**COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor**

The world, including your country, is facing enormous challenges caused by COVID-19. To support the global understanding of consequences of these challenges on persons with disabilities, this Initiative wants to gather information (i) on the experiences of persons with disabilities, and (ii) on how States are responding to states of emergency situations in relation to this specific population.

In order to ensure that inherent dignity of persons with disabilities is respected worldwide even during this pandemic, you are invited to complete this survey to inform our global advocacies.

Please note that, at the end of the questionnaire, you can choose to be anonymous or you can enter your contact details. In order to be successful in supporting the global understanding of the current situation, we will make all responses public on [www.covid-drm.org](http://www.covid-drm.org)

*Please note that the identity of survey participants will remain confidential and anonymous.*

*Please also note that this questionnaire should not be used to officially report abuse, neglect and other forms of ill-treatment.*

Should you have any questions about the questionnaire or the *COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor*, or are having technical difficulties completing this survey, please contact our colleagues [monitoring@covid-drm.org](mailto:monitoring@covid-drm.org).

Thank you!

Validity Foundation

European Network on Independent Living

International Disability Alliance

Disability Rights International

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

International Disability and Development Consortium

Disability Rights Fund / Disability Rights Advocacy Fund

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**1. Country**

**2. Please select your status**

Government / Governmental body

National Human Rights Institution

National Preventive Mechanism

CRPD National Monitoring Mechanism

Person with disabilities

Organisation of Persons with Disabilities

Family member of a person with disabilities

Other, please specify:

**Questionnaire for Organisation of Persons with Disabilities, Persons with Disabilities or Family members of persons with disabilities**

Please provide answers to these questions **in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic**. We recognise that you may not be able to answer all questions, so you may indicate “Not sure” or “Not in my area of expertise” where applicable.

Please note that for the purposes of the present questionnaire, **‘institutions’ include** the following state and private-run settings: social care institutions, group homes, children’s institutions, boarding schools, psychiatric health care institutions, forensic psychiatric settings, homes for older persons, nursing homes and shelters for homeless people. A set of other definitions can be found here.

Please note that questions marked with ￼\* must be answered, while other questions are optional.

#### \*1. Do you consider yourself to be:

* Female
* Male
* Other
* Prefer not to disclose

\***2.** **Which disability constituency do you identify with, represent, or advocate for? Check all that apply.**

* Blind person or person with low vision
* Hard of hearing person
* Deaf person
* Person with deafblindness
* Person with intellectual disabilities
* Person with psychosocial (mental health) disabilities
* Person with physical disabilities
* Person with Down Syndrome
* Person on the autism spectrum
* Person with albinism
* Woman with disability
* Parent/carer of person with disability
* Older person with disability
* Indigenous person with disability
* Cross-disability
* Other (please specify)

\***3. Please indicate your place of residence**

* I am living in the community
* I am living in an institutional setting (please specify)
* Does not apply / I am a family-member or carer or an organisation of persons with disabilities

\***4. Are there services and/or support that persons with disabilities *cannot access*during the quarantine or because of the COVID19 situation in your country? Please select all that apply**

* Personal assistance
* Informal care/support
* Housing in the community
* Interpretation services
* Assistive Technologies
* Information being provided in Plain Language or Easy Read
* Rehabilitation Services
* Access food and basic supplies
* Medication and equipment
* Therapies or development interventions
* Other (please specify)

\***5. Do persons with disabilities in your country receive information about the prevention of COVID-19 and the response in your country?**

* Yes, we have received enough information
* We have received some information
* We have not received sufficientinformation
* Not sure

\***6. In which of the below formats have the information on COVID-19 being provided in your country? Check all measures that you are aware of.**

* Information has not been provided in any accessible format
* Information has been made available in Sign Language
* Information has been made available in Easy Read or Plain Language
* Information has been made available in audio formats
* Information has been made available to people living in institutions
* Information has been made available in multiple languages
* Websites are accessible for screen reader users
* Captioning services have been provided
* Other (please specify)

\***7. What do you know of persons with disabilities' access to medical treatment for COVID-19?**

* I have evidence that persons with disabilities can access treatment on an equal basis with others
* I have evidence that persons are denied treatment on the basis of their disability
* I have evidence that some persons with disabilities have been deprived from access to treatment because of their disability
* I am not sure if persons with disabilities can access treatment on an equal basis with others or not

**\*8. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19, has your government taken social protection measures to support persons with disabilities living in the community? Please indicate which measures have been taken, and select as many as apply:**

* Removing any financial barriers to accessing health care (such as co-payments to visit a medical professional or hospital fees)
* Minimising risks of contamination of persons with disabilities, such as at payment points, expanding mobile or online registration
* Extending the identification and registration of persons with disabilities. This can include the use of different data registries to facilitate the provision of support
* Carrying out needs assessment of persons with disabilities
* Increasing the level of disability benefits, providing extra payments and/or advancing payments
* Extending cash transfers to all persons with disabilities officially registered, including those that may not be eligible under regular circumstances
* Provide additional financial assistance for family members of persons with disabilities, to prevent contamination of their family member(s) with disabilities
* Developing home-based support and/or delivery of foods and other goods for persons with disabilities isolated at home
* Other (please specify)

**\*9. Has the Government taken measures in order to protect the life, health and safety of persons with disabilities staying at/living in** **institutions?**

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Some measures but insufficient

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No measures

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Not in my area of expertise

Please explain your answer.

**\*10. Has the Government taken measures in order to protect the life, health and safety of persons with disabilities living in the community?**

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Not in my area of expertise

Please explain your answer.

**\*11. Has the Government taken measures in order to protect the life, health and safety of older persons with disabilities living either in institutions or in the community?**

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No measures

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*12. Has the Government taken measures in order to protect the life, health and safety of children with disabilities living either in institutions or in the community (including family, foster family, or kinship care)?**

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*13.** **Has the Government taken measures in order to protect the life, health and safety of persons with disabilities living on the streets or in shelters for homeless persons?**

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*14. Has the Government taken measures in relation to children with disabilities attending residential schools?**

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Significant measures

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Some measures but insufficient

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*15. Has the Government taken measures in order to support families of children with disabilities during the state of emergency?**

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Not in my area of expertise

Please explain your answer.

**\*16. Has the Government forbidden or restricted persons with disabilities from leaving social care institutions during the state of emergency?**

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*17. Has the Government restricted or banned visits of family members, friends and others into social care institutions where persons with disabilities live?**

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*18. Has the Government restricted or banned visits of family members, friends and others into psychiatric health care settings including hospitals, hospital departments and forensic psychiatric settings, maintained either publicly or privately?**

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*19. Has the Government taken measures in order for persons with disabilities staying at/living in institutions to be informed about the state of emergency, including restrictions/bans on visits of external people, in a manner that is accessible and appropriate?**

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Significant measures

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Some measures but insufficient

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*20. Has the Government taken measures with regard to persons with disabilities in rural and remote areas?**

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Some measures but insufficient

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Not in my area of expertise

**\*21. To what extent have protective measures been taken for people with disabilities (or for some groups of persons with disabilities)?**  
NOTE: Protective measures can include, but are not limited to, *distribution of face masks, gloves etc.;* *disinfection of entrance doors reserved for persons with disabilities and handrails of ramps or staircases.*

* There have been significant protective measures in my community
* There have been some protective measures in my community
* There have been no protective measures in my community
* Not sure

Please explain your answer.

**\*22. Do persons with disabilities in both public and private institutions or in the community have access to independent complaints mechanisms and to lawyers?**

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There are no complaint mechanisms or legal assistance available

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There are some complaint mechanisms or legal assistance, but they are not accessible or confidential

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Not in my area of expertise

Please explain your answer.

**\*23. Do you have any information on whether penalties resulting from breaking state of emergency rules (fines, sanctions, arrest) are imposed on persons with disabilities or their personal assistants and carers, because of support and care provided for persons with disabilities?**

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Yes

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Not in my area of expertise

Please explain your answer.

**\*24. Has the Government taken measures to ensure that persons with disabilities can access general and specialised medical health care?**

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Significant measures

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Some measures but insufficient

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No measures

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Not in my area of expertise

**25. What other concerns do you have regarding persons with disabilities in the COVID-19 response?** Please also include your own experiences.

**26. Can you give examples of good practice in the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the COVID 19 response?** Please share your experiences, if relevant.

**\*27. In order for us to better follow up on your response, please let us know more about you.**

I prefer to be anonymous

For the purpose of following up this questionnaire, I will enter my contact details below

Name:

Name of the Organisation:

Department/Unit:

Position:

Email:

***Data protection*: By entering my contact details above, I consent for organisations involved in the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor initiative to access, store, process and use the data provided on this form solely for the purposes of this initiative, and in accordance with their respective data protection and privacy policies.**

**[box] I agree**