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A report about the work Bridging the Gap is doing



	The EU state also signed to agree to the UNCRDP . The EU also gives money to poor countries to help them make changes to make things better.
2015	In 2015 the EU was checked to see how well they were including people with disabilities in projects in poor countries. They found that they could have done better to include people with disabilities. They must be included in the plans and they need to show how things have changed for the better for people with disabilities.
2021	The next big check is in 2021. It will see if people with disabilities are included more in planning and in projects in poor countries that get EU money.
Report Report	This report shows how the EU is doing so far to make sure people with disabilities are included in the plans and also in putting these plans into practice.

The UNCRDP committee wants the EU to measure and count how many and how well people with disabilities are included in projects.
Projects in other countries are good at making sure women have the same opportunities. But they also need to think about fair opportunities for all people with disabilities. This is called intersectionality – it means when people are disadvantaged because of their race or sex as well as their disability. This can give them more problems to overcome.
When funding is available for new projects in poor countries, people with disabilities are not always talked about.





Some organisations run by people with disabilities in poor countries find it hard to apply for **EU** money if they have no computers. They need help to apply so it is fair to everyone.

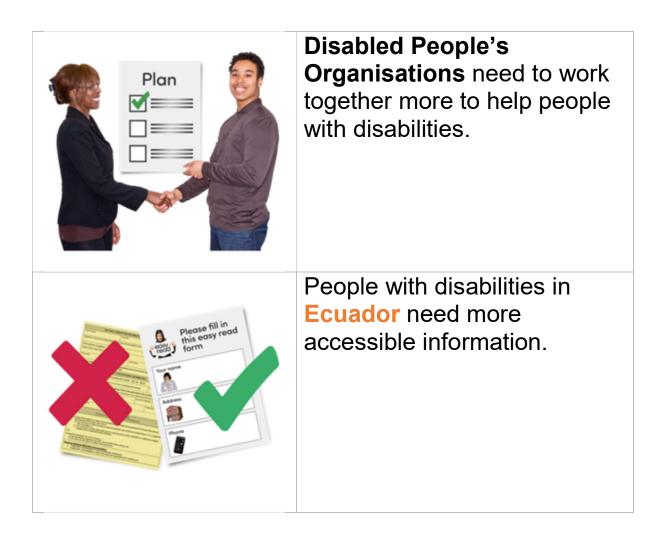
Organisations in poor countries that get **EU** grant money need to include doing disability training.

These are the most important things that EU funded projects must do

They must only fund projects that take away barriers for people with disabilities. They must not fund projects that put barriers up and keep people with disabilities apart from everyday life.
They need to find more good examples of projects that include people with disabilities in other countries.

Report	They should share these stories of good examples so other people and groups can learn.
	They should make sure Disabled People's Organisations know how to apply for funding.
Plan Plan	They should make a disability inclusion action plan for their work in the future.
	They need to make sure money is put aside so that disability rights are included in plans to help the people in poor countries.
Plan Plan	They have to make sure gender and disability are made important in all plans.

Reports from other countries	
	cuador
PERCENTRA PERCENTRA PERCENTRA PERCENTRA PERCENTRA	Ecuador is in South America and has 17 million people.
	Ecuador has money from the EU to pay for projects to make more jobs.
Plan Plan	The country has a National Development plan from 2017 to 2021. The plan includes the rights of people with disabilities.
	But the government doesn't know the full numbers of people with disabilities.



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ALGERIA BUBYA BALI MALI MALI MARI MALI MARI MARI MARI MARI MARI MARI MARI MAR	Ethiopia is a very poor country in East Africa. 109 million people live there.
	Ethiopia is working hard to stop climate change and it has planted lots of trees. It also works hard to keep peace with other countries.
	But people in Ethiopia think that people with disabilities do not give anything to their community so they are not included. In the areas in the countryside people with disabilities are even locked away because families are worried about what others will think about them. Life is better for people with disabilities in cities and towns.

The official numbers of people with disabilities is low so Ethiopia needs to count all people with disabilities.
People with disabilities need to be included in all Ethiopia's plans and projects.
People with disabilities need better services and transport to meet their needs. Women and girls with disabilities especially need better support.
Disabled People's Organisations need help so they can grow and be stronger and use technology better.

Paraguay	
	Paraguay is in South America. It has about 7 million people. It has no coast as it is surrounded by other countries.
Plan Image: Plan	Paraguay works hard to include people with disabilities in plans and projects. They made a National Disability plan for 2015 to 2020. Now they must make sure these plans happen to change the lives of people with disabilities.
	They are planning for children with disabilities to go to mainstream school with other children.
	They don't know exactly how many children in the country have disabilities.

	They still need to do more to include children and young people with disabilities.
	Paraguay needs to make transport better for people with disabilities.
Please fill in this easy read form	They also need to make more accessible information about events and funding opportunities that people with disabilities can apply for.
	Disabled People's Organisations need to support their members to come together and speak with one voice about disability rights.

Sudan	
ALGERIA LIBYA MALI NGER CHAD SUDAN MALI NGER CHAD SUDAN MINI CHAD CHAD SUDA	Sudan is a poor country in East Africa with 42 million people. There is fighting and poverty in Sudan so it has a lot of problems.
	The EU is helping Sudan to give people basic services such as education, health, jobs, food and to be peaceful, so the people do not have to leave the country for their own safety.
	Life is very hard for people with disabilities. As well as poverty they can experience violence and discrimination.
	Sudan says there are less people with disabilities than there really are.

Some people in Sudan do not have a fixed home but they are always on the move. This means it is very hard for children and adults with disabilities to get education or jobs.
The government made some new laws about supporting people with disabilities but there has not been much action to change things so far.
The disability movement needs a lot of help to develop and make sure people with disabilities can get the benefit from things the EU is funding in Sudan.

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