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**“POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF DISABILITY. SURVIVING IN TIMES OF
CRISIS”**

*“When we are no longer able to
change a situation...we are
challenged to change ourselves”*
Viktor Frankl, 1963

A lot has been written about the effects of disability and especially about negative effects of disability in the lives of persons who live with disabilities. Different scientific studies have been done to understand the types, causes and the characteristics of these effects of disabilities especially in times of crisis. Most of it often identify, only the negative aspects of this situation, often are highlighted negative impacts of disability and also a key role in reducing the negative effects of disability is assigned to the government.

The study focuses on the positive and negative outcomes of disability in the times of crisis. It is true to say that often disability as phenomenon inspires not only negative but positive processes too in the lives of persons who have disabilities. And further on often disabilities inspire psychosocial, psycho economical and physical growth and development of individual. Beside, each person is affected by disease, impairment or disability differently. With the increasing prevalence of disability within Lithuanian society, recent attention has turned to the impact of this frequent life phenomenon on the individual. This event carries the emotional, financial, physical and social implications of disability.

Because of it the study examined the role of different indicators as impacts of disability and the study examined indicators who help survive persons who have disabilities in the time of crisis.

Results of study unclosed that:

1. Disability is concerned not only with negative but with positive experiences, effects, impacts, outcomes;
2. Disability inspires psychosocial, psycho economical and physical impacts on individual;

3. Type of disability impacts in crisis times depend on government's priorities, support models and personal characteristics of individual.