



Inclusive Futures

Promoting disability inclusion



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Information about people with disabilities and social protection



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Who we are



We are Social Development Direct.



We give advice to people working on **International Development** on how to include all people, such as women and people with disabilities



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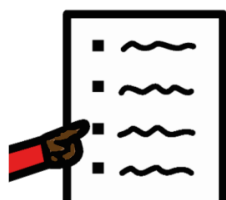
supports people around the world who do not have enough access to the things they need.



We work with other groups to run the Disability Inclusion Helpdesk.



This booklet is part of the **10th Helpdesk Evidence Digest**. It focuses on social protection and people with disabilities.



Please look at the full report for links to documents or for more information.



Sometimes we need to use new or difficult words. These words are in bold. There is a list of what they mean at the end of the

Discussion about including people with disabilities in social protection

UNICEF is an organisation that is responsible for children's rights.

An expert working for this organisation recently discussed the importance of **social protection** for people with disabilities.

The expert talked the changes in how **social protection** programmes included people with disabilities.

In the past, some governments thought disability meant people with disabilities could not earn money for themselves.

They used social protection programmes to make sure people with disabilities had money when they did not work.

A lot of **organisations of persons with disabilities** wanted to focus on helping people with disabilities get jobs.

They did not like **social protection** programmes that assumed people with disabilities could not work.





Recently there have been changes in the way people with disabilities see social protection programmes.

Research studies talk about the importance of including people with disabilities in social protection programmes.

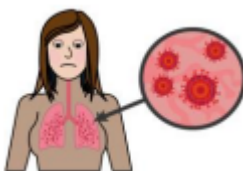
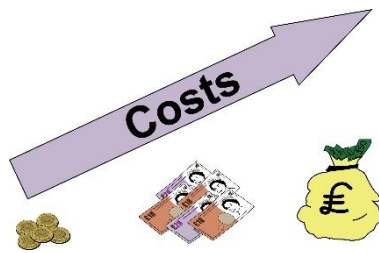
People with disabilities sometimes spend more money than people who do not have disabilities to do everyday activities like going to school, work or the doctor.

For example, a person who uses a wheelchair might have to spend more money to take a taxi if the bus is not accessible.

Social protection programmes can help people with disabilities with these costs.

This is important for fairness and inclusion.

COVID-19 has also made it clearer that social protection programmes should include people with disabilities.

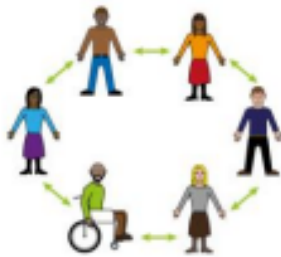




For example, in Europe, most people with disabilities will become poor without social protection programmes.



Countries with strong social protection programmes were able to better respond to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

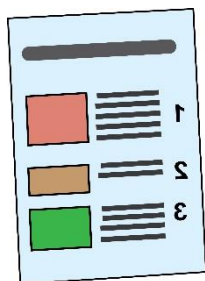


In many countries, **organisations of people with disabilities** (OPDs), were the reason that people with disabilities received the help they need.



The **COVID-19 pandemic** has brought the disability movement closer to social protection programmes.

Evidence and guidance on how to include people with disabilities in social protection



A research team published a study about how to share information about **social protection**.

The study found that women and people with disabilities were more likely to be left out of social protection programmes.

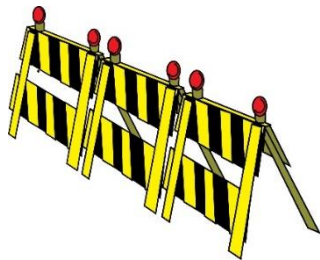
The team published another study about how to include people with disabilities in social protection programmes.



They gave tips on how to find people with disabilities and help them register for social protection programmes.



They wrote a report to help **organisations of persons with disabilities** in Pacific Island Countries talk to governments about social protection programmes.



The Asian Development Bank released a policy brief about disability and **social protection** in Asia.

The main points are:

1. The rights of persons with disabilities
2. The main things needed to include people with disabilities in social protection
3. The challenges people with disabilities face when accessing social protection programmes
4. The methods that can be used to measure how well social protection programmes include people with disabilities

The brief also looks at examples from 4 countries: Korea, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Bhutan.

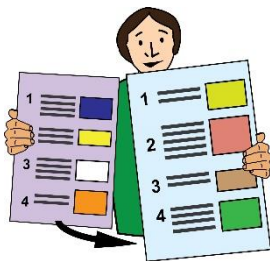
RESNA, a **research** journal, released a report about how social protection programmes can help people with disabilities access **assistive technology**.

Social Sciences and Humanities Open, a **research** journal,

produced a paper about the cash grants given to people with disabilities in Ghana.



The paper said the cash grant programme was less successful because the government did not talk to **organisations of persons with disabilities** (OPDs).



The Disability Evidence Portal released a brief about how to include people with disabilities in **social protection** programmes.



One key point from the brief was that all social protection should be accessible to people with disabilities.

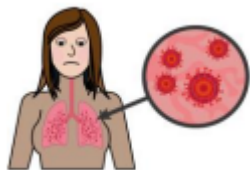


A study in Indonesia found that the social protection programmes the government used to help people in the **COVID-19 pandemic** were better at helping people with disabilities than the programmes they used before.



The government in Indonesia used a register of people with disabilities to make sure they were included.

What do these words mean?

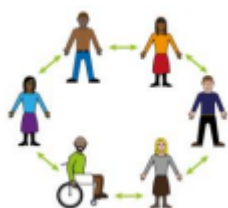


COVID-19 is a virus that has made lots of people around the world ill.



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supports people around the world who do not have enough access to the things they need.



Organisations of people with disabilities work in countries around the world and support people with disabilities to live good lives.



Social Protection is how governments make sure everyone has the same chance of a good enough standard of living.



Research is about finding lots of information about a specific thing and bringing it all together into data or a report



Assistive Technologies are technologies made to help people with disabilities do certain things.

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