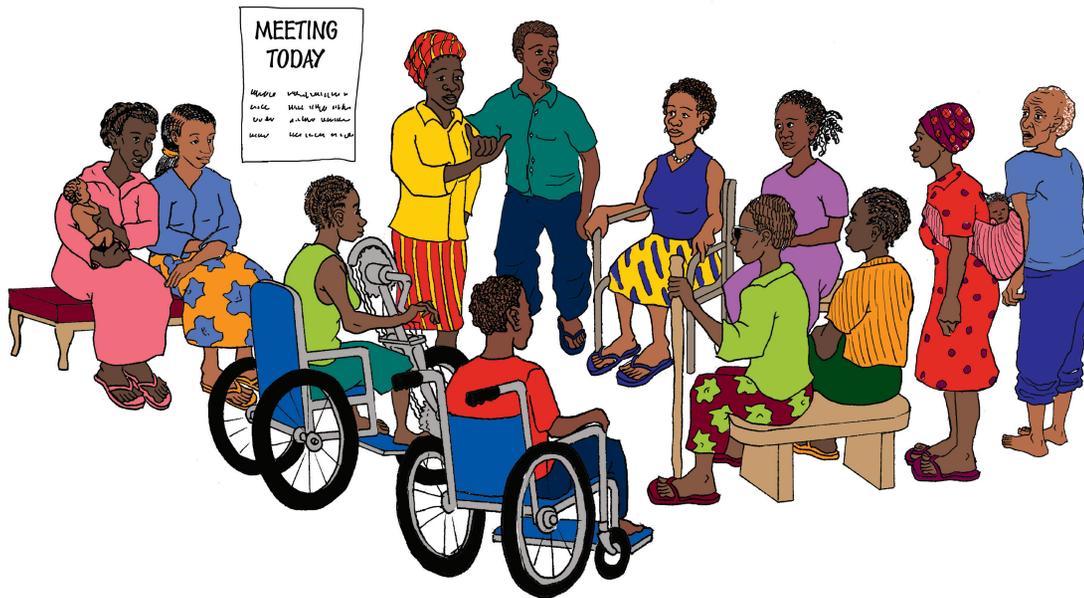




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# Refugees with Disabilities: Increasing Inclusion, Building Community

A discussion tool on improving access & inclusion for displaced persons with disabilities



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*Refugees with Disabilities: Increasing Inclusion, Building Community* is a tool for raising awareness among community workers, volunteers and displaced people about increasing access and inclusion for persons with disabilities in refugee and displacement contexts. It can be used by staff of organizations working with refugees and displaced persons, as well as community leaders and disability associations conducting sensitization with the wider refugee community. The tool illustrates common barriers experienced by persons with disabilities in displacement contexts, as well as positive practices or approaches to promote inclusion. Suggested questions provide a guide for facilitators of the discussion, but should be adapted according to the context and audience. The tool is intended to facilitate conversation about concerns and ideas for change at field levels, but is not a comprehensive catalogue of either barriers or solutions in these contexts.

This tool was developed by the Women's Refugee Commission (WRC) with the support of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). It is based on field assessments conducted by the Women's Refugee Commission in refugee and displacement contexts in eight countries: India (New Delhi), Uganda, Thailand, Bangladesh, Nepal, Ethiopia, Philippines (Mindanao) and Lebanon.

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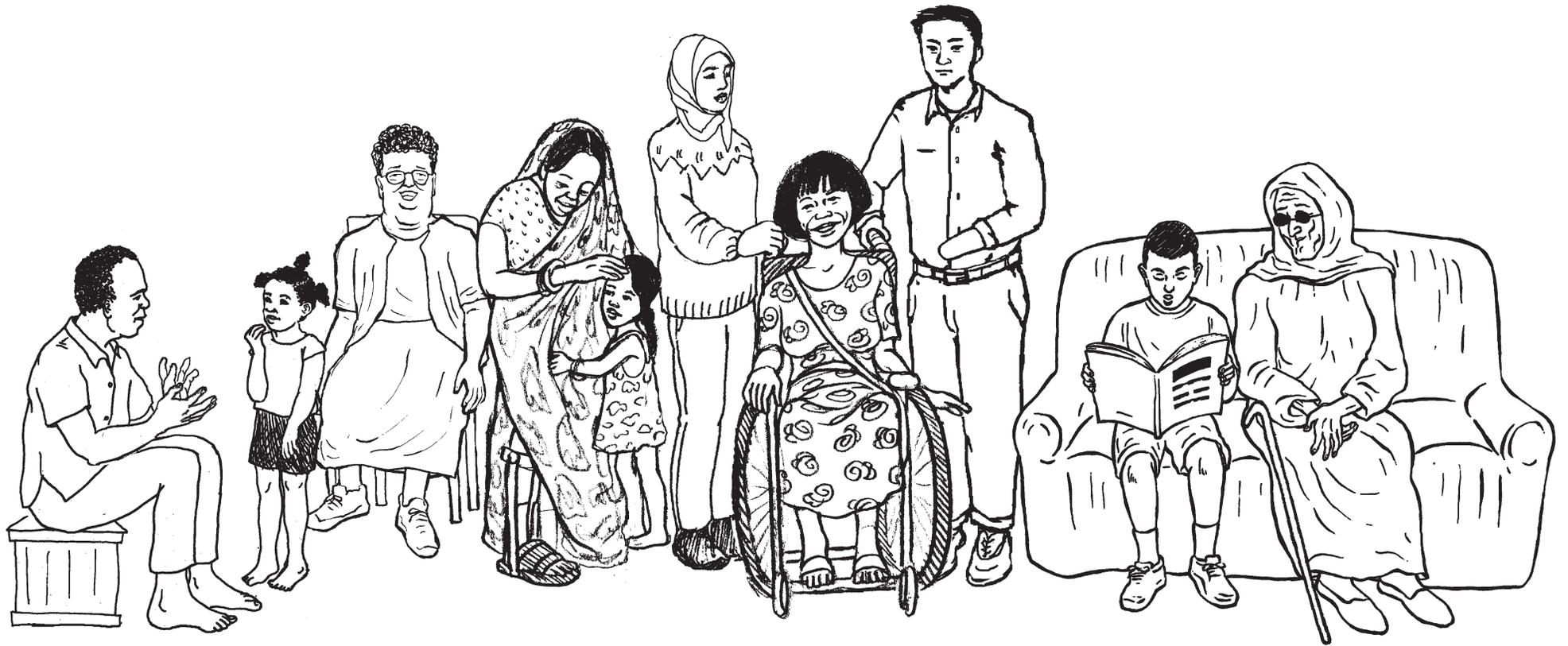
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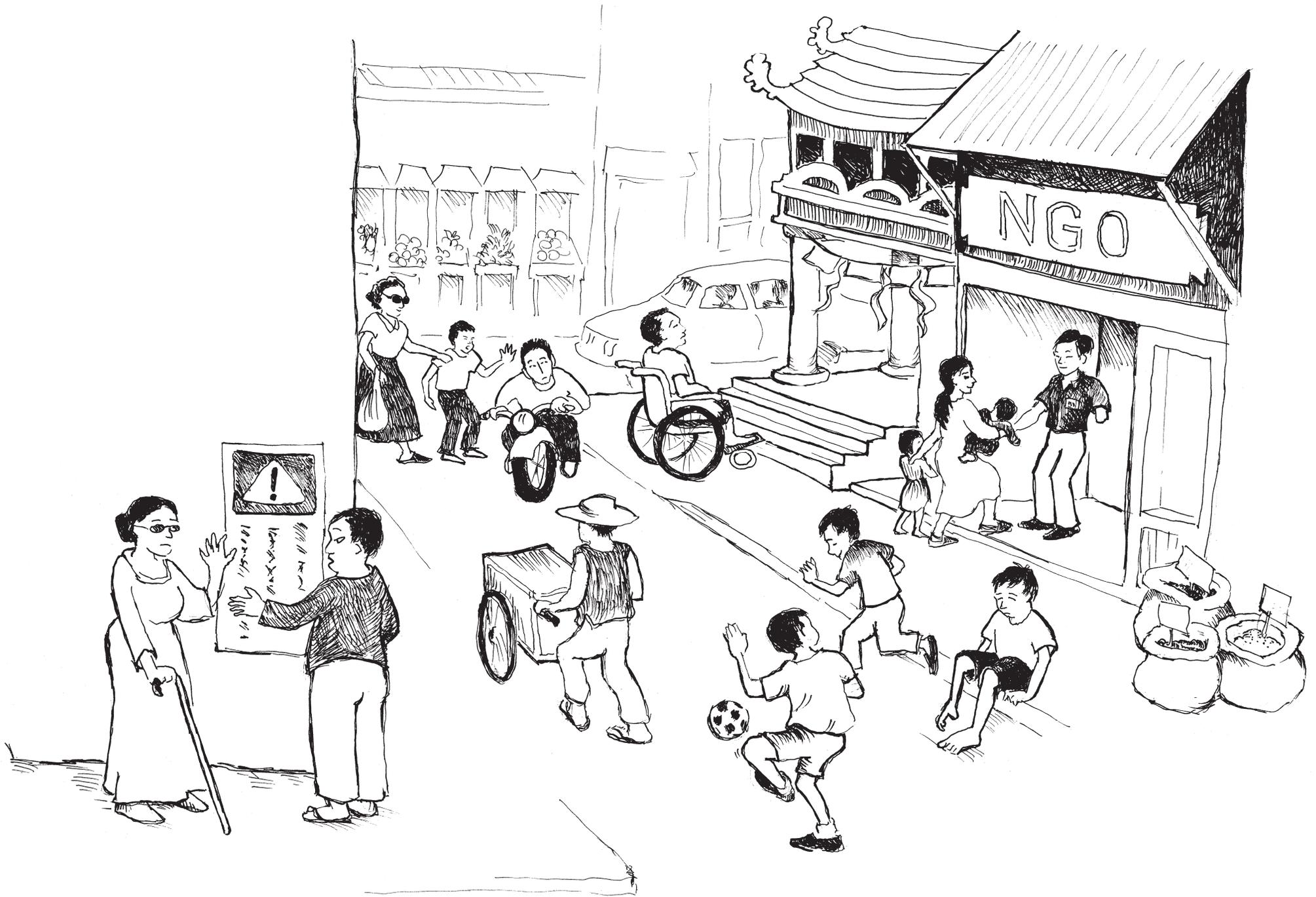
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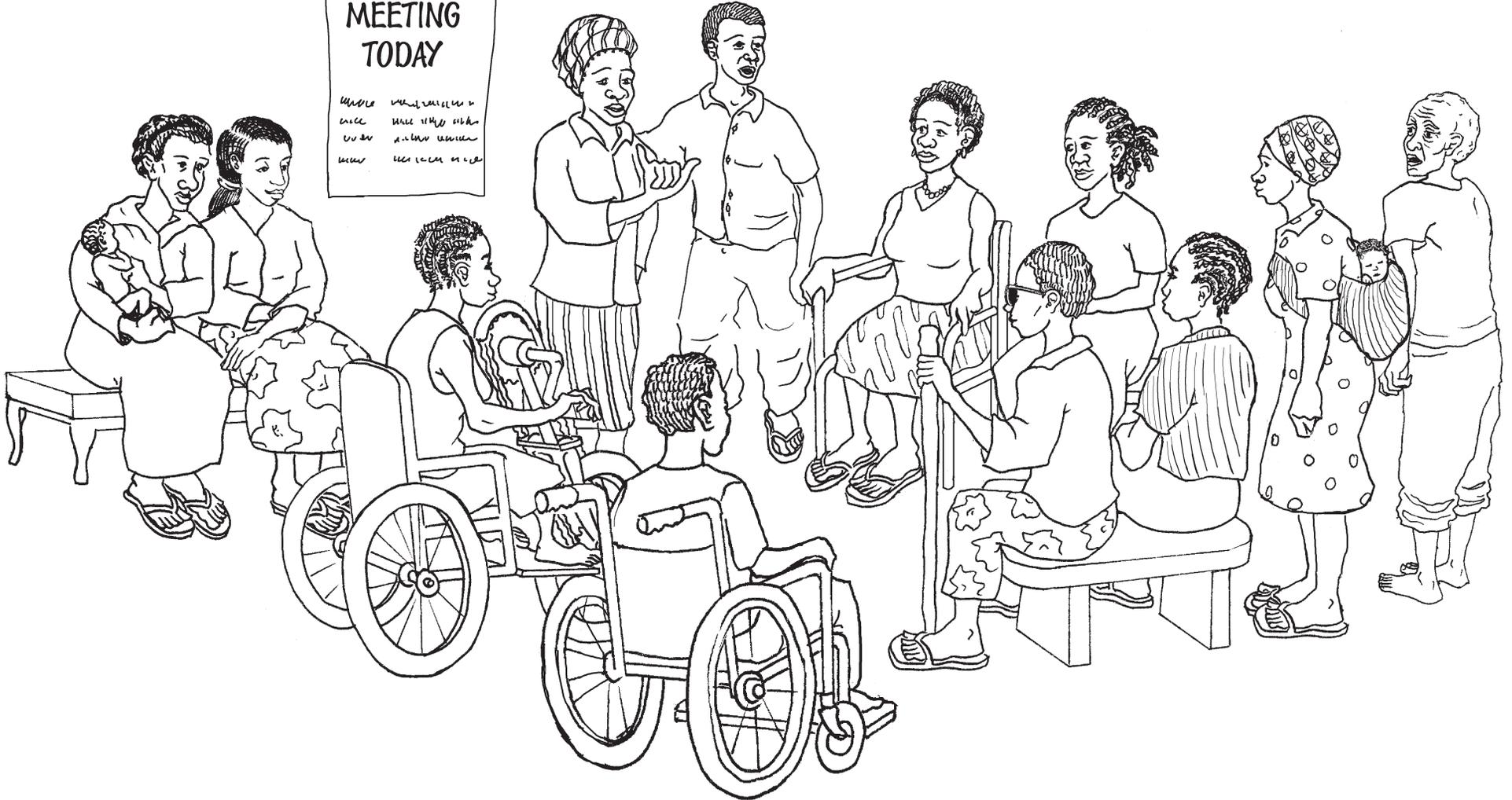






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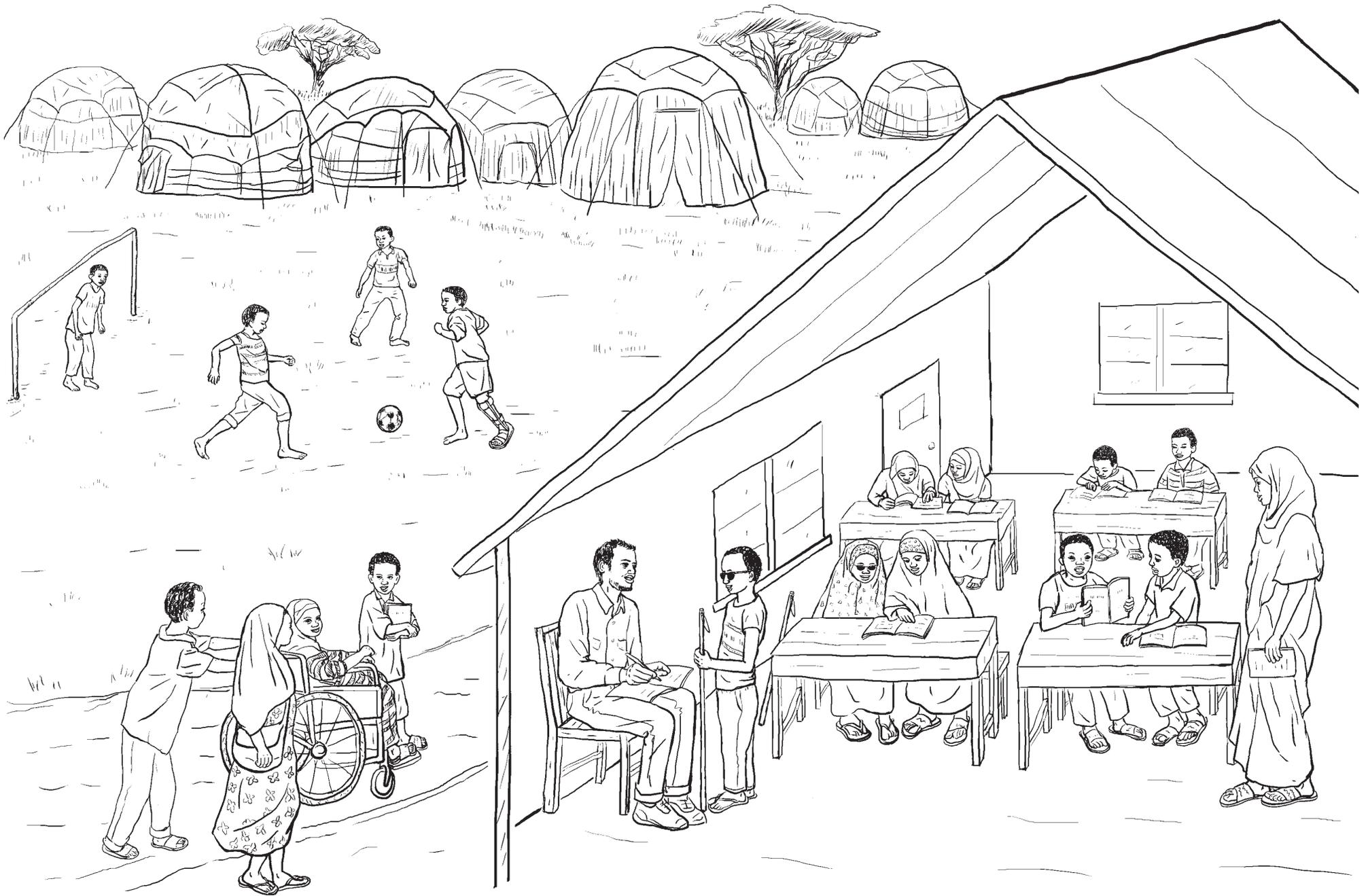
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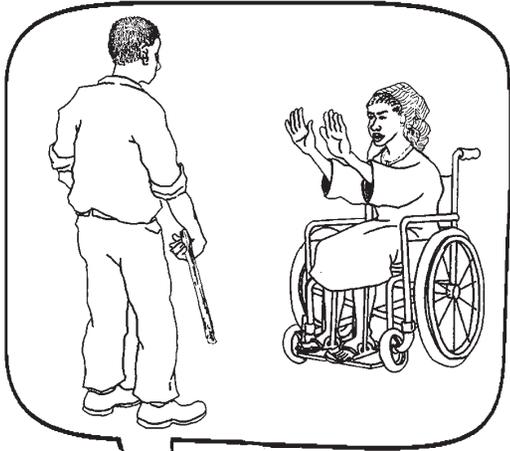












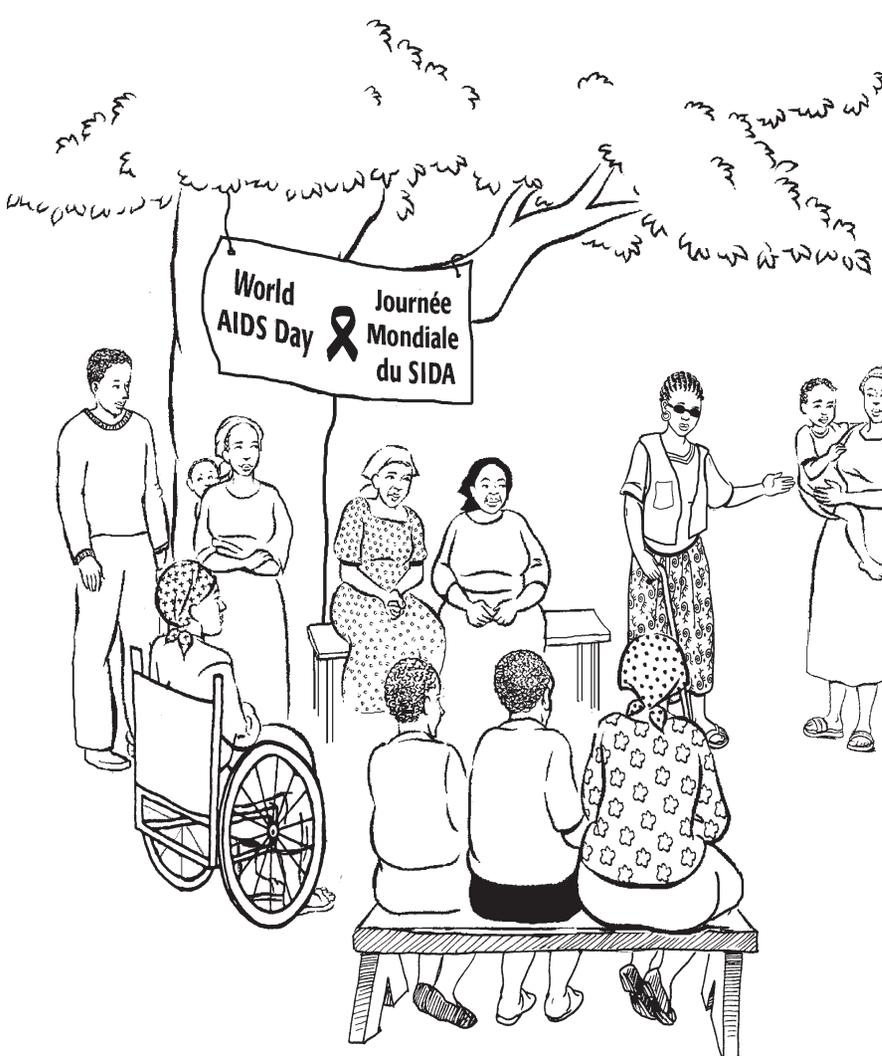












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