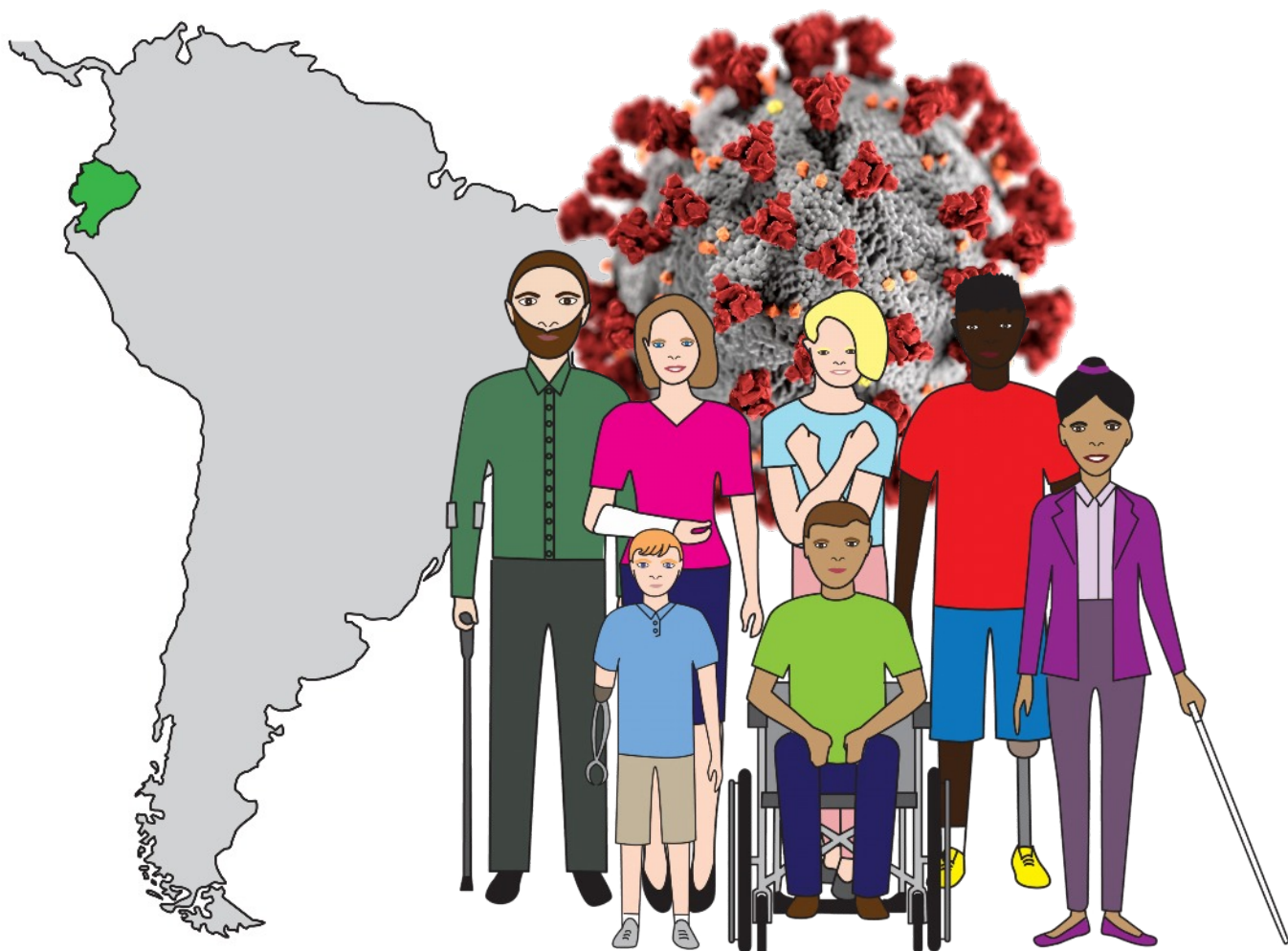


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This report is about what happened to people with disabilities in Ecuador during COVID-19 until February 2021.



Life is already hard for many people with disabilities in the world.

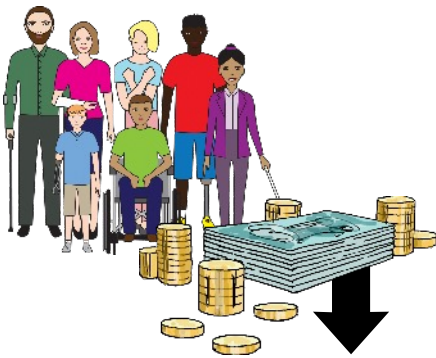


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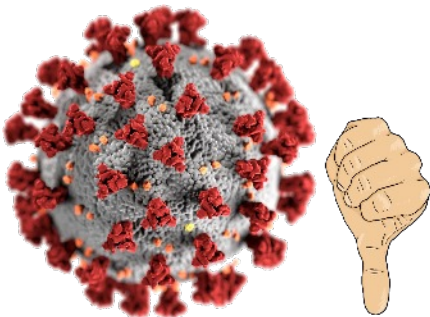
- many people with disabilities have very little money to buy the things they need



- getting a disability certificate to get money and services is hard



- Ecuador's economy was not good before COVID-19. This means the Government needs to spend less and people with disabilities got less money in 2019 and 2020 to buy the aids they needed like wheelchairs, hearing aids and screen readers



- COVID-19 has made this worse.

What helped people with disabilities during the COVID-19 emergency?



Help with money and food

People with disabilities could keep using their old disability certificates to keep getting support.



The Government gave some people with disabilities food.



The Government gave some people with disabilities extra money.

Jobs

The Government said people with disabilities:

- could work from home





- should keep their jobs.

Keeping safe

The Government gave out information about how to help people with disabilities:



- be healthy

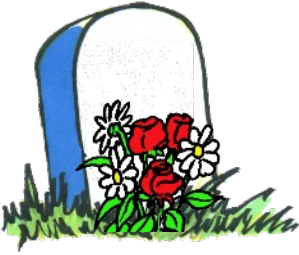


- feel ok

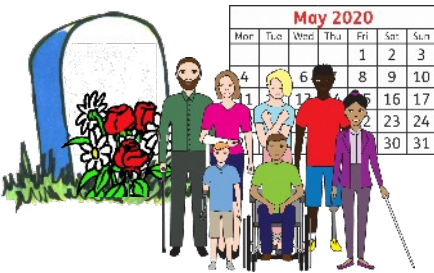


- stay safe from COVID-19.

What happened to people with disabilities during the COVID-19 emergency?



Many people died of COVID-19.



In May 2020 Ecuador said 409 people with disabilities died of COVID-19.

Jobs

Some people with disabilities:

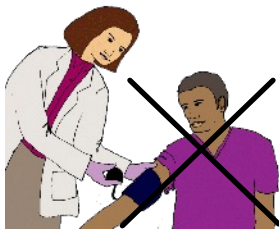
- lost their jobs
- kept working at jobs where they could have got sick from COVID-19. They kept working so they had money to live.





Keeping safe

Some people with disabilities live in places with lots of people and they got sick from COVID-19.



Living with lots of people can make it hard to:

- stay healthy
- stay safe from COVID-19.



What we think should happen in Ecuador

The Government should:

Collect and keep information about how many people with disabilities:

- live in Ecuador
- get COVID-19
- die from COVID-19.



Make it a rule that people with disabilities get the COVID-19 vaccination quickly.



Make getting a disability certificate easier.



Make sure people with disabilities get food and money in emergencies like COVID-19.



Make sure money to buy the special things people with disabilities need is always there.

Make plans to help people with disability:



- learn at school
- learn skills for jobs
- get jobs.

After COVID-19:



- make plans to help people with disabilities
- ask people with disabilities and organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) what should be in the plans
- think about what they say to help make the plans.



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