

Justice for women with disabilities

Are they treated fairly?

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of a research study called
'Closing the Justice Gap'.



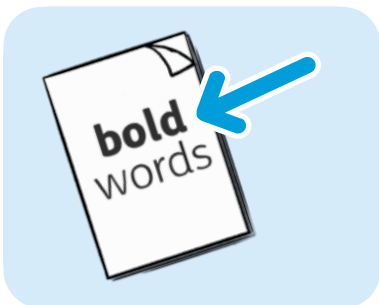
Easy Read



This is an Easy Read version of some hard information. It may not include all of the information but will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read information uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are important words. We will explain what these words mean.



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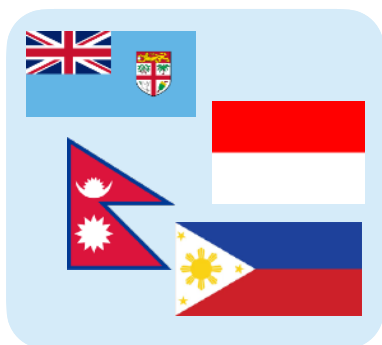
About this booklet



UN Women wants to know if women with disabilities around the world are treated fairly.



We asked the University of Galway to look at how women with **intellectual disabilities** and/or **psychosocial disabilities** are treated in:



- Fiji.
- Indonesia.
- Nepal.
- The Philippines.



Intellectual disabilities affect how a person learns and understands things.



Psychosocial disabilities affect how people think and feel. They can make it difficult to take part in life.



This booklet explains what the University of Galway found out.

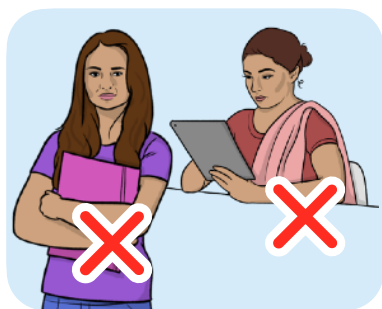
What we found out

Women with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities have to deal with a lot of problems, like:



- Not getting their **rights**.

Rights are things that everyone should have by law, like the right to vote or make choices for yourself.



- Not getting the chance to learn at school, or get a job.



- People hurting them. This includes:

- Domestic abuse - this is when you are harmed by a family member or someone you live with.



- Sexual abuse - this is anything sexual that you have not agreed to.

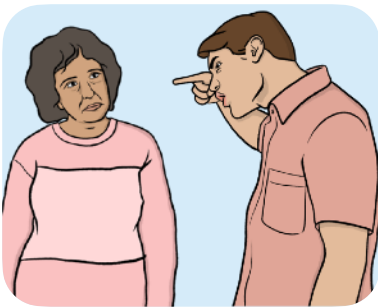


Women with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities can also have difficulty getting the health care they need.

A lot of these problems are because:



- People do not have enough money to buy the things they need.



- People are treated badly because of their disability.



- Others sometimes think badly of people with disabilities.



Many women with disabilities had problems they could not fix themselves.



Most of them got help from a local person if they had a problem.



Only some of them would go to the police or courts to fix a problem they had.



Courts and police do not support women with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities well enough.



If police and courts do not support women with disabilities properly, they might not get their rights.



This means that many people are not getting their rights.

What we think should happen

To fix the problems that women with intellectual disabilities and psychosocial disabilities have to deal with, countries should:



- Work with women with disabilities to make sure they get their rights.



- Support women with disabilities to make choices about their lives for themselves.



- Train the people who support women with disabilities to make choices about their lives.



This training should be about making sure that women with disabilities get their rights.

Countries should:



- Let everyone know about the rights of women with disabilities.



- Tell people about including women with disabilities in local life.



- Support women with disabilities to take part in local life.



- Support women with disabilities to speak up or get help if they do not get their rights.



- Make sure all women are being treated fairly, not just women with disabilities.

Countries should:



- Train police, judges and lawyers to make sure the law treats women with disabilities fairly.



- Find out more about people with disabilities in their country.



- Find out what people with disabilities need to live good lives.

Find out more



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<https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/focus-areas/governance/womens-access-to-justice/disabilities>



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