



Inclusive Futures

Promoting disability inclusion



A report about how the COVID-19 pandemic affected organisations that work for people with disabilities - CONSIDERATIONS



easy read



Easy Read Version of: Consequences of Exclusion: A Situation Report on Organisations of People with Disabilities and COVID-19 in Bangladesh, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe



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

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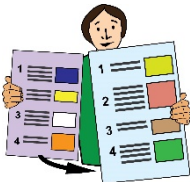
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2. Who we are



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

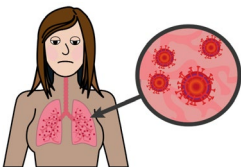


International Development supports people around the world who do not have enough access to the things they need



We work with a group of organisations to give advice and show evidence of how we can improve life for people with disabilities in countries around the world

3. About this report



Over the last year lots of people have become ill from a virus called **COVID-19**



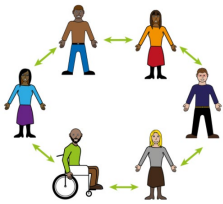
COVID-19 caused a **pandemic**, where lots of people became ill and lots of rules changed to stop it spreading so much



We did **research** to find out how **COVID-19** has affected the work of organisations of people with disability



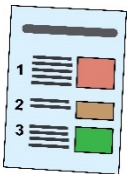
We also looked at how the work they were doing has changed



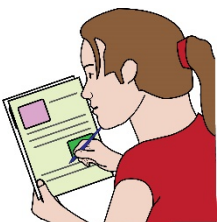
Organisations of people with disability work in countries around the world and are set up to support people with disabilities live good lives



We spoke to 16 of these organisations in Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh

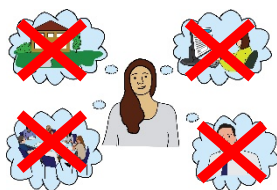


This report gives a summary of important things to think about based on what the research found.



A separate Easy Read explains what the research found.

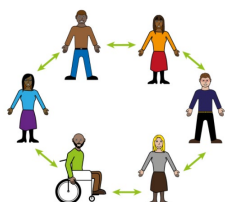
4. Background to the report



The **pandemic** has made it harder for people with disabilities to take part in regular activities in life.



This has been even more difficult for women with disabilities and people who have disabilities that are not talked about much.



These impacts have changed the way **organisations of people with disabilities** work.

5. Things to think about or change



This section gives advice to different groups on what they need to think about to improve working for people with disabilities in the **COVID-19 pandemic**.



The advice is organised for different groups of people or organisations

What governments should think about



Make sure people with disabilities and their organisations are included in groups that plan how to respond to an emergency.



It is important to work closely with organisations that work with people with all different types of disabilities and from lots of different backgrounds, even when there is not an emergency



Working with organisations of people with disabilities will help make sure that **data** is collected by disability, gender and age



It will also help make sure everyone can access the support being provided to people to survive difficult times



Help people with disabilities have access to phones, computers and the internet



Work with organisations who help women and girls who have experienced violence, including organisations of women with disabilities.

What charities, NGOs and organisations that respond to emergencies should think about



Make sure people with disabilities and their organisations are included when planning how to respond to an emergency.



Work together with governments, **organisations of people with disabilities** and organisations that help women who have experienced violence.



Treat **organisations of people with disabilities** with respect and help them carry out their role of helping people with disabilities.

What donors and partners should think about



Give more money to **organisations of people with disabilities** that they can use as they need to respond to the **pandemic** or other emergencies

Work out ways to give money that will help organisations of people with disabilities build their ability to work well.



Give money that helps the real problems of people with disabilities by talking with the organisations to find out what these problems are.



Work out where we need more **research** to understand what is happening to people with disabilities and pay for this research.



Work with governments to show how important it is to make sure people with disabilities and their organisations are included in the response to the **pandemic** and the recovery.

What organisations of people with disabilities should think about



Work with governments often and for a long time so that people with disabilities are always included in governments' work.

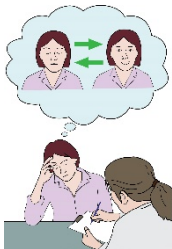


Umbrella organisations of people with disabilities can help link up organisations and connect them to governments and **donors**.



Look at ways to get money from different groups or in different ways.

What should be researched more?



Mental health support given in poorer countries during the pandemic



How disability, age, gender and other things that make people different was thought about when giving support to women and girls who had experienced violence, and how different organisations worked together to support women and girls with disabilities.

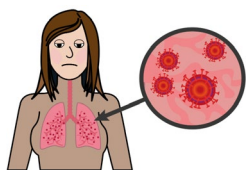


How to make sure people with disabilities have access to phones, computers or internet



How organisations of people with disabilities can help people who are hardest to reach and are normally left out.

6. What words mean?



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



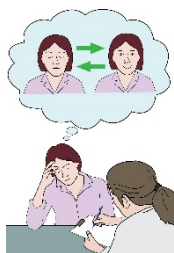
Data is information about the number of different things, such as the number of people with a disability



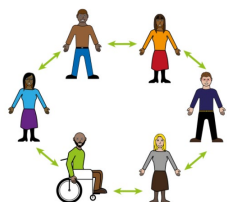
Donors are groups that give money to people doing good things around the world



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Mental health affects how you feel and think about life, such as being sad or happy



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A **pandemic** is when lots of people catch the same illness and it spreads very quickly



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



Umbrella organisations are organisations that speak for lots of smaller organisations and link them together