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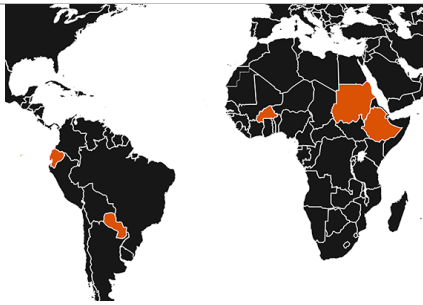
**How organisations of people with disabilities are getting on with making sure people have their rights.**

**What the words in the report mean.**

These words are in **bold** in the report

International co-operation	This is when governments and people from different countries work together to share information and things, so the world is a better place for everyone
Organisations of people with disabilities	Groups for people with disabilities. They are run by people with disabilities and help other people with disabilities to get the rights they should have.
UNCRPD	This is the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

This report is by **Bridging the Gap II**. It is about how **organisations of people with disabilities** in countries in this project are making sure that people with disabilities have their rights and are part of community and public life. It tells international organisations what they can do to make sure people with disabilities get their rights.



The countries in the project are Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan.



The report is about how **organisations of people with disabilities** in these countries are helping people to be included in all parts of community life and have their rights. They found that more needs to be done.



Governments should be developing the best plans for people with disabilities. They must give money and help to make this happen.



The **UNCRPD** sees **organisations of people with disabilities** as helping governments and people with disabilities to talk to each other. Governments should support **organisations of people with disabilities** to listen to them.



All **organisations of people with disabilities** should be able to get money and help from people in their own country and also from other countries.



People should listen to what **organisations of people with disabilities** are saying when they try to sort out things that affect people with disabilities.



The people who give the money to the groups with disabilities should not try to control them just because they have given them money. They should be separate from each other.



Money should be given to groups that speak up for the rights of people with disabilities.

They should also give money to groups of women with disabilities and children with disabilities, and groups where people speak up for themselves.



They did this between August and November 2019.



They visited 3 countries - Paraguay, Ecuador and Ethiopia.

They made phone calls and sent emails to find out about Burkina Faso and Sudan as it was too dangerous to travel there.



They found out that Sudan and Ethiopia did not do enough to let people with disabilities take part in public life.

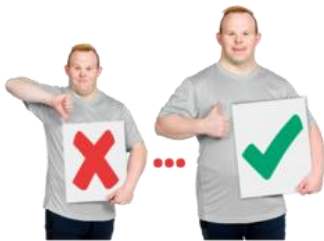


Paraguay, Ecuador and Burkina Faso gave more opportunities for people with disabilities to be part of public life.



All 5 countries have set up ways to talk to people with disabilities by talking to **organisations of people with disabilities.**

The organisations were not always happy about how this was going.



Bridging the Gap II found that none of the countries have included people with disabilities in public life, but all of them are getting better at doing this.



There were different reasons why people with disabilities were not included more.

There aren't many plans to include people with disabilities as this is not seen as important.



People with disabilities aren't listened to.

There is not enough support for **organisations of people with disabilities** for them to be heard in society.



Different groups with disabilities have not yet started working together to say the same message.

People do not trust the governments and the way they do things.



People with disabilities who are not considered important are not included in things, especially women with disabilities.



This report says that groups who work in **international co-operation** should be clear about how things are done. They should let everyone have the information they need including about money. This information should be easy to find.



The groups should show how to include people with disabilities. People with disabilities should be able to get to the meetings.

People who work in **international co-operation** should have training about dealing with people with disabilities.



There should be support for **organisations of people with disabilities** especially for women and children.



There should be support to make sure everyone's voice is heard.

