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INCLUSIVA DISABILITY REPORT

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## INTRODUCTION

ONG Inclusiva has been working hard against COVID-19, its goal is to achieve a fully disability inclusive and comprehensive strategy to deal with pandemics. That is why ONG Inclusiva answered the call made by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate the importance of the prevention of, preparedness for and partnership against epidemics participating in the first ever International Day of Epidemic Preparedness, being held on 27 December 2020.

ONG Inclusiva follows a Human Right Approach. Although not all countries subscribe the CRPD, we strongly believe that there are strong articles from the Convention that can help the world to achieve a fully disability inclusive and comprehensive strategy to deal with pandemics. Among the most important articles found in the Convention, we can highlight:

- Art. 5: The States Parties will prohibit all discrimination based on disability and guarantee to all persons with disabilities equal and effective legal protection against discrimination for any reason.
- Art. 10: States Parties reaffirm the inherent right to life of all human beings and they will adopt all the necessary measures to guarantee the effective enjoyment of that right by the people with disabilities on equal terms with others.
- Art. 11: The States Parties protects people with disabilities during disasters and emergencies
- Art. 25: The States Parties recognize that persons with disabilities have the right to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health without discrimination on the basis of disability.

Pandemics are complex phenomena. Many aspects of society overlap when analysing what is going on in the world.

Inclusion is the answer to pandemics, exclusion cost lives. We need to coordinate our efforts and leave no one behind

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos Kaiser".

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## METHODOLOGY

A literature search was conducted to identify relevant articles related to COVID-19, casualty rates, data about people with disabilities, pulmonary fibrosis on COVID-19 survivors, using a combination of standardized search terms.

Due to the lack of significant statistical data about people with disabilities, crossing data was needed. Data from UK Office of National Statistics (ONS), Worldometer COVID-19 Data and the World Report on Disabilities from WHO

## COVID 19 AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FINDINGS

According to Worldometer, the COVID-19 is affecting 218 countries and territories around the world and 2 international conveyances.

From the above-mentioned source, the data is depicted as follows:

<b>COVID-19 RELEVANT DATA</b>	
<b>Coronavirus Cases:</b>	<b>Deaths:</b>
<b>80,882,073</b>	<b>1,768,273</b>
<b>Recovered:</b>	<b>Active Cases:</b>
<b>57,103,492</b>	<b>22,010,308</b>

The question arises: **What is the situation of people with disabilities when facing COVID-19?**

According to UK Office of National Statistics (ONS): 59.5% of the death from COVID-19 correspond to people with disabilities, that is to say **1,052,122** people with disabilities have died because of this pandemic

According to "Pulmonary Fibrosis in COVID-19 Survivors: Predictive Factors and Risk Reduction Strategies" fibrotic changes were seen in 33.9% patients that recovered from this disease, that is to say **19,358,083** people have got a disability

## **DISABILITY INCLUSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH PANDEMICS PROPOSAL**

The next pandemic must be faced without leaving people with disabilities behind, that has not been the case during COVID- 19 pandemic. To be inclusive, a strategy must include:

1. Full and significative participation of people with disabilities to make policies about pandemic attention, to also measure the outcomes of such policies.
2. Disaggregate statistical data about people with disabilities and pandemics
3. Equal access to medical attention
4. Equal access to social care and economic relief policies

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