

Niger



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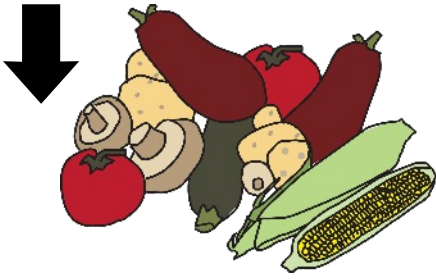


This report is about what happened to people with disabilities in Niger during COVID-19 up until February 2021. It is mostly about Niamey.



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

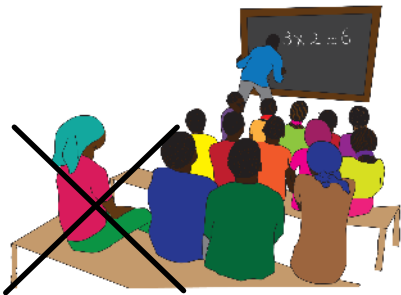
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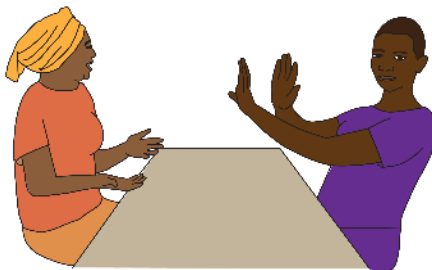
- many people with disabilities do not have enough food and the things they need



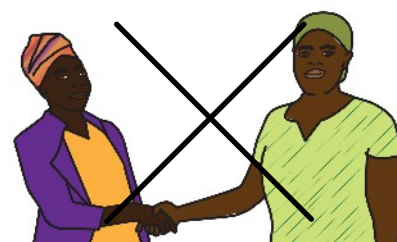
- new laws have been made to make sure people with disabilities have their rights respected



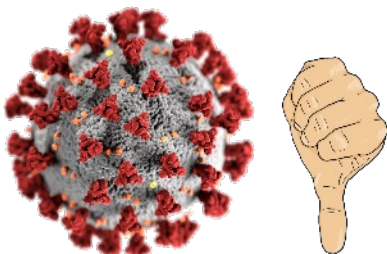
- people with disabilities are still left out of learning



- people with disabilities are still left out of getting jobs



- people with disabilities don't always get treated fairly

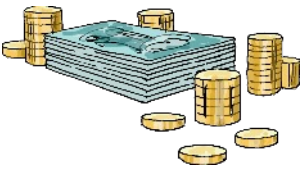
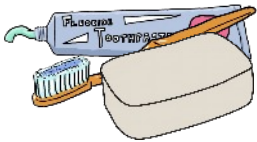


- COVID-19 has made this much worse.

What helped people during the COVID-19 emergency?



Other countries and organisations gave Niger money for COVID-19 emergency projects to help people.



People with disabilities got:

- food
- items to keep clean
- gloves and masks to stay safe
- money to buy things they needed.



Some people with disabilities said they got more help than before COVID-19.

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



COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 tests were free for anyone who might have had COVID-19.

But not many people with disabilities in Niamey got tested because:



- they didn't trust the people doing the test



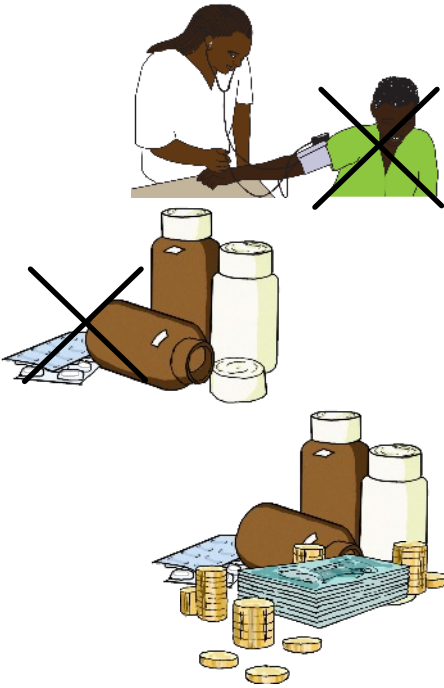
- it was a lot of money to travel to get a test



- transport was not accessible.

Health care

During the COVID-19 emergency people with disabilities found it hard to:



- get health checks
- get medicine
- pay for medicines and treatments they needed.

Jobs

During the COVID-19 emergency most people with disabilities in Niamey got less money from work because:



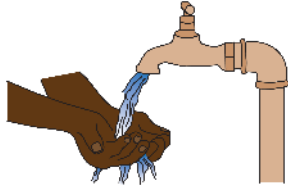
- they were paid less
- lost their jobs
- could not sell items at the market.

Money

Some people with disabilities get a little money from the government for some of the things they need:



- food



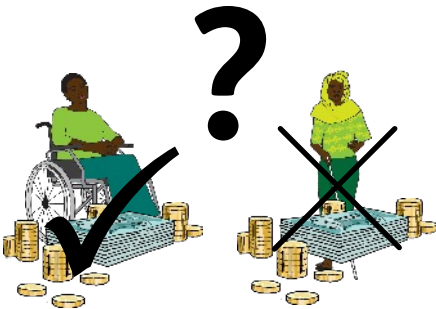
- water



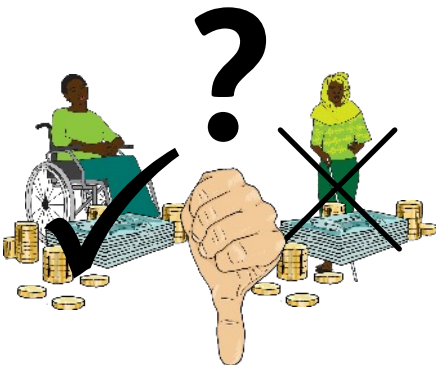
- shelter



- medicines.



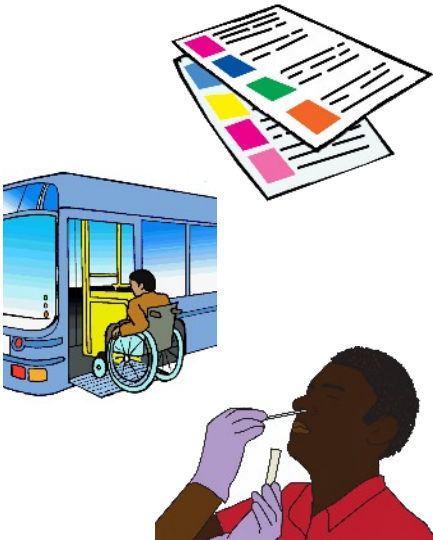
It was hard to tell how decisions about who gets some money to help them are made.



Sometimes the decisions about who got money were not fair.

What we think should happen in Niger

To make sure people with disabilities can get free COVID-19 tests:



- give out accessible information about how and when to get the test
- have free travel to get to testing places
- give tests in community places
- give training to doctors and nurses about the rights of people with disabilities.



Make sure during emergencies like COVID-19 people with disabilities can keep getting:



- health checks
- medicine



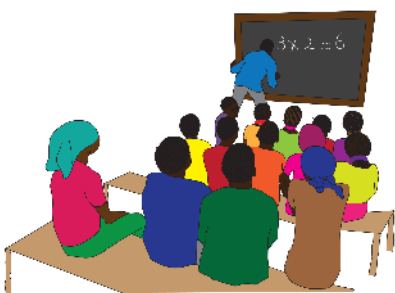
Make sure money from the government to help people with disabilities:



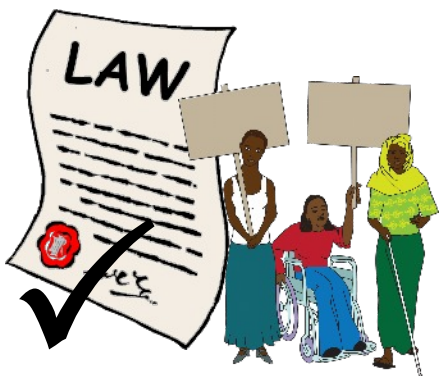
- is available to people with any type of job who can't get money during emergencies like COVID-19
- is enough for a good standard of living
- is given out fairly.



Teach people in Niger about respecting the rights of people with disabilities.



Make plans to make sure students with disabilities are included at schools.



Make sure laws about respecting the rights of people with disabilities are followed.



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