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## COVID-19 SURVEYS FLASH NEWS #5

### Global COVID-19 Childhood Disability Data Coordination

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread around the world. The **Global COVID-19 Childhood Disability Data Coordination** initiative is currently collecting information about ongoing and completed surveys addressing the impact of COVID-19.

We are seeking to answer:

**What is the short-/medium-/long-term global impact of the COVID-19 crisis on physical health, mental health, participation, education, service provision, and financial status of children and adults with disabilities and their families?**

#### Key findings today:

- We have identified **41 surveys** addressing the impact of COVID-19 on children and adults with disabilities and their families
- Overall, completed surveys collected information from more than **16,000 participants**
- New **themes covered by the surveys are:**
  - **Access to information** regarding how to stay safe during lockdown
  - Impact of COVID-19 restrictions on **financial status**.
  - Satisfaction and **successful ideas** related to **remote services**
  - Impact of COVID-19 on family burden, **sleep pattern, mental health and socialization** of people with disabilities
- **Some final reports include call for actions:**
  - Accessible information and guidance for disabled people,
  - Flexibility and understanding during the transition back to school
  - Appreciating the need for additional emotional support during the lockdown
  - Flexibility in lockdown rules to allow support from extended family.

You can find **more information** about the surveys here: <https://iaacd.net/iaacd-covid-19-task-force/global-covid-19-childhood-disability-data-coordination/>

If you want to **add your survey** to our growing list, **please complete the form here** <https://iaacd.net/iaacd-covid-19-task-force/global-covid-19-childhood-disability-data-coordination/surveys-subgroup-2/>