

This document provides alternative text for the visual content of UNFPA's infographic and key messages about the importance of disability inclusion during COVID-19 response, particularly in relation to gender based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights. These messages build on UNFPA's We Decide Initiative. The document and graphic are presented in the colors orange, purple and beige.

Section one has a graphic that shows that in the world, one out of every seven people is a person with a disability. To the right of it, there is an icon with an image of the globe and the words 1 billion worldwide to show that this amounts to 1 billion persons with disabilities worldwide.

Section two has big and bold text with this main message of the document:

During COVID-19, persons with disabilities face more discrimination, violence, and barriers to accessing information, education and services related to gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health.
WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH DISABILITIES ARE AT HIGHER RISK

Section three displays a set of icons around a large circle, which have corresponding key messages next to each icon. In the center of the icons, is an image of a virus, with symbols in the center of the image aiming to depict the diversity of disability. Under the virus image, it reads: COVID-19, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, KEY MESSAGES.

Key message 1: There is an icon which shows two seated individuals engaged in a dialogue. The corresponding message says: COVID-19 response must engage organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and networks in decision making.

Key message 2: There is an icon of a protecting hand with a symbol of gender equality inside the hand, the corresponding message says: During COVID-19, GBV among women and girls with disabilities increases due to social isolation, disrupted routines and if caregivers can't reach them.

Key message 3: There is an icon with the number 3 and the letter x next to it, symbolizing the phrase three times. The corresponding message says: Persons with disabilities are 3 times more likely to experience different forms of violence than persons without disabilities.

Key message 4: There are two icons, one represents a connected mobile phone with a health professional. On the other side, there is an icon of a person in a wheelchair interacting with a caregiver. The corresponding message says: To prevent GBV during COVID-19, persons with disabilities should be able to use accessible hotlines, reach trusted family and caregivers and have persons who check on them to ensure their safety.

Key message 5: There is an icon with a graphic representing a cross sign barring the symbol of information. The corresponding message says: During COVID-19, persons with disabilities face discrimination and barriers to access information, education and services.

Key message 6: There is an icon representing two persons on an equilibrium scale. One is sitting in a wheelchair, the other is standing on their feet. The corresponding message says: Persons with disabilities have the same rights to SRHR on an equal basis as others during COVID-19.

The logos of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), and We Decide, appear on the bottom row of the document.

COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities

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