The Teacher Empowerment for Disability Inclusion (TEDI) aims to empower teachers and carers to provide high-quality education for children with severe to profound sensory or intellectual disability through training that is focused on inclusivity, diversity and addressing learners' specific needs. In 2018, TEDI piloted its first professional development courses and workshops for carers, teachers and other facilitators of learners with profound intellectual disability. This manual is a result of plans made in these initiatives to develop useful and practical resources for participants to enrich and further their learning.

The manual is aimed at those working and interacting with children with profound intellectual disability, including carers, caregivers, community workers, facilitators, classroom assistants and programme implementers. It adopts a practical, skills-based approach and is aligned with South Africa’s Department of Basic Education’s policy framework and learning programme for learners with profound intellectual disability.