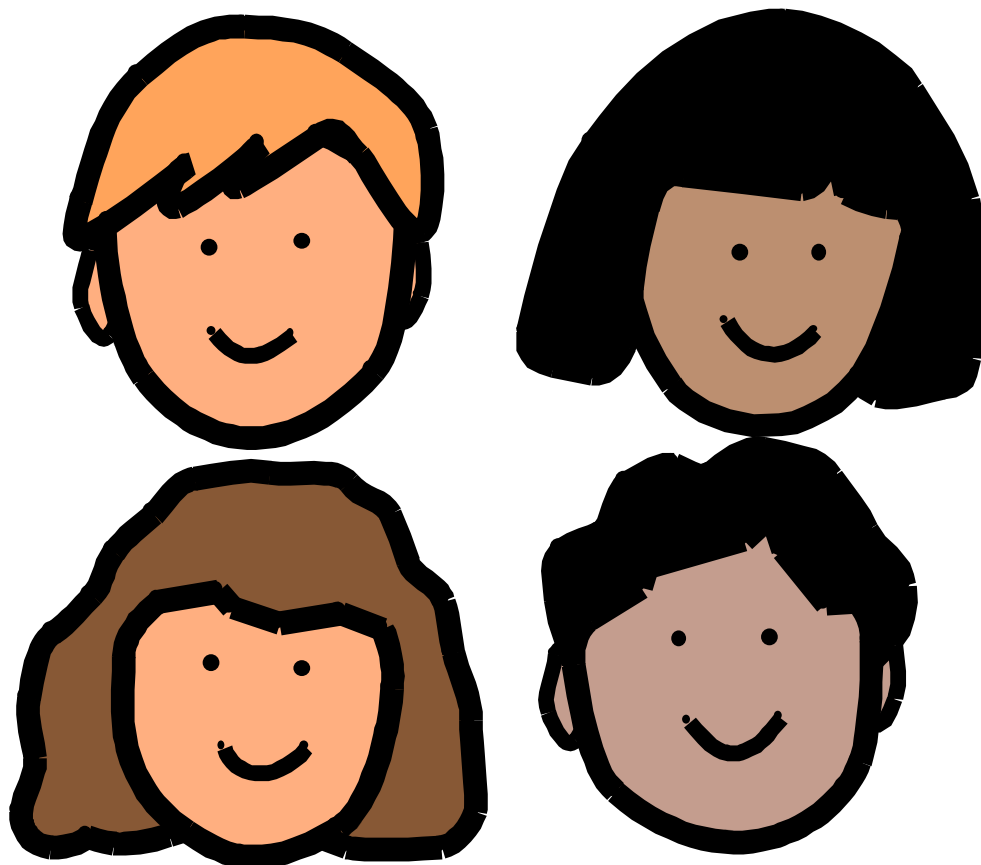


The State of the World's Children 2013

A report about children with disabilities around the world

What needs to happen



Who we are

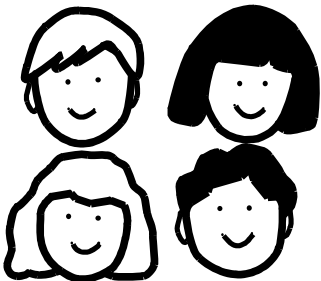


We are called **the United Nations Children's Fund or UNICEF**. We work to make life better for children everywhere.

What this report is about



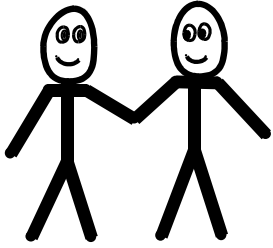
This report is about children with disabilities around the world.



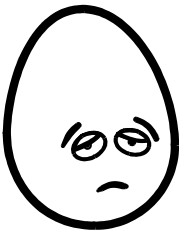
We looked at what life was like for these children.

We looked at what needs to happen.

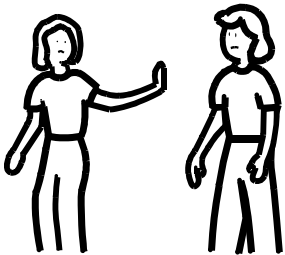
What we know about children with disabilities



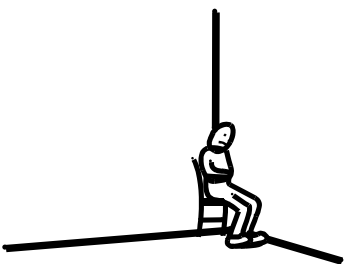
Children with disabilities are just as important as other children.



But sometimes it is hard for children with disabilities to do the same things as other children.

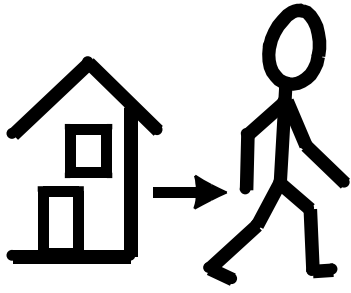


Many people don't understand what children with disabilities need.

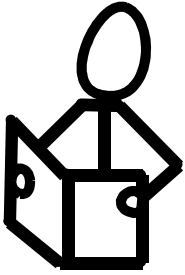


Sometimes children with disabilities are treated badly.

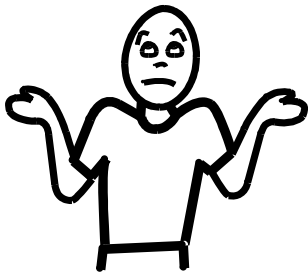
Sometimes they are left out of things.



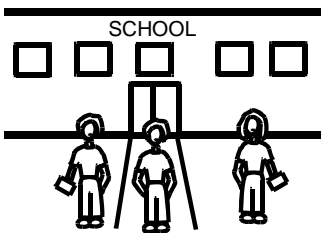
Children with disabilities miss out on many important things if they live far away from their families.



There is not enough information about children with disabilities or what they need.

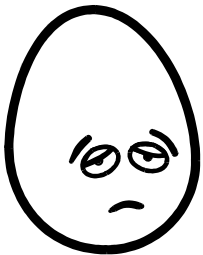


This means that people don't always think about children with disabilities or understand what they need.



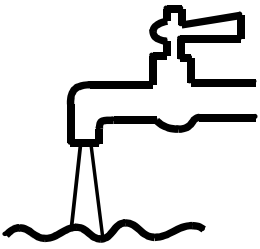
This can cause big problems.

For example, many children with disabilities don't have the chance to go to school.



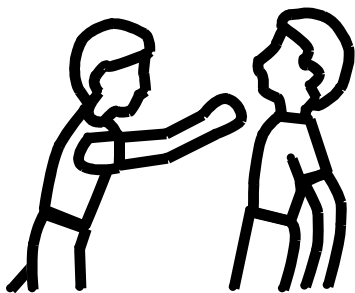
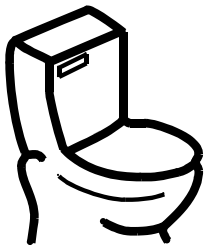
This means it can be very hard for them to get a job later on.

Children and young people with disabilities often don't get the help they need to stay healthy.

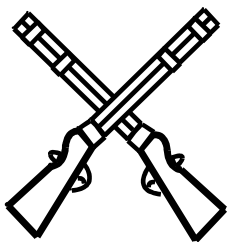


All children need

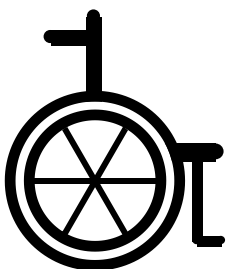
- good food
- clean water
- toilets they can use.



Violence happens more to children with disabilities than other children.

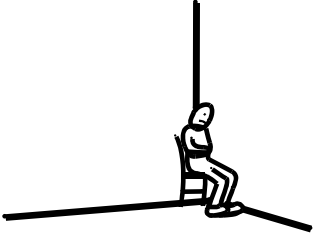


Many children get hurt when war or fighting happens in their country.



Children may get a disability because of this.

Things are worse for children with disabilities when something bad happens in their country.



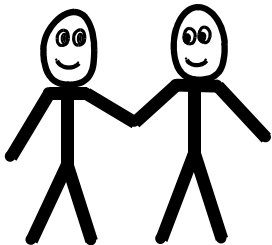
For example,

- it may be hard for them to go to places to get help
- people may not be able to care for them.

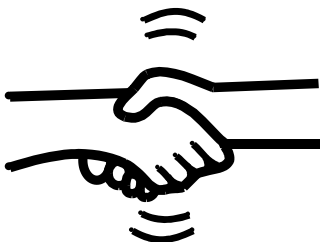


But things can get better.

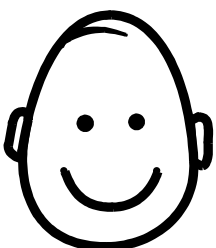
There are laws about making life better for children with disabilities.



The laws are about making sure children with disabilities can do the same things as other children.



Lots of countries have agreed to do what these laws say.

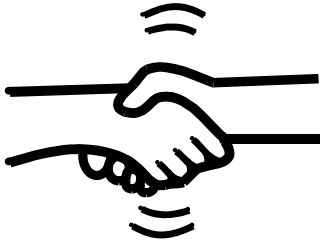


This means that life should get better for children with disabilities all over the world.

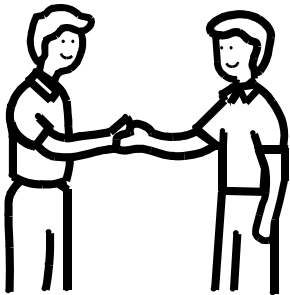


What needs to happen

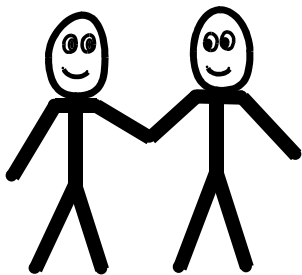
Countries need to make the laws about children with disabilities happen.



People need to know more about children with disabilities.



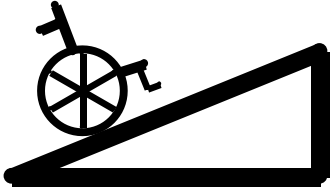
This will help them understand what they need and treat them well.



It is important that children with disabilities are not left out.

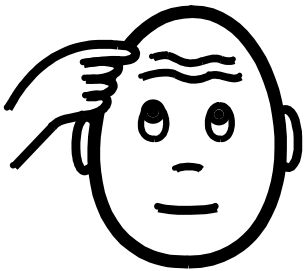
This means making sure that everything is easy for them to use and that they get good support.

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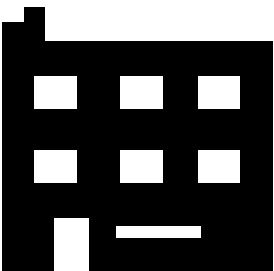


Everything should be easy for children with disabilities to use, like

- buildings
- information
- support services.

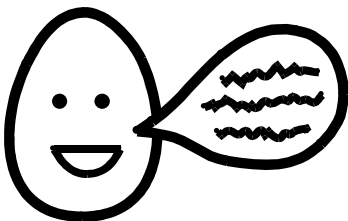


When people make new plans they should think about how to make them work for everyone.



This could be plans about

- buildings
- transport
- what to do if something bad happens in the country.

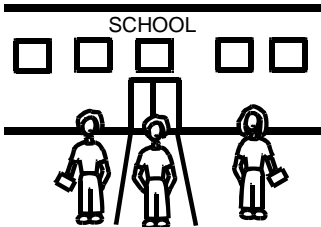


People should ask children with disabilities and their families what they think of the plans.

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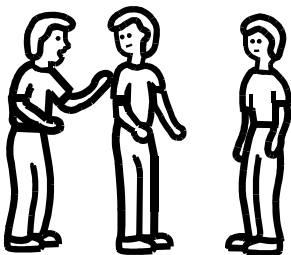
Children with disabilities need good support and health care. It should start when they are very young.



With the right support children with disabilities should be able to go to the same school as other children.

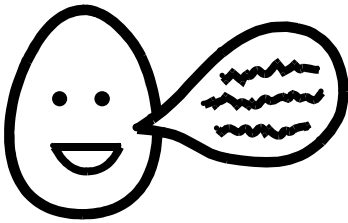


Children with disabilities should be able to live with their families, not in places far from home.

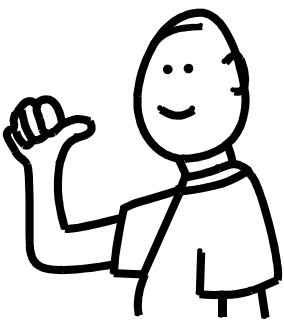


This means that children with disabilities and their families need better support.

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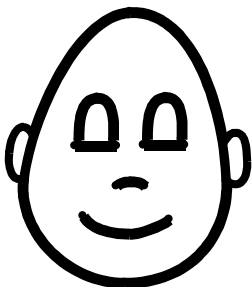


Families should be able to say if they are getting the right support.



It is important that children with disabilities have a say in decisions about their lives.

People should ask them what they think.



It is important that children with disabilities are safe and know what to do if something bad happens to them.

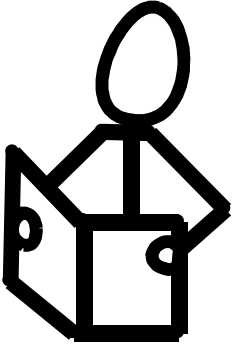


Children with disabilities should get help if something bad happens in their country.

There should be good plans about this.

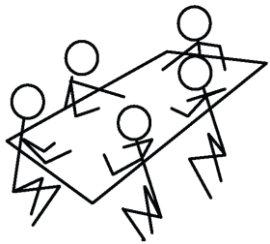
What needs to happen

We need much better information about children with disabilities all over the world.



This is information like

- how many children with disabilities there are
- what disability they have and
- what they need.



UNICEF is asking governments to work on this now.

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