Issues Faced by Persons with Disabilities in the Context of COVID-19

Types of Disabilities

- Physical Disability: 229
- Vision Impairment: 62
- Hard of Hearing: 66
- Mental Condition: 44
- Deaf & Blind: 6
- Speech Disability: 88
- Intellectual Disability: 27
- Down Syndrome: 17
- Hemophilia: 1
- Autism: 2
- Multiple Disability: 4

530 Respondents

- Male: 66%
- Female: 33%
- Gender and Sexual Minority: 1%

22% faced economic hardships
19% faced problems related to transportation
18% faced mental stress
35% are seeking psychosocial counselling.
34% are seeking support for home delivery of essential goods.
22% are seeking support for transportation
58% respondents said that their family’s income source and their own income had decreased.

Easy means for accessing information

- Radio: 34%
- Television: 17%
- Neighbours: 17%
- Social Media: 10%

Recommendations

1. Facilitate PWD community’s access to factual information to increase their participation at the local level and province level.
2. Introduce mental health counseling and health counseling in the provinces.
3. Ensure that the government’s support package is disability inclusive and accessible.
4. Allocate budget to Conduct sensitization campaigns on issues of PWDs for the general public.
5. Ensure PWD friendly quarantine centers by having sign language interpreters, accessible information.