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### Advancing inclusion & enhancing library accessibility for students with special needs M6L

#### MOHAMMED VI LIBRARY ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### Roadmap

- Why inclusion matters?
- The case of M6 Library
- Methodology
- Key Findings
- Recommendations

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Inclusion in universities is not just a matter of fairness, it is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).







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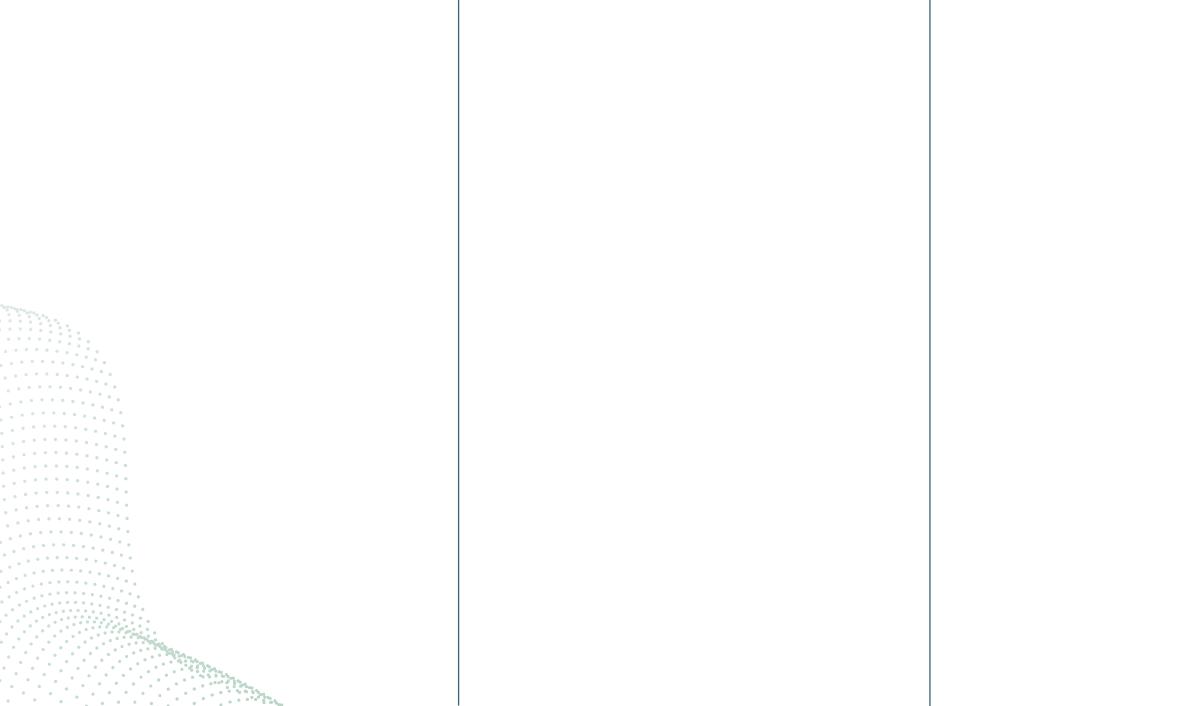
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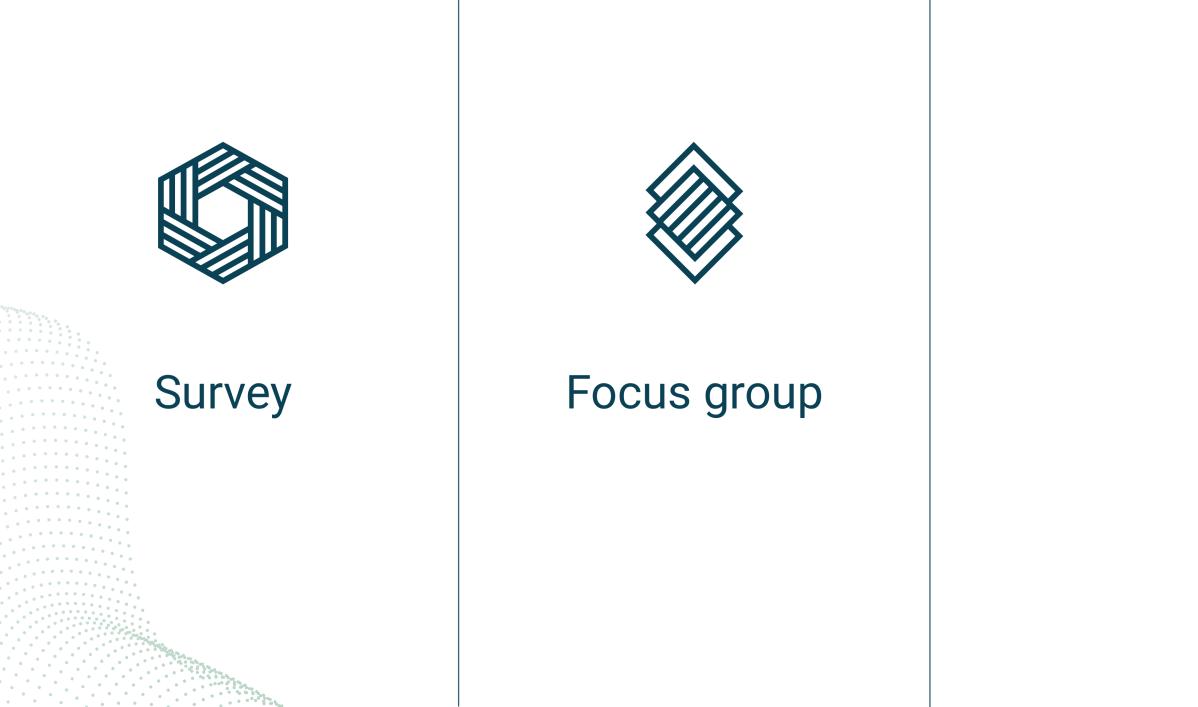
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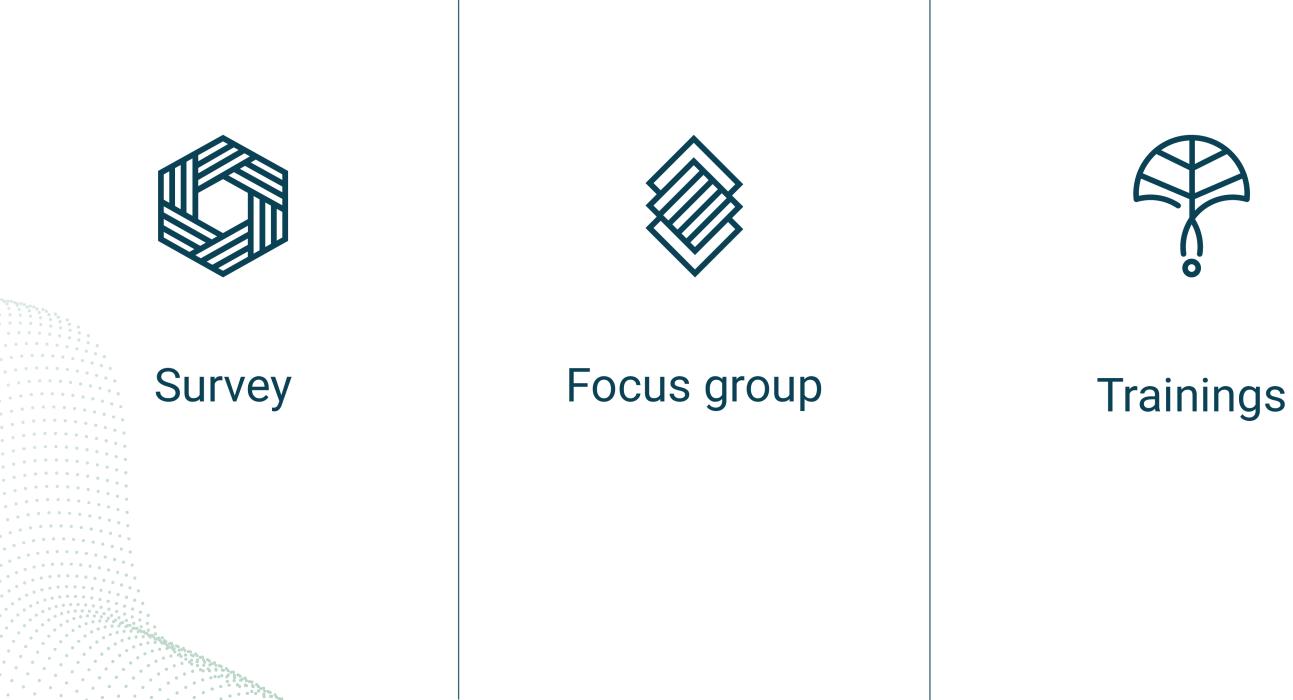




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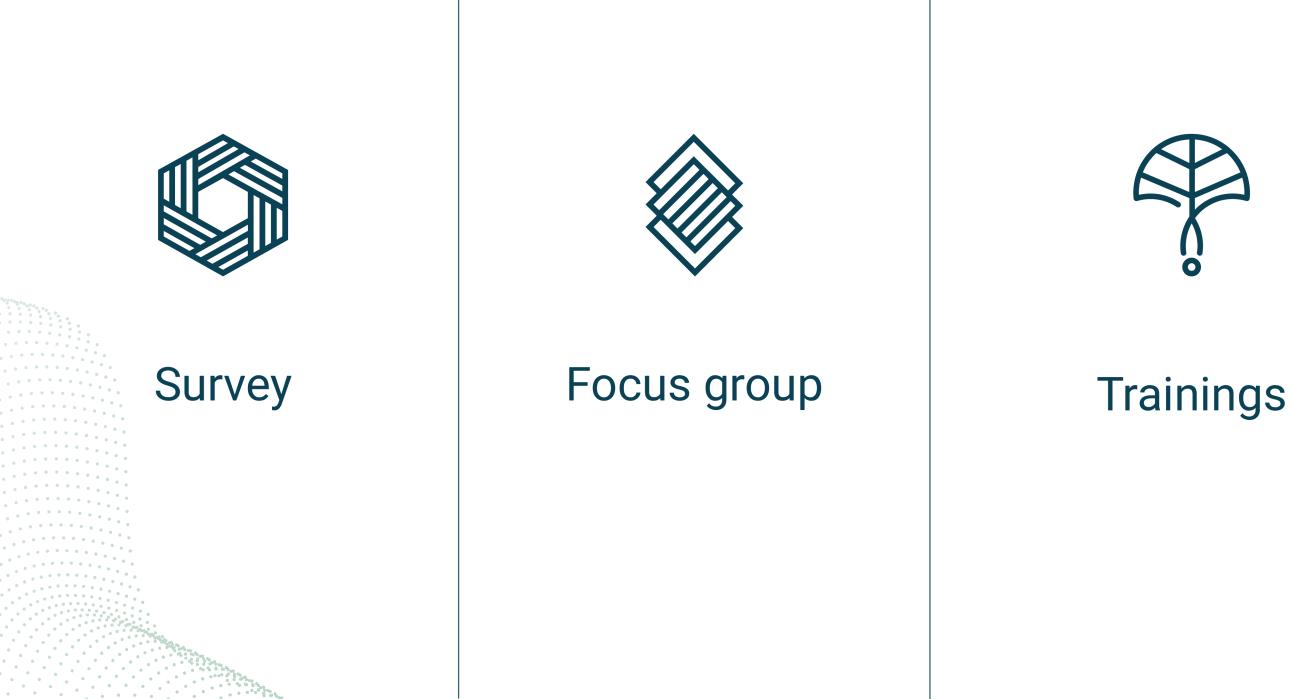












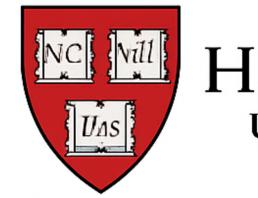






#### International Collaboration

### Benchmarking



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# Key findings / Gaps

**Ol** Gaps in physical & digital accessibility

**O3** Inadequate signage and wayfinding

**O2** Lack of training among staff

**O4** Students feel hesitant to request support

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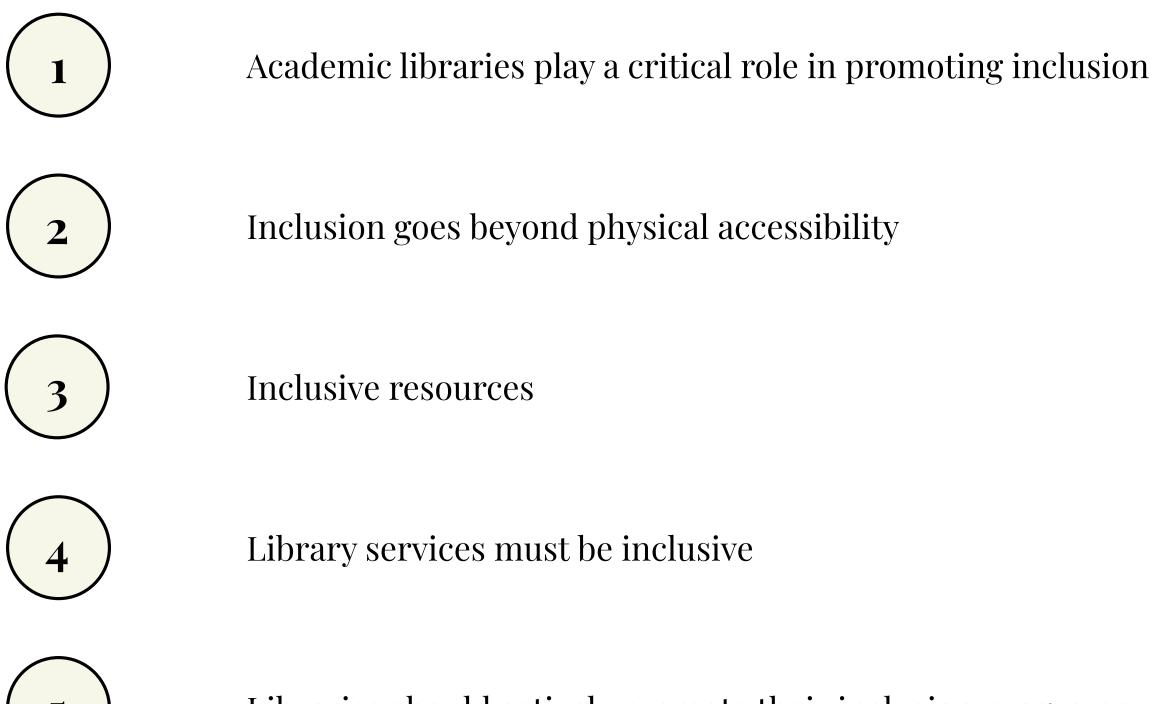
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#### Inclusive IL Programs

- Universal Design for Learning
- Accessible Technology and Spaces
- Involve Users with Special Needs in Program Design
- Embed Information Literacy in Inclusive Curriculum

### Key Takeaways



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Libraries should actively promote their inclusion programs



### Assesment

**Conduct Regular** Accessibility Audits

#### **Gather User Feedback**

# **Thank you** Do you have any questions?