

Experiences of People with Disabilities during Covid-19 pandemic in Azerbaijan

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People with disabilities (PWDs) constitute the biggest minority group in the world which experience many challenges throughout their lives. The outbreak of the global Covid-19 pandemic has put PWDs in more vulnerable position around the world, especially in less developed countries including Azerbaijan. In Azerbaijan they experience variety of issues due to lack of proper mechanisms to protect them.

In this study the author has conducted interpretive qualitative research to explore the experiences of PWDs living in Azerbaijan and the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on them. The existing literature was analyzed to better understand the position of the chosen cohort in the society and empirical study was done to collect firsthand data to identify the main challenges faced. Collected data was presented and discussed in reference to existing literature.