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Life for people with disabilities in the war in Yemen



Excluded: Living with disabilities in Yemen's armed conflict



About us

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We are called Amnesty International.



We work all over the world
to make sure that everyone gets
their human rights.

Human rights are rights that we
all have.

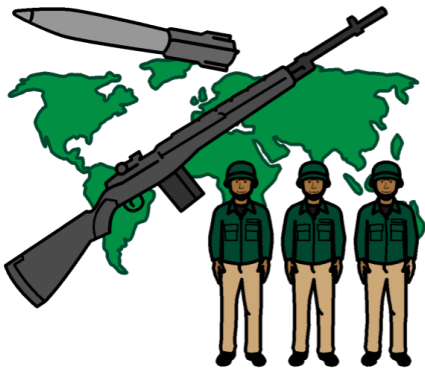
Like the right to be safe, healthy
and treated fairly.

About this report



This report is about people with
disabilities in Yemen.

Yemen is a country in the Middle East.

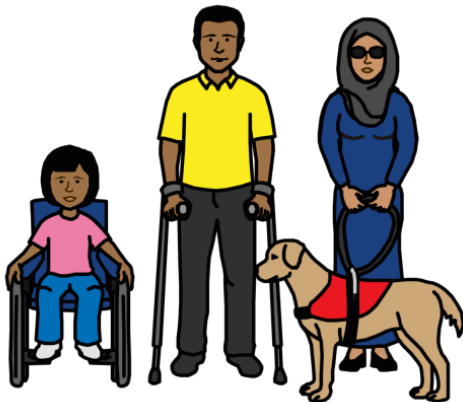


There is a war in Yemen.



Many people have been hurt or killed in the war.

And many people have been forced to leave their homes because of violence.



The war is making life hard for everyone.

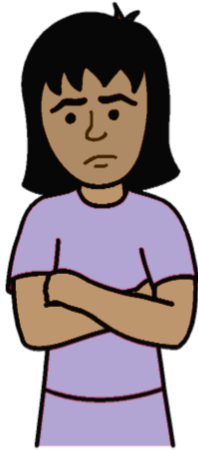
But it is making life harder for people with disabilities.



In 2019 we looked at what was happening to people with disabilities in Yemen.

We spoke to people with disabilities, their families and many other people.

What we found out

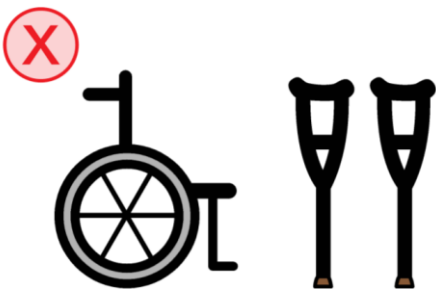


We found there are many problems for people with disabilities in Yemen.

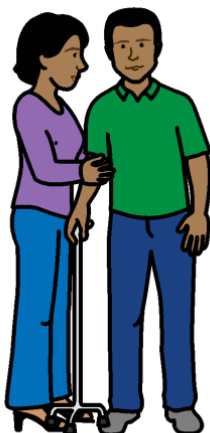
Leaving home because of violence



It can be hard for people with disabilities to leave home quickly if they are in danger.



Many people with disabilities do not have wheelchairs, walking sticks or other things to help them.

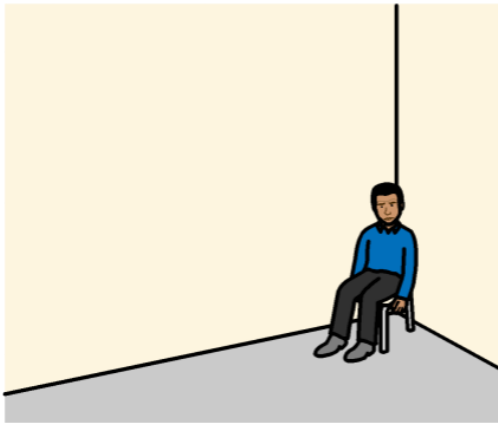


Their families may have to help them move or carry them.



Traveling a long way can make people's disabilities worse.

And some people may get a disability while they try to find safety.



Some people with disabilities may get left behind at home.

For example, if their families are scared and have to leave quickly.



Support in camps and other places

Many people who have to leave home end up in camps or other places.



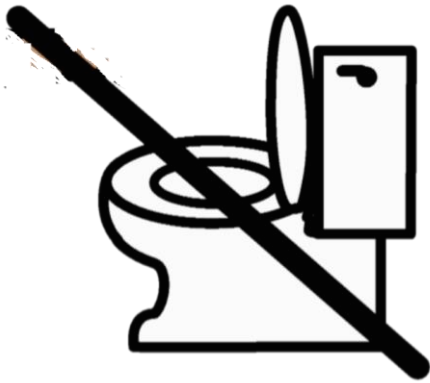
Staff try to help people in the camps.

But people with disabilities are often left out.



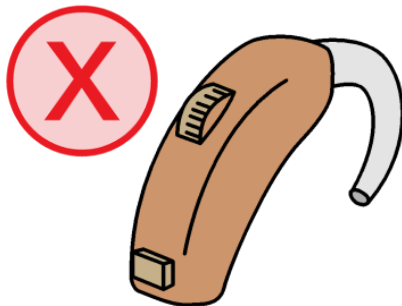
It can be hard for people with disabilities to get food, water, medicine and other things they need.

For example, the food and water places may be far away.



There are often no toilets for people with disabilities.

And other toilets can be hard for people with disabilities to use.



Many people with disabilities cannot get the right things to help them.

Like wheelchairs and hearing aids.



This may be because:

- The things they need cost too much
- People may not know where to get them from





These problems make it hard for people with disabilities to live how they want.



For example, they may have to wait for their families to help them.

Or they may have to stay in their tents all the time.



People with disabilities are often left out of plans and decisions.

This means no one finds out what people with disabilities need.

Money and support from the government



People with disabilities need money from the government to pay for health care, transport to school and other support.



But there has been less money from the government since the war started.

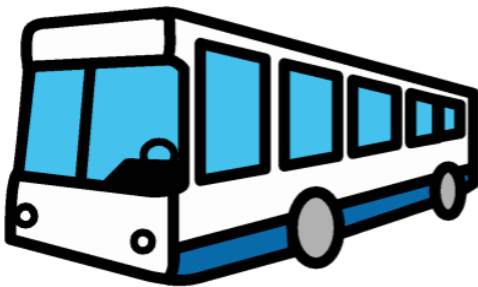
This means that many people with disabilities are too poor to buy the things they need.



Health care

Many people with disabilities in Yemen are left without the health care they need.

This may be because:



- Health care and the transport to get there costs too much
- Health places are far away
- People do not know how to get care. For example, mental health care
- Health information is hard to understand





Going to school

Some children with disabilities have stopped going to school since the war started.

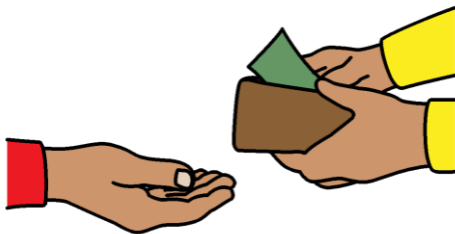
There are some schools in the camps.

But many teachers do not have the right skills to teach children with disabilities.



Work

It is hard for many people with disabilities to work and earn money in the war.



There are some laws about giving jobs to people with disabilities. But people are not following the laws.



Information about people with disabilities

There is not enough information about people with disabilities and what they need.

What we want to happen next



We want the government in Yemen and other organizations to do the following things:

Make sure there is enough money and support to help all people with disabilities get their human rights.

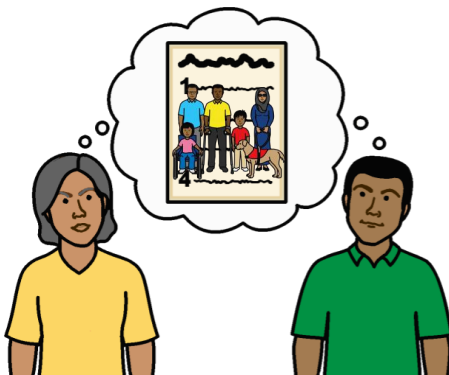


For example, to make sure that people with disabilities can:

- Buy the things they need
- Get the right health care, support education and work



Get good information about people with disabilities in Yemen and what they need.



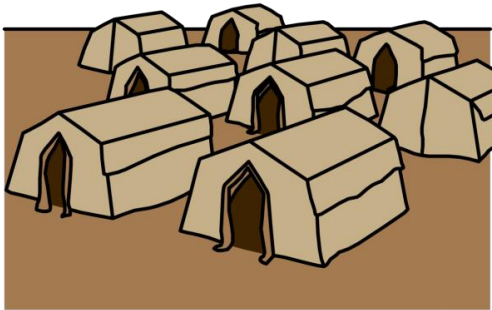
Work with organizations that help people during wars.

Make sure the organizations include people with disabilities and their rights.

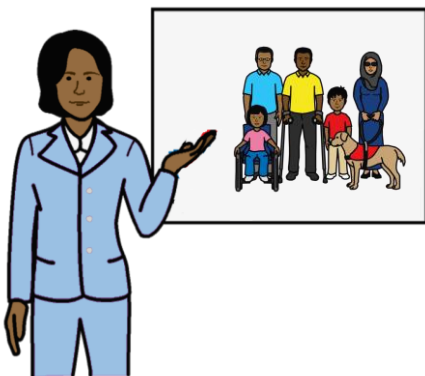


We want the government in Yemen and other organizations to do the following things:

Look at all laws and rules to make sure they work well for people with disabilities and their human rights.



Make sure everything in the camps is easy for people with disabilities to get to and use.



Make sure staff in the camps get training about the rights of people with disabilities.

Make sure people with disabilities can help make decisions about:

- What happens in the camps
- The support people get
- Plans, laws and rules for the country now and after the war



We want the government in Yemen and other organizations to do the following things:



Make sure information about important services is easy for people with disabilities to understand.

Help people in Yemen know more about people with disabilities and their rights.



Other countries and organizations in the world should help with this work.



For example, they should:

- Give money to Yemen
- Check that people with disabilities are getting their rights

