



Disability and Development Report

2024



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About this report



This is an Easy Read version of a longer report by the **United Nations**.



The **United Nations** is a group of countries from around the world.



The countries work together to stop wars and solve problems.



They try to make life fair and safe for everyone around the world.



Our report is about helping people with disabilities.



There are some promises called
Sustainable Development Goals.



These goals are the things we want to happen for people with disabilities.



We want to reach these goals by the year 2030.

Our progress



People with disabilities are being left behind. Not enough is being done to make this better.



The world is unlikely to reach the Sustainable Development Goals for people with disabilities by 2030.



Things are improving too slowly or getting worse.



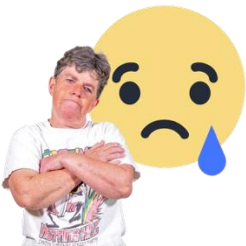
People with disabilities are more likely to be poorer than other people.



People with disabilities are less likely to have enough food, healthcare and technology.



People with disabilities are less likely to have a job.



Women with disabilities face even bigger problems.



They are **discriminated** against because they are female, as well as being disabled.

Discrimination is when you are treated unfairly.

The COVID-19 pandemic



Half of people who died of COVID-19 were people with disabilities.



People with disabilities found it harder to get the things they needed like food, water, energy, housing and health care.



1 in 5 young people with disabilities stopped going to school.



1 in 4 people with disabilities experienced violence at home. This was worse for women with disabilities.

Our goals



We have 17 goals. A **goal** is something we want to happen in the future.



You can read more about the problems people are having in our full report.



This Easy Read tells you about some of the things that need to be done.



If we do these things, we are more likely to reach our goals by 2030.

Goal 1: end poverty



Poverty means not having enough money for food, bills or a place to live.



- Give more money to people with disabilities
- Make banks and cash machines easy to use

Goal 2: end hunger



- Make sure people with disabilities have enough food
- Make food banks and shops accessible



- Help people with disabilities to work in farming

Goal 3: good health



- Make health care easier to afford
- Make hospitals and pharmacies easy to visit
- Train health workers about disability



Goal 4: good education



- Make sure schools welcome and include every young person
- Give students equipment they need
- Train teachers about disability



Goal 5: gender equality



Gender equality means you are safe and treated fairly, whether you are a man or a woman.



- Make laws to protect women with disabilities



- Stop forcing women to have medical treatments

Goal 6: clean water + toilets



- Make sure everyone can access clean water and toilets



- Make public toilets accessible
- Involve people with disabilities in making plans about water and toilets

Goal 7: energy for all



- Make sure people with disabilities have electricity



- Make energy cheaper for people with disabilities
- Use energy that does not damage the environment

Goal 8: good jobs



- Make laws so that people with disabilities are treated fairly at work
- Make it easier for people with disabilities to work



- Give people with disabilities training about having a job



Goal 9: technology

- Make websites accessible
- Make it easier for people to afford to be online
- Make laws about making technology easier for people with disabilities to use



Goal 10: treat people fairly

- Support people to live in their communities
- Support people with disabilities to make their own decisions
- Close institutions so that people don't have to live in hospitals or big care homes.



Goal 11: cities and housing



Make places accessible, so people with disabilities can use them easily:

- housing
- public transport
- streets and parks



Include people with disabilities when planning towns and cities

Goals 12, 14, 15: help the environment



- Include people with disabilities when we talk and make plans about the environment
- Make recycling centres easy for people with disabilities to use



Goal 13: climate action



Climate action means protecting people from changes to the weather.



- Involve people with disabilities in planning for disasters like floods



- Make information about emergencies accessible

Goal 16: keep people safe



- Stop violence against people with disabilities



- Make courts and police stations accessible
- Train the police and judges about disability

Goal 17: work together



- Spend more money on including people with disabilities



- Make **assistive technology** affordable
- Don't add extra money called **tax** on assistive technology



Assistive technology means technology that helps people to do things like



- communicating
- calling for help
- opening doors and windows

What needs to happen now



We cannot keep working on disability issues at the speed we are working now.



If we don't make things happen more quickly, we will not reach our goals by 2030.



Everyone needs to work harder and faster.



People with disabilities must be involved in making decisions and making changes happen.

Things to remember



Ask people with disabilities about what they need.



Make sure everything is accessible.



Collect information, so that we know if things are getting better.



Spend enough money on things that will help.



Everyone must work together.

How we describe people

In this document we say **people with disabilities**.

But in UN agreements that countries make together,
we say **persons with disabilities**.