

THE DISABILITY DATA REPORT

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Introduction



The United Nations wrote a document to protect the rights of people with disabilities.

This document is called: **The Convention on The Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

People also call this document the **CRPD.**



To know if governments protect the rights of people with disabilities, we need to collect information.



Governments send surveys to many people in their countries.

The surveys ask people questions about their lives.

Surveys are done on paper, online, or by phone.



Some countries use a short set of questions called **Washington Group Questions** to find out about people with disabilities. These questions ask people about difficulties with seeing, hearing, walking, learning, self-care, and communication.

Introduction



By asking many people the same questions, we can count how many people have a disability.

Counting answers gives us data.



Researchers use math to find out what the data can tell us about the problems people with disabilities have.



Researchers talk about what they learn from the data.

Researchers also say what they think should be done to make things better.



This report is written by the Disability Data Initiative. It is our first report looking at disability worldwide.



We found enough information to understand the problems people with disabilities have in many parts of the world.

What We Learned



We learned that at least one of ten people has a disability.

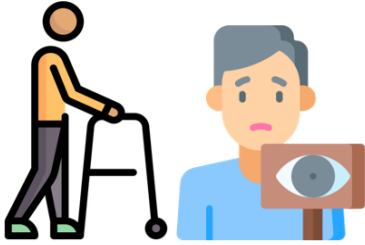


We learned that of 10 homes, 3 homes have a person with a disability living there.

This research looked closely at these 41 countries:

Afghanistan	Pakistan
Bangladesh	Panama
Cambodia	Papua New Guinea
Colombia	Peru
Djibouti	Philippines
Dominican Republic	Puerto Rico
Ethiopia	Rwanda
Gambia	Senegal
Haiti	South Africa
Indonesia	Suriname
Kiribati	Tajikistan
Liberia	Tanzania
Malawi	Timor-Leste
Maldives	Tonga
Mali	Uganda
Mauritius	Uruguay
Mexico	Vietnam
Morocco	West Bank and Gaza
Myanmar	Vanuatu
Namibia	Zimbabwe
Nigeria	

What We Learned



We found the most common disabilities are problems walking or seeing.



Illness in your eyes can cause disabilities with seeing. Better medical care for eye illness might help people avoid disabilities with seeing.



Some illnesses cause people difficulties with walking. Better medical care might prevent people from developing walking disabilities.



People might have problems getting the assistive devices they need.

Not having glasses or a walker you need can make the disability worse.

What We Learned



People with disabilities face inequalities.

Inequalities means people do not have the same opportunities.

Inequalities mean they are not treated fairly.

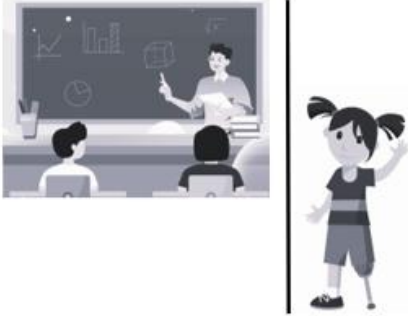


We found that even when people with disabilities receive support the inequalities are still there.



We found that people with disabilities often have to pay a lot of money for health care.

What We Learned



People with disabilities experience education inequality.

This means they have fewer opportunities to go to school.



People with disabilities have fewer opportunities to learn to read.



People with disabilities have fewer opportunities to work.



Young people with disabilities are often not able to get a first job. They stay home without anything to do.

What We Learned



We found that people with disabilities have less than others.

For example, people with disabilities might have less money than others.



People with disabilities have a lower standard of living.



Standard of living looks at how comfortable a person's home is. For example, does a person have electricity in their home?



We found that people with disabilities are more often poor than other people.



We found that people with disabilities often struggle to have enough food to eat.

What We Learned



Along with disabilities, things like age, gender, and where people live can add more inequalities.



We found that women with disabilities are more often poor than men with disabilities.



City

Village

We found that people with disabilities living in village areas are more often poor than people with disabilities in cities.



Old



Young

We found that older people with disabilities are more often poor than young people with disabilities.

What We Should Do



Governments need to make rules to protect the rights of people with disabilities.



Governments and organizations need to work together to make sure the rights of people with disabilities are protected.



Programs need to be in place to make sure people with disabilities can live a good life.

What Can Be Done?



Many countries still do not ask about disabilities in their surveys.

All countries should include questions about disability in their surveys.



We need more research about disability.

Research will help us understand the problems people with disabilities face and how we can make things better.

To do research, we need resources like money and training.

What Can We Do?



We can use this report to make things better for people with disabilities.



We can make things better if we advocate.

When we speak up about the problems in this report, we can help other people understand the problems.



We can speak to our government about this report.

We can ask the government to offer money and create programs for people with disabilities.



We can make things better by raising awareness.

We can talk about this report with our community. Then people can understand the problems people with disabilities have.

People might help when they understand.

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