THE DISABILITY DATA REPORT 2022

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Easy Read Summary

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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 follow the CRPD and 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 the short set of **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.

By asking many people, 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 challenges people face.

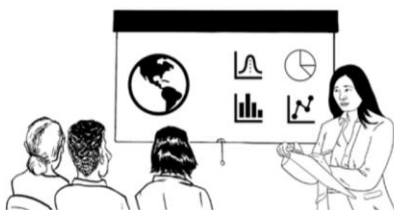Researchers talk about what they learn from the data.

Researchers also say what they think should be done to make things better for people with disabilities.

This report was done by the Disability Data Initiative.

We have been looking at worldwide disability data for 2 years.

This report shows what we found in 2022.

This research looked closely at these 35 countries:

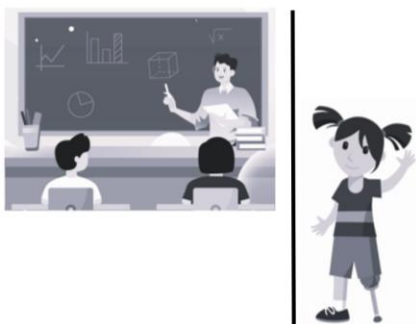|			
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Chad	Costa Rica	Cuba	Democratic Republic of Congo
Dominican Republic	Gambia	Georgia	Ghana
Guinea-Bissau	Guyana	Honduras	Iraq
Kiribati	Kosovo	Kyrgyz Republic	Lesotho
Madagascar	Malawi	Mongolia	Montenegro
Nepal	North Macedonia	Palestine	Sao Tome and Principe
Sierra Leone	Suriname	Togo	Tonga
Tunisia	Turkmenistan	Zimbabwe	

What We Learned

Women with disabilities face inequalities.

That means women are treated unfairly.

This report looks closely at the inequality's women with disabilities face.

Girls and women with disabilities face inequalities in education.

They often cannot go to school the same way as other children.

Women with disabilities have problems getting information.

Information is often not easy to understand. For example, **Easy Read** makes this report easier to understand.

Women with disabilities often don't have computers or phones.

Women with disabilities have problems using computers and phones. They need extra support.

Women with disabilities often do not have information about sexuality and reproductive rights.

For example, they might not be able to get birth control or period pads.

We found that women with disabilities are more often poor.
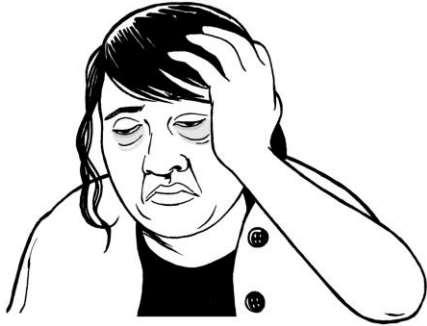
Women with disabilities are being treated unfairly because they are women and because they have disabilities.

Women with disabilities often do not feel safe.

Women with disabilities often feel unwell, they do not have good wellbeing.

Their bodies, minds, and relationships do not feel good.

Needs More Support **Needs Less Support**

The more support women with disabilities need, the more often they are poor.

Assistive technologies are often not available to women with disabilities.

For example, when we looked at 5 women who needed glasses, only one women was able to get them.

What We Should Do

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

More countries are asking questions about disability in their surveys, but many still do not ask.

All countries should include questions about disability in their surveys.

We need more research about disability.

Research will help us understand the problems women 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 women with disabilities.

We can make things better if we advocate. When we speak up about the problems in this report, we can make things better.

We can speak to our government about this report. We can ask the government to offer money and create programs for women 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 women with disabilities have.

People may start helping when they understand.

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