WHAT IS epilepsy?

A NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION characterized by recurrent seizures

Seizures are due to brief disturbances in the electrical functions of the brain.

Epilepsy affects people of all ages.

What is the IMPACT of epilepsy?

50 000 000

More than 50 million people are living with epilepsy globally.

80%

live in low- and middle-income countries

75%

DO NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT

CAUSES OF TREATMENT GAP:
- lack of trained staff
- poor access to anti-epileptic medicines
- societal misconceptions
- poverty
- low prioritization for the treatment of epilepsy

STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION

FAMILY

WORK

SOCIAL STANDING

3-6 TIMES GREATER RISK OF PREMATURE DEATH
What is the SOLUTION?

Epilepsy can be treated with inexpensive and effective anti-epileptic medicines. With such treatment 70% of people with epilepsy can lead normal lives.

WHO can do WHAT?

- **People with epilepsy and their families**
- **The public**
- **Health-care workers**
- **Policy makers**
- **Communities and NGOs**
- **Educate and train**
- **Promote public awareness**
- **Ensure access to epilepsy treatment in communities**
- **Learn about epilepsy**
- **Seek treatment**