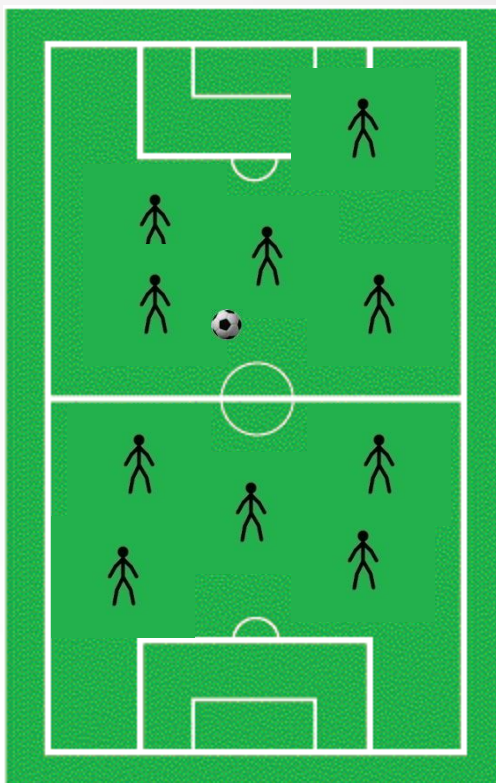
# Women in Sports



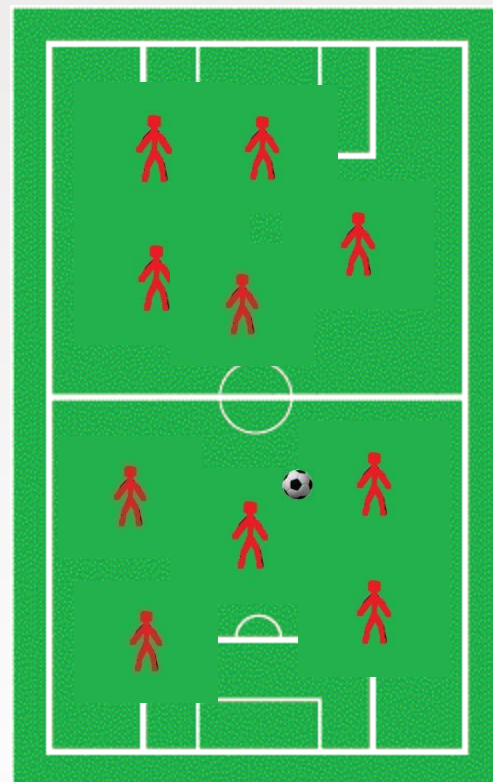
# UNITY SPORTS / Unified Sports



## Mainstream Sport



## Disability Sport





## People with & without intellectual disabilities playing sports together

Sport Federations

Local authorities

Universities

Teacher associations

Government

Group homes for people  
with intellectual disabilities

Parents

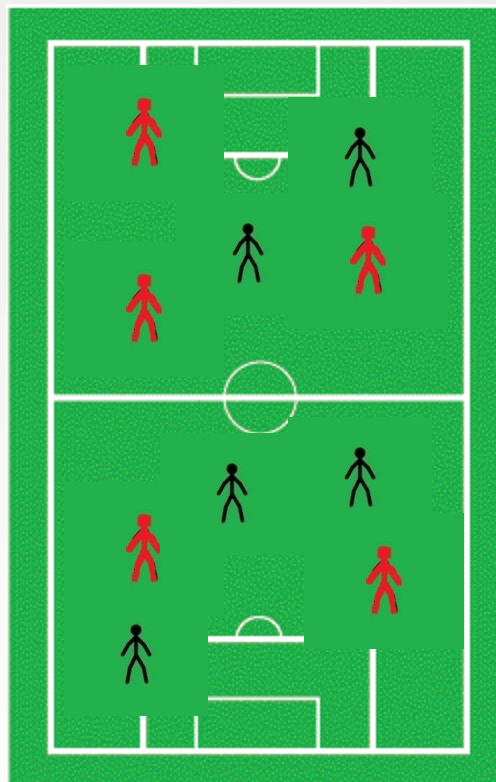
Local Sports Clubs

Special Schools

Mainstream Schools

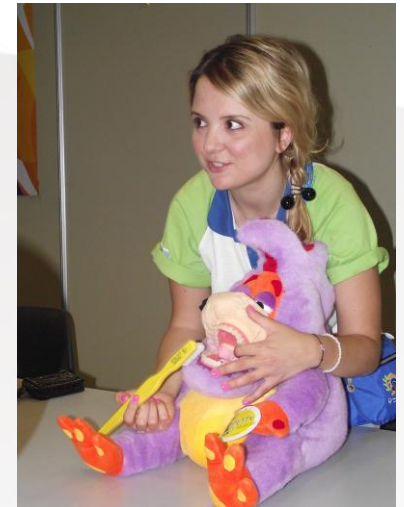
Inclusive Schools

Local Special  
Olympics Program



# Sport and Health

## Healthy Athletes Program (1.4 Mio screenings)



# Best Practices Young Athletes Program (YAP)





# Global Family Initiatives



# Partnerships



CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE



And many more....

# Engaging Global Leaders





# Thank YOU !



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