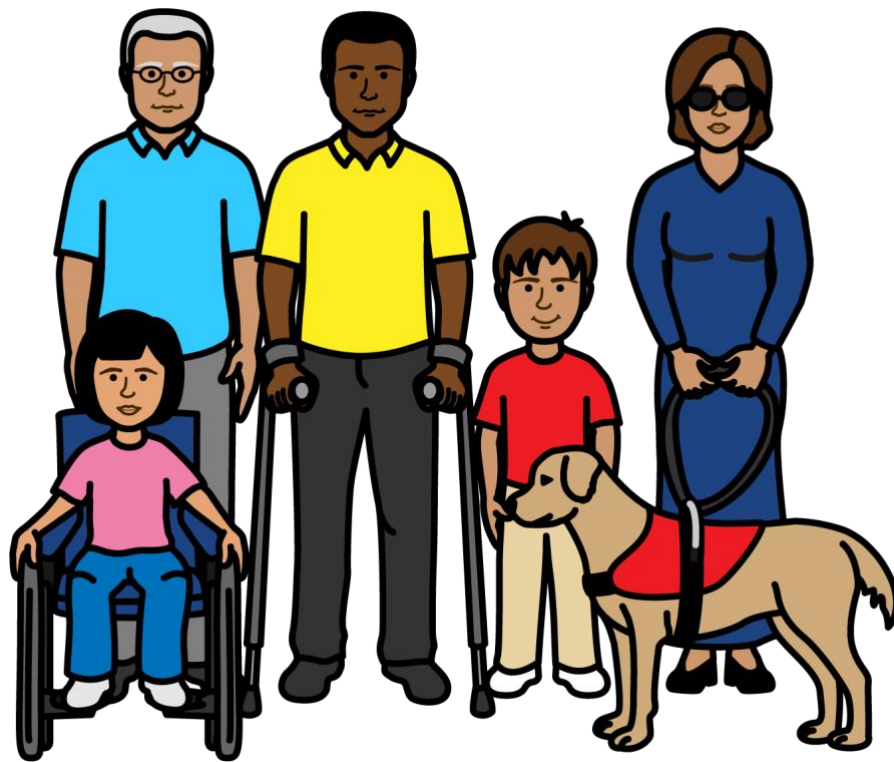




United Nations

How well are countries doing to make the world better and fairer for people with disabilities?



**Disability and Development Report.
Realizing the Sustainable Development Goals by,
for and with Persons with Disabilities.
2018**



About us



We are called the United Nations (UN).



The United Nations is a group of countries that work together to make the world a better and safer place.

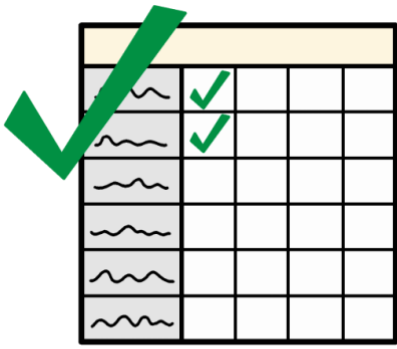
About this report



This report is about some important work that countries are doing to make the world better and fairer for everyone.



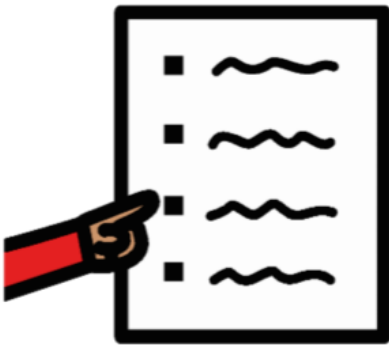
The report is about how this work is going for people with disabilities so far.



There are 17 things that countries want to happen by the year 2030.

For example, countries are working to:

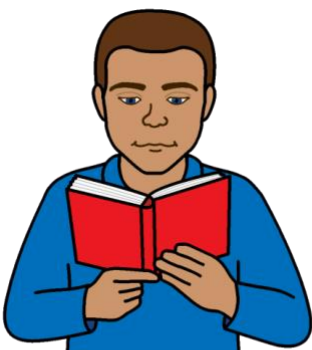
- Stop people being poor and hungry
- Make sure everyone has good health care and education
- Make sure everyone is treated fairly



The 17 things that countries are working on are called the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.



It is important that people with disabilities are part of this work and have a big say in what happens.



This report looks at:

- How this work is going for people with disabilities so far
- What countries need to do better



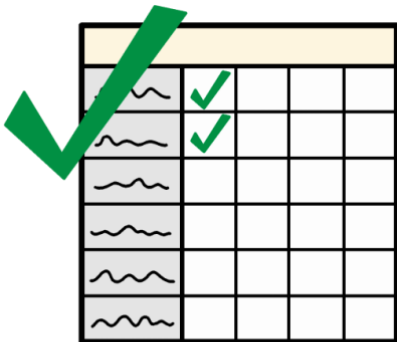
To help us make this report we:

- Got advice from people with disabilities and many other people around the world



- Looked at lots of information from different countries. This includes new information

What we found out



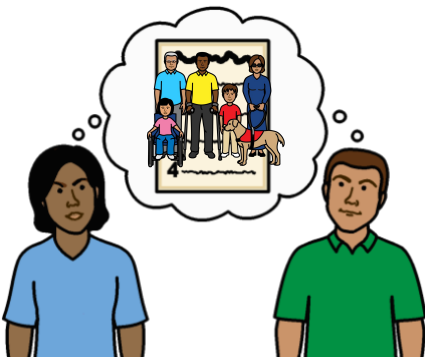
Countries have done some good work to make sure people with disabilities get their rights.

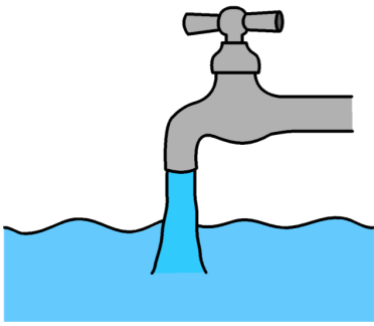
For example:

Some important laws, plans and rules now include the rights of people with disabilities.

This includes laws, plans and rules about:

- Education and health care
- Work
- What to do when there are big problems in the country, like war and floods





Countries have helped to make some things easier for people with disabilities, like:

- Toilets and wash places
- Public transport and buildings
- Technology like websites, TVs and computers



There is more information about people with disabilities and what they need.



But life is still hard for many people with disabilities and they are often left out.

For example:

Many people with disabilities are poor.

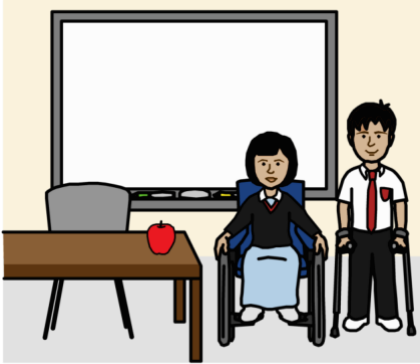


They cannot pay for health care, electricity, wheelchairs, hearing aids and other things they need.

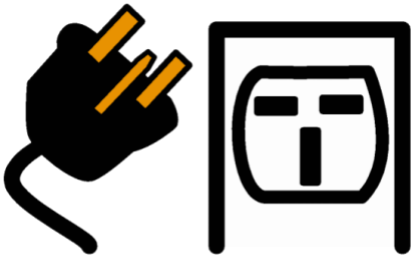
Many people do not get enough money from the government to help them.



Many people with disabilities cannot get other important things they need, like:



- Enough food to eat
- A good education or any education at all
- The right health care
- Clean water, toilets and things to wash with



- Enough electricity at home



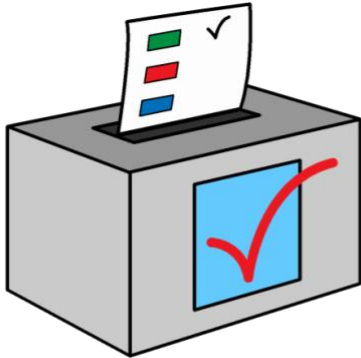
- A job. Or the right amount of money if they do work
- Extra support. For example, support to have a job, live on their own and learn at school



People with disabilities are often left out of plans and decisions about their local areas and their countries.



There are many unfair laws and rules that affect people with disabilities.



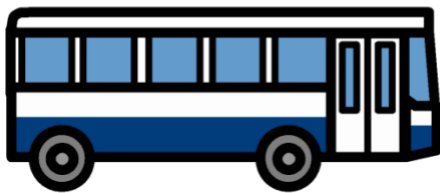
For example, laws that stop people with disabilities from:

- Voting
- Getting married
- Making their own choices



Many things are hard for people with disabilities to get and use.

For example:



- Public transport, buildings, work places and toilets

- School buildings and classrooms

- Health care, banks and other services

- Housing

- The internet, phones and other technology

- Information



People may not know about people with disabilities and how to support them.



Violence can happen more to people with disabilities.

And people with disabilities may not get the right support from the police and courts if something bad happens to them.



Many people still have wrong ideas about people with disabilities and think bad things about them.



Many people with disabilities live in homes for people with disabilities.

The homes are often far away from their families and communities.



Things can be worse for some people with disabilities.

For example:

- Women and girls with disabilities
- People with intellectual disabilities and mental health conditions

What countries need to work on



Countries should work with people with disabilities and other people on the following things.

Make sure people with disabilities get their rights



Countries should follow an important document about the rights of people with disabilities in the world.

It is called the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**.

Get better information

Countries need to get and share better information about:

- What is happening to people with disabilities. For example, with health care, money, work and education
- How laws, rules, plans and services are working for people with disabilities



Change unfair laws, plans and rules



Countries should make sure that laws, plans and rules work well for people with disabilities and their rights.

This includes women and girls with disabilities.

Information and training

People need information and training about people with disabilities and their rights.

For example, people need information and training about:

- How to make laws and services work well for people with disabilities

- How to support and include people with disabilities when wars and other big problems happen

- Good education for people with disabilities



Make everything easy for people with disabilities

Countries should make everything easy for people with disabilities to get and use.



For example, people with disabilities should be able to get:



- Enough money from the government to stop them being poor



- The right health care and health information.

This includes health care to do with people's bodies, sex and having children

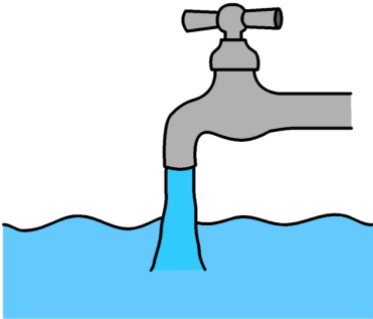


- Wheelchairs, walking sticks, hearing aids and other support they may need
- A good education in the same classrooms as people without disabilities

People with disabilities should be able to get and use:



- The electricity they need at home and school
- Housing that is right for them



- Toilets and wash places at home and other places



- Technology like the internet, computers and phones. New technology should be easy for everyone to use



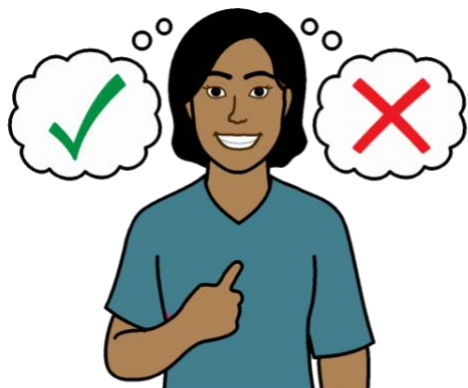
- Work. This includes support to find and keep a job

- Public transport, buildings and services



- Easy information about health care, the law, how to keep safe and other things

Make sure people with disabilities can have their say and make their own choices



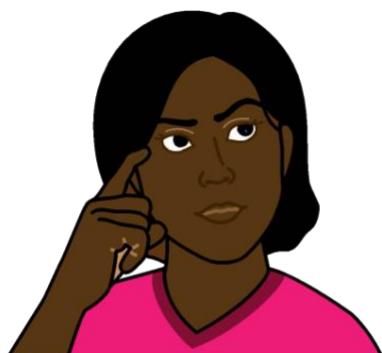
Countries should make sure that:

- People with disabilities can make their own choices about their lives
- People with disabilities have information about their rights

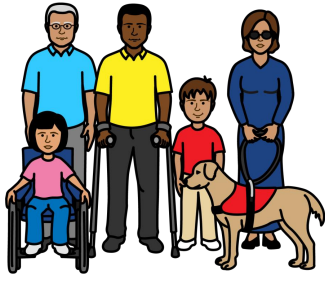


Countries should make sure that people with disabilities can help make plans and decisions about things like:

- Their local areas and countries
- New services
- What happens when there are big problems in the country and after the problems stop



Countries should help people know about people with disabilities and their rights.



In this document we say people with disabilities.

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