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### **Prompt 1**

Assistive technology is a SMART technology that should be taken seriously globally and concerns put across it to enable other assistive devices in the future. According to the World Health Organization, critical facts that show assistive or adaptive technology has done good to the world is because of disabilities, diseases, functional decline of body organs, age factors in human life (WHO, 2018). Assistive technology has improved the living standards of people living with disabilities and gave them a sense of belonging in society and their economy. Also, they have enhanced the people's independence, thus helping them feel that they are just like other ordinary people though being abled differently.

There is a need to increase and become more innovative on assistive technology because globally, more than one billion people require more than one assistive tool to use in their lives. People are aging and change in lifestyles, infectious diseases are alarming and more than two billion people will need two or more assistive products to continue living and be independent (WHO, 2018). However, today only one person in a group of ten that need the products has access. For that reason, the demand is alarming and hence the concerned authorities should take into consideration this aspect and do something.

Assistive technology's importance is that it enables one to stay healthy, independent, and productive and a life with dignity. Also, assistive technology has created an environment of valuing people who have disabilities and understanding them as disadvantaged physically or mentally—isolation of people who seem like they need help. Stigmatization has also been ruled out since disabled people can easily take their responsibilities without asking for help. Assistive technology is essential to individuals, the economy and the whole world since its contribution is

universal. In summation, countries should invest in assistive technology to also shape the economy of the country.

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