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## Report about the work we did in 2019

This report is about how **Bridging the Gap** is helping **the EU** (the European Union) to make the world fair for everyone, including people with disabilities.



**The EU** helps poorer countries to make changes. They want every country to make sure people with disabilities are also included in making things better.



**Bridging the Gap** makes sure that people with disabilities are included in planning and getting good services in every country in the world.



The **UNCRPD** is the **United Nations Convention of Rights of People with Disabilities**. It says being included is a human right.

In 2015 the United Nations made some goals to make the world better for everyone by 2030.

They are called the **sustainable development goals**. The goals are called '**Leave no one behind**'. These are the 17 goals.

## THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development





The **UNCRPD** and the **sustainable development goals** in ‘Leave no one behind’ work together so that people with disabilities in poor countries can have a better life.



Poorer countries have more people with disabilities.  
Women and girls with disabilities often get less help, and can suffer more from being poor.



It is very important to make services better for people with disabilities in poor countries. Then they will have better health and education and be able to get a job.



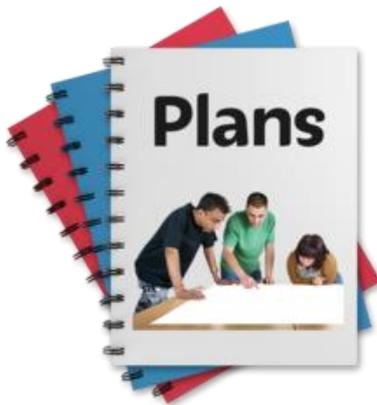
**Bridging the Gap** makes sure that people with disabilities are included in the changes from the **sustainable development goals**.



Women and girls with disabilities often have more barriers to getting a good life. **Bridging the Gap** will make sure things are better for them too.



**Bridging the Gap** is working with people from Ethiopia, Jordan, Moldova, Nepal and Paraguay to check with them the best way to make things better for people with disabilities in poorer countries. Together they are making training materials and trying out new ways of working.



Bridging the Gap is also working with people from Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan to make big plans to change how people with disabilities can have their rights and get better services.



**Bridging the Gap** has made a checklist to measure how well each country is doing to give people with disabilities their rights.



This checklist includes the rights listed in the **UNCRDP** and the **sustainable development goals**. The checklist is already helping countries to make good changes.



It does this through

- training and workshops
- webinars (training on a computer using the internet)
- meetings where they get government and local groups working together
- research and writing a report about what they found out
- helping governments to count and record how many people in their country

Here are some examples of the good work that **Bridging the Gap** has done.



In Ecuador it has helped the country to make changes so that children with disabilities can go to school with non-disabled children.



In Sudan 150 women were trained how to be better farmers so they can earn more money.



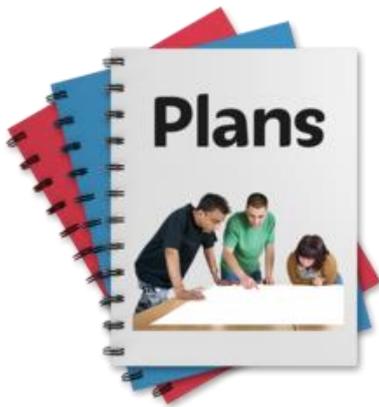
In Burkina Faso health staff were trained so they can make sure women with disabilities get better health care.



In Ethiopia staff were trained about how to include people with disabilities in their programmes to help people from the poorest regions.



In Sudan 200 people had training to get more skills and half of these were women with disabilities.



In Paraguay a plan has been made to make sure people with disabilities can enjoy their rights.



**Bridging the Gap** say it is very important how we talk about and write about people with disabilities. We must talk and write about them in a way that shows they are equal citizens. This shows respect and will help them to be included. **Bridging the Gap** are making their reports and papers easier for people with disabilities to read and understand.



**Bridging the Gap** is helping other organisations to change how they communicate. For example in Spain and Paraguay it did some training courses about how to communicate better with people with disabilities.



Over the next years **Bridging the Gap** will make more changes so that people with disabilities in poorer countries can be included and get better services. It will do more training, workshops, and write more reports. This will make sure the **sustainable development goals** will really happen for everyone, and no-one will miss out.

These are the organisations working with **Bridging the Gap** to make things better for people with disabilities in poorer countries.



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