

**DRM wants countries to make sure people with disabilities can get food, medication and other basic needs.**

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**DRM stands for Disability Rights Monitor. We are a team of disability rights groups from around the world.**

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**DRM made a survey to check if countries are protecting people with disabilities during the COVID-19 crisis.**

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**The survey found that countries are not doing enough to make sure people with disabilities can access food and medication.**

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**People who answered the survey explained why so many people cannot access food, medication and other basic needs.**

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**For example, food and medication became more expensive during COVID-19. Many people cannot buy them anymore and countries are not helping.**

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**In Australia, some people have to choose between buying food or buying medicines because goods got more expensive.**

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**Pharmacies in Zimbabwe want to be paid in US dollars. This is very expensive and most people cannot buy their medication.**

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**It was difficult for people with disabilities to leave their homes to buy food and medicine because of strict lockdown rules.**

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**People from around the world said that people with disabilities were punished for breaking the lockdown rules.**

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**In some countries, the police have abused, tortured, and murdered people with disabilities.**

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**People who answered the survey worried about homeless people because with the lockdown rules they cannot beg money to buy food.**

**Many homeless people are children.**

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**Some organisations distributed food and medication.**

**Many people with disabilities that live in remote and rural areas or in institutions have not receive food and medication.**

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**Before the pandemic, schools provided meals to many children with disabilities.**

**During the pandemic, schools were closed and countries did not replace these meals.**

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**DRM is calling on countries to take these steps to make sure people with disabilities can get food, medication and other basic needs.**

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**Record the number of people who need food, medicine, and other basic needs.**

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**Make sure that people in local and rural areas and people in institutions have enough food and medication.**

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**End police violence against people with disabilities and their family.**

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**Make sure food, medicine and other basic needs, such as baby products are affordable.**

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**Give money to people with disabilities so that they can buy food, medicine and other basic needs.**

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**Make sure people that cannot leave their home receive food.**

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**Give meals to children with disabilities when they cannot go to school.**

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**Reserve specific shopping time only for vulnerable people.**

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