Deafblindness in times of pandemic: reflecting on experiences

Sordoceguera en tiempos de pandemia: reflexión de experiencias obtenidas

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Summary:

At the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the preventive measures adopted by the World Health Organization and the governments of the different countries did not consider people with disabilities. As recommendations were made and restriction measures were introduced, national and international civil society organizations begun to elaborate proposals directed at this sector, asking governments to notice and offer information in accessible formats.

The Government of Mexico offered a guide of recommendations for people with disabilities in which it does not mention deafblindness and multiple disabilities.

Other factors have affected the group of deafblind people, so this paper seeks to share experiences lived by people with deafblindness, mainly in Mexico. Through topics such as the recommendations addressed to people with disabilities by various public organizations and civil society, the use of technology, and social distancing, we will reflect on these months of restrictions, its advantages and disadvantages, detecting those that can help deafblind people and their families to face this new reality and the needs that remain to be improved.