Facial disfigurement is a globally neglected human rights issue. 1 in 111 people have a disfigurement, (a mark scar or condition affecting appearance) all of whom are subject to stigma, discrimination and exclusion in this modern, appearance-obsessed world where disfigurement means disadvantage.

- Two new reports created by Face Equality International expose the prevalence of the abandonment of children born with facial disfigurements, along with mothers being left to care for their children alone due to fathers and in-laws rejecting the infant.

- In India, Nepal and Mexico, poverty and facial disfigurement are inextricably linked, especially in an LMIC context where inequitable access to healthcare increases the disabling nature of disfigurement.

- This community is consistently failed by government. Whether it’s refusal to regard disfigurement as a disability and thereby offer government support, general ignorance of this often hidden community, or refusal to regard them as a priority.

- A culture of ‘victim-blaming’ surrounding supernatural or medical beliefs for the causes of disfigurement, for instance mothers using a knife during an eclipse, disproportionately impacts women and heightens gender inequality.