



## Nigeria

### Including people with disabilities in COVID-19 support

#### What was happening



When **COVID-19** spread, persons with disabilities were the hardest hit by lockdowns. They got less services.



When Nigeria planned what to do in the pandemic, they did not include persons with disabilities. They were not the first to get the vaccine. There was no accessible information about **COVID-19**.



Organizations of people with disabilities spoke out and said people with disabilities must get vaccines first, and have accessible information about **COVID-19**. It must also include people who don't live in the cities and towns.

#### Who made this happen?



The **Centre for Citizens with Disabilities** made this big win happen. They did this by talking on the radio and writing on social media about **COVID-19** vaccines and support for persons with disabilities



The **Association of Lawyers with Disabilities** in Nigeria and the **Nigeria Association of the Blind** also supported the work to protect people with disabilities.

## What was done 2018 to 2022



The **Centre for Citizens with Disabilities** organized an event-to find out how easy it was for persons with disabilities to get **COVID-19** vaccines. They shared what they found out with the Government and other organizations.



They told everyone how important it was that persons with disabilities were able to have vaccines quickly.



The **Association of Lawyers with Disabilities** in Nigeria and the **Nigeria Association of the Blind** made radio jingles and radio programmes. This helped everyone know about vaccinations and disabilities and help them to stay safe.

## Why is this important



It helped organizations of persons with disabilities keep people safe.

It showed how organizations can change what Governments do

It helps us to include people with disabilities in emergency planning in the future.

## How did DRF and DRAF help?



Money from the **Disability Rights Fund** helped organizations of persons with disabilities do some research.



They made sure that persons with disabilities were included in Nigeria's COVID-19 plan, and they had accessible information.