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Treatment of people with health difficulties/disabilities.

Reporting on events of 2009, the *United States Department of State* in March 2010 notes:

“The law provides for regulations and building codes that ensure access for persons with disabilities, but the government did not effectively implement the laws and programs. Although building codes require accessibility for all, the codes were rarely enforced, and in many cases, builders and building inspectors were unaware of laws requiring accessibility. The Ministry of Social Development, Family, and Solidarity has responsibility for protecting the rights of persons with disabilities and attempted to integrate persons with disabilities into society by implementing a quota of 7 percent for persons with disabilities in vocational training in the private and public sectors. In 2008 the government created 217 integrated classes for children with disabilities. In practice integration was largely left to private charities. Typically, families supported persons with disabilities. A limited number survived by begging.” (United States Department of State (11 March 2010) *2009 Human Rights Practices: Morocco*, Section 6 ‘Discrimination, Societal Abuses, and Trafficking in Persons/Persons with Disabilities’)

An undated document from *Leonard Cheshire Disability* states:

“The Moroccan constitution does not specifically make provision for the rights of disabled people, either mandating for access to buildings or concerning equal opportunities and discrimination.” (Leonard Cheshire Disability (Undated) *Morocco*)

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