

First International Survey on People with Disabilities and COVID-19

Summary of results

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Introduction

The Covid-19 pandemic is a worldwide risk that affects more and more people every day. However, within the different groups that may be affected, people with disabilities are often in a more vulnerable situation than other social groups. This generally happens in times of emergency or disaster, as States or even some international agencies often forget or do not consider the population of persons with disabilities as a group potentially more exposed to risks.

Therefore, considering that we do not have numbers on what the impact could be, or rather, the increase in the risk of death of a person with a disability in fear of this pandemic, and, given that the Rights of Persons with Disabilities can be exercised during an emergency, disaster or catastrophe, this simple instrument, of an exploratory nature and open to the whole world, is proposed in order to learn about some components that we have considered fundamental to know.

Purpose

It is obtaining information to be the first input to States, institutions, or any other organization that is involved in decision-making to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

Methodology

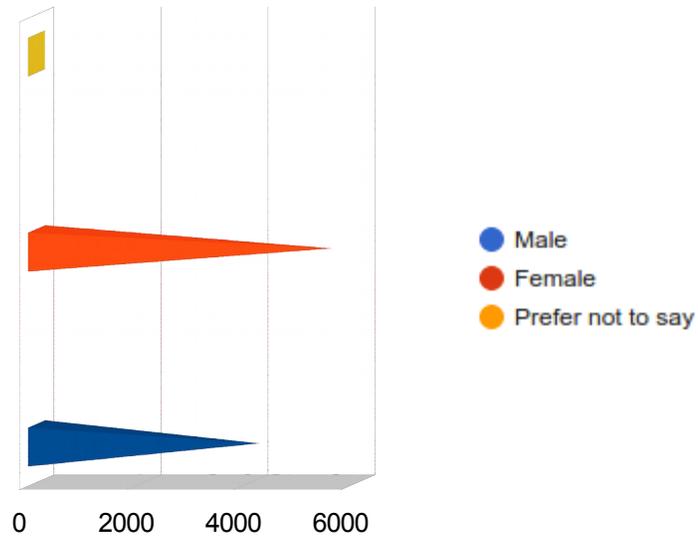
We used the Biopsychosocial framework as a reference, which allowed us to identify areas and activities that we defined as important in the life and dignity of a person with disability.

Thus, to elaborate the questions, we chose the following dimensions that connect to one or more of the components of the Biopsychosocial approach: relationship with the caregiver (or group of caregivers), Labor, Education, Health, Food and Accessibility of information.

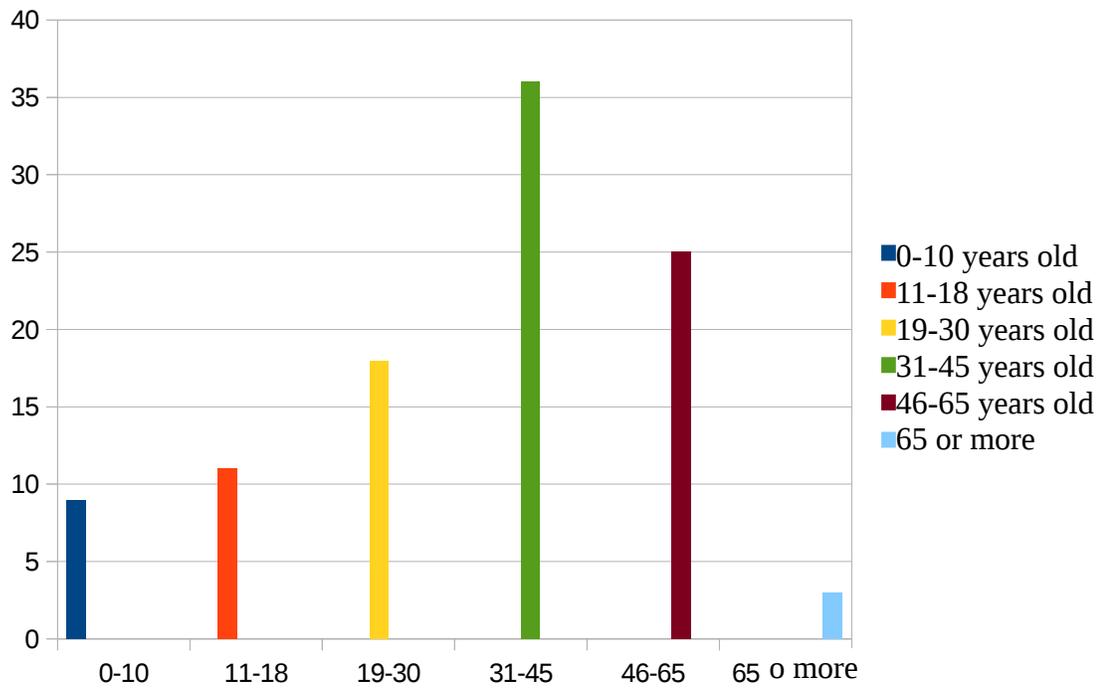
The survey was designed in Spanish and English. Although the survey was disseminated on the Internet and only in these two languages, it had an enormous scope. In terms of the international magnitude of the survey, we reached countries in 5 continents (America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Oceania), more than ten languages and cultures, and more than 60 countries. As for the launch date, this was done on Saturday, March 21, with a deadline of March 25 at 23:59 hrs, UTC-3.

After processing the databases, that is, both the English and Spanish responses, we obtained an N=2313 as total responses to graph the results. Therefore, we will present the results of the 18 questions that make up the instrument.

Question 1 Gender

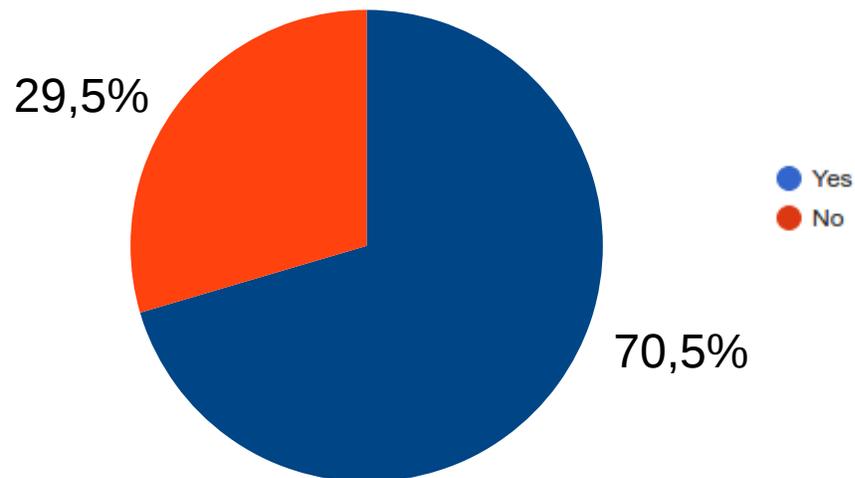


Question 2 Age (years old)



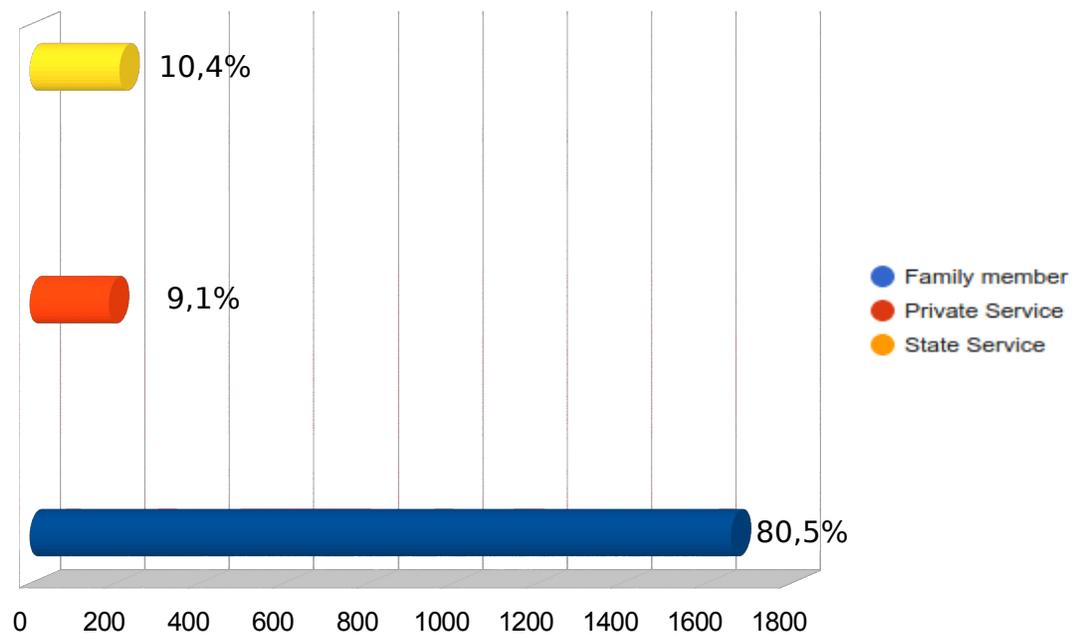
Question 3

Are you a person with a disability who needs support from another person for activities of daily living?



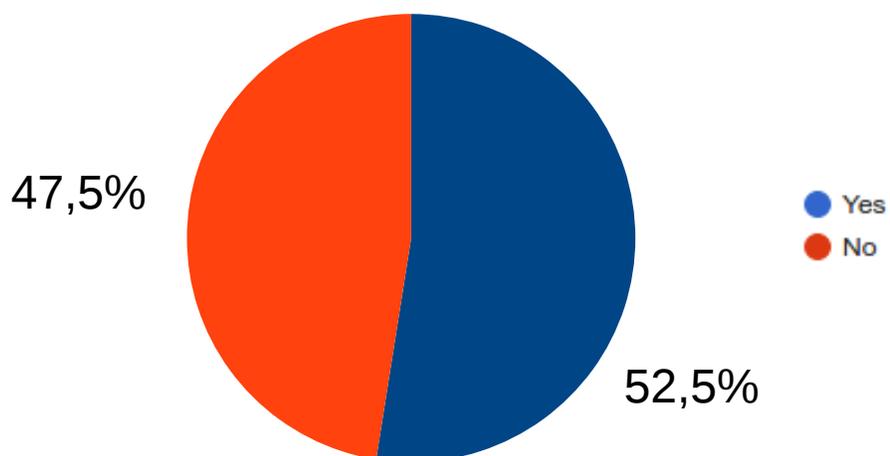
Question 4

If you need a person for support, this person is:



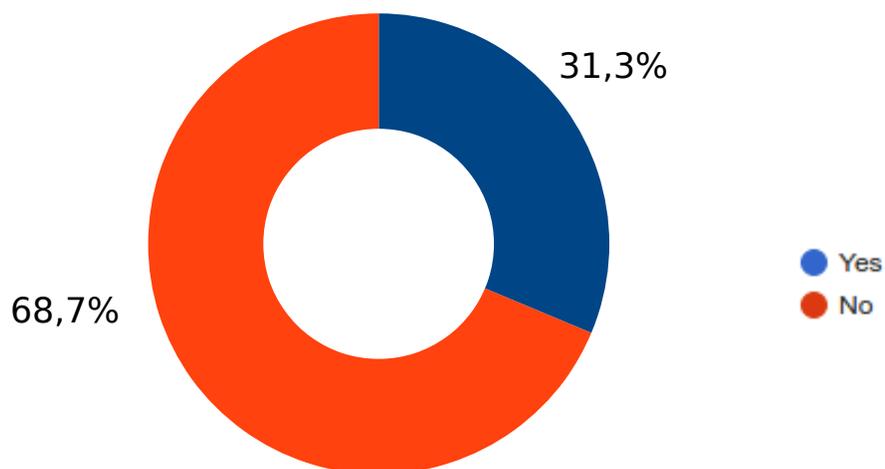
Question 5

Do you know if this support person (or group of people) is at risk for COVID-19



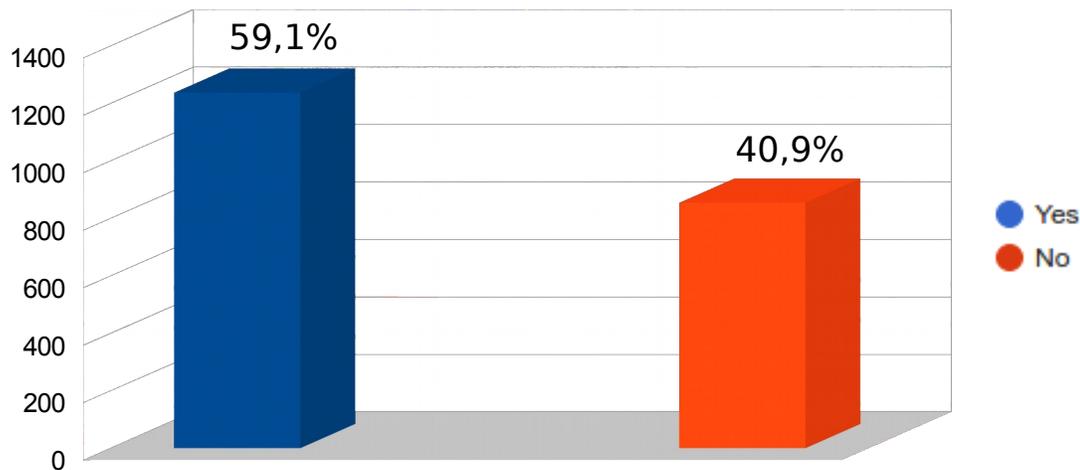
Question 6

Was this person's support (or groups of people) interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic?



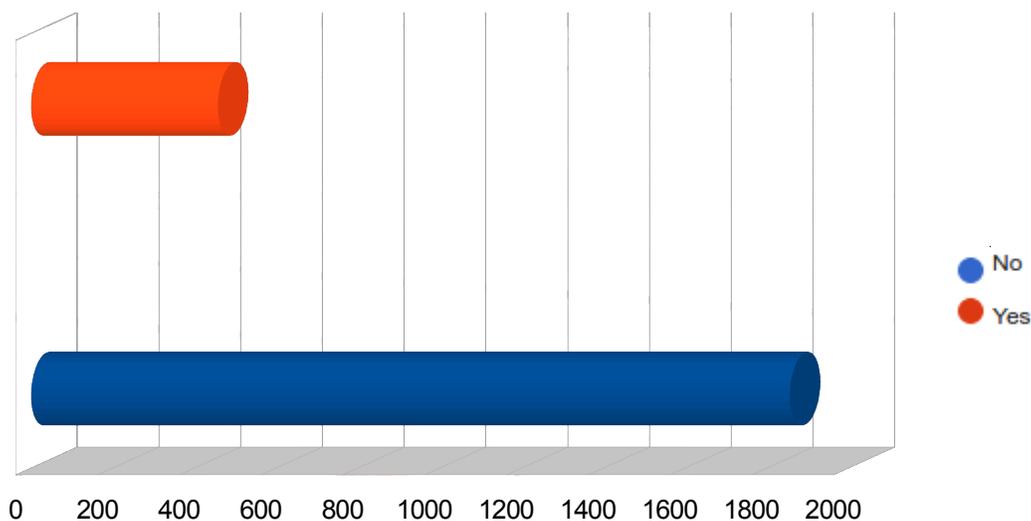
Question 7

If the support person (or group of people) becomes infected, do you have another support person?



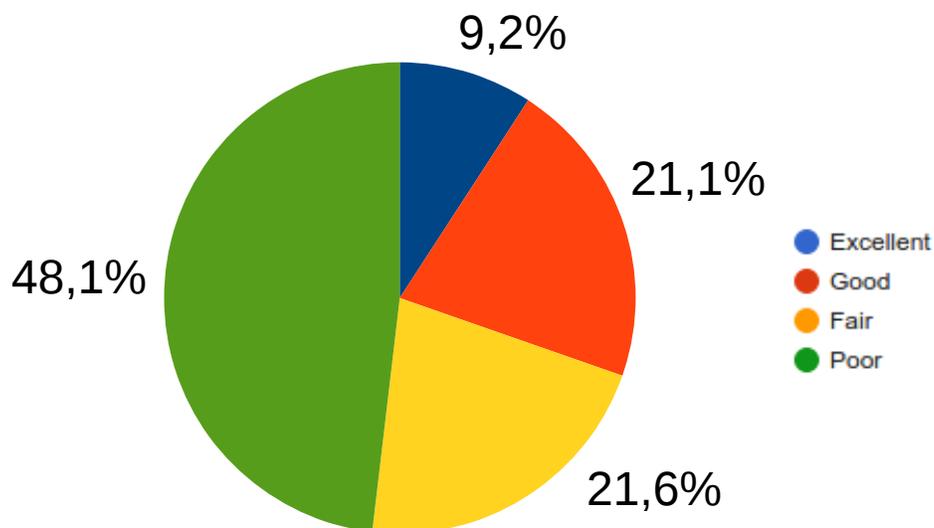
Question 8

Do you know of any specific actions, programs or initiatives in your country for persons with disabilities to address the COVID-19 pandemic from the State?



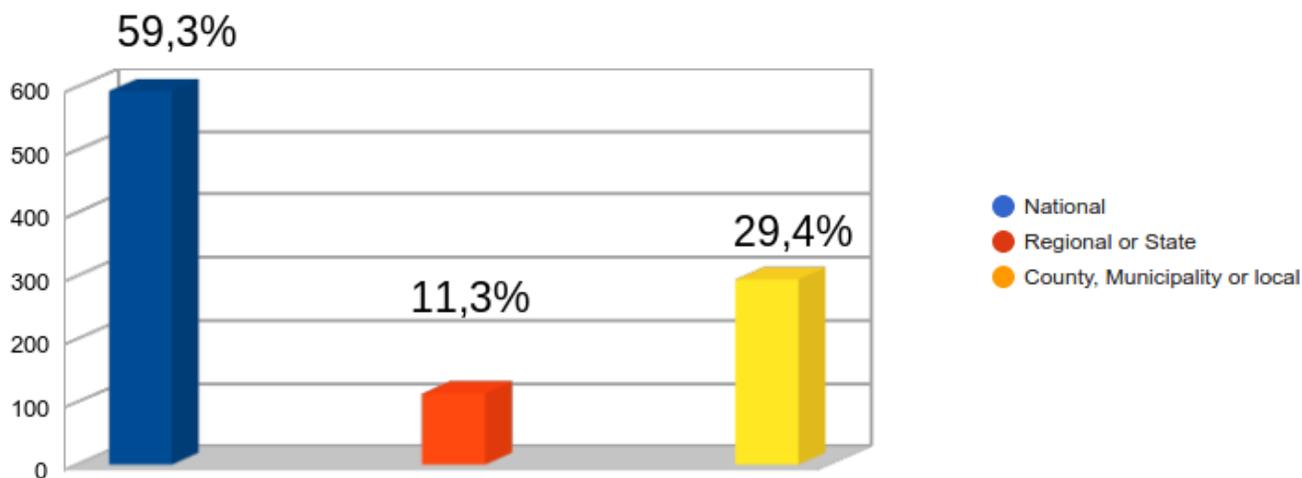
Question 9

If so, how would you evaluate it? (If you don't know, go to the next question)



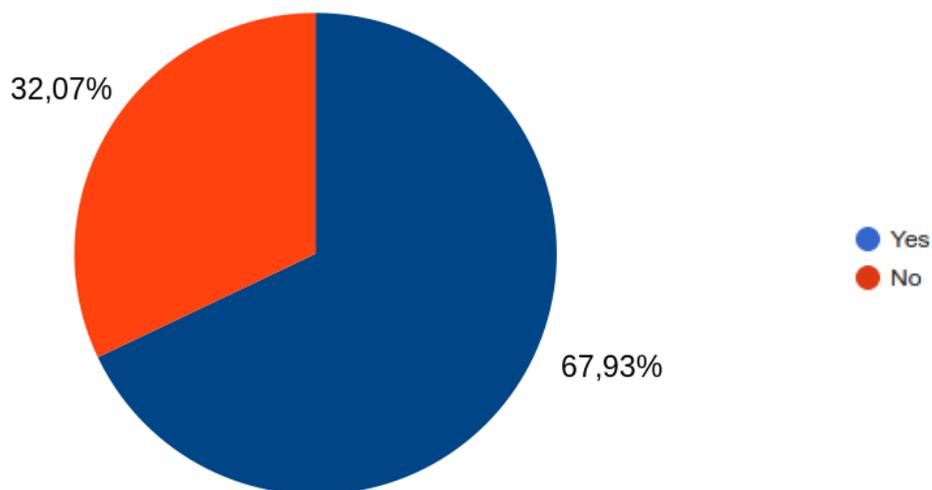
Question 10

If so, what type of action, program or initiative is it?



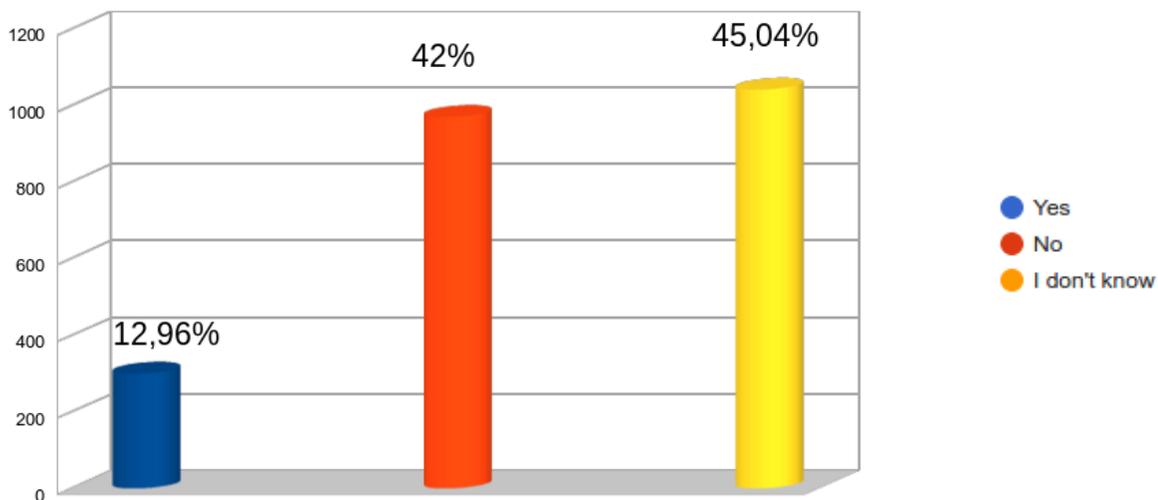
Question 11

Can you get all the information about the pandemic and your country's actions in an accessible way?



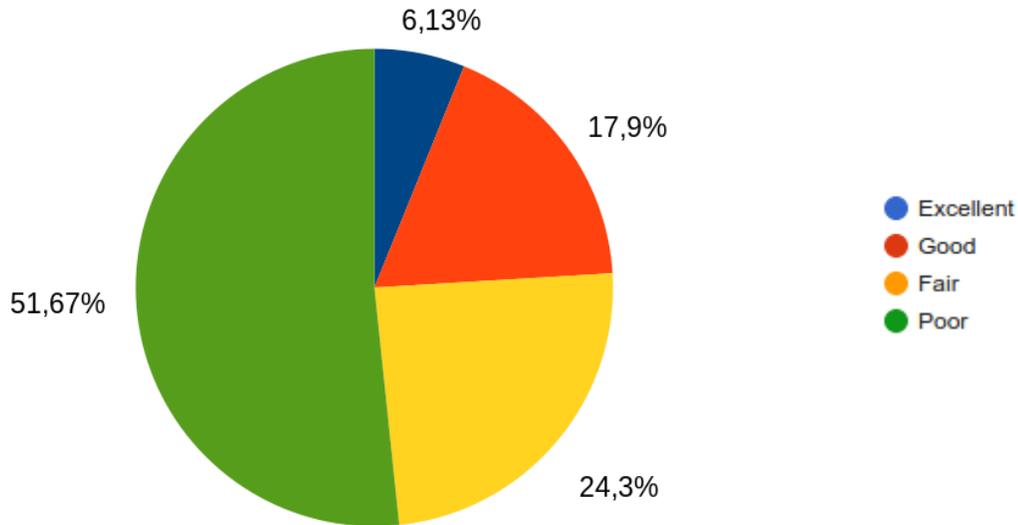
Question 12

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are there any particular health actions for persons with disabilities in your country?



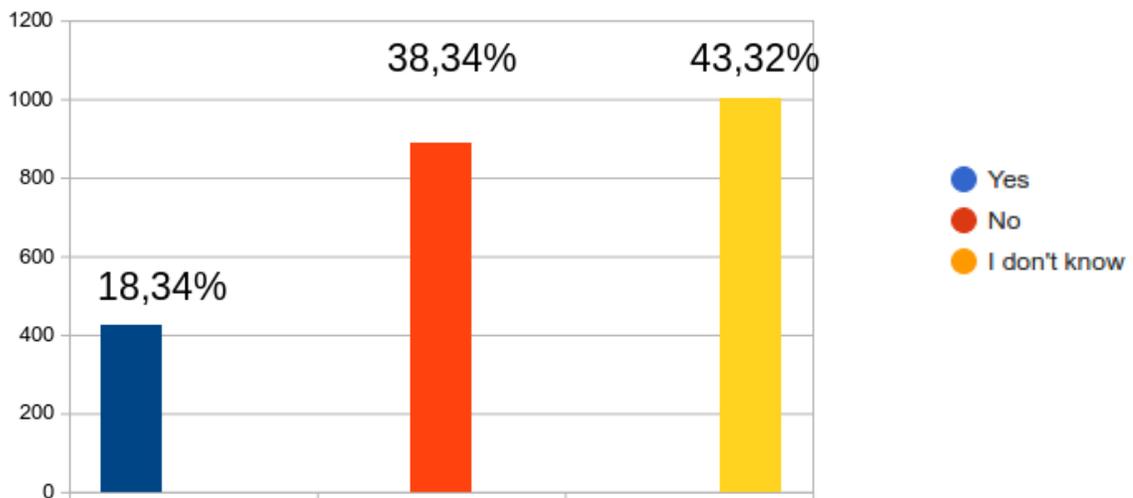
Question 13

If one exists, how do you evaluate it? (If you don't know, go to the next question)



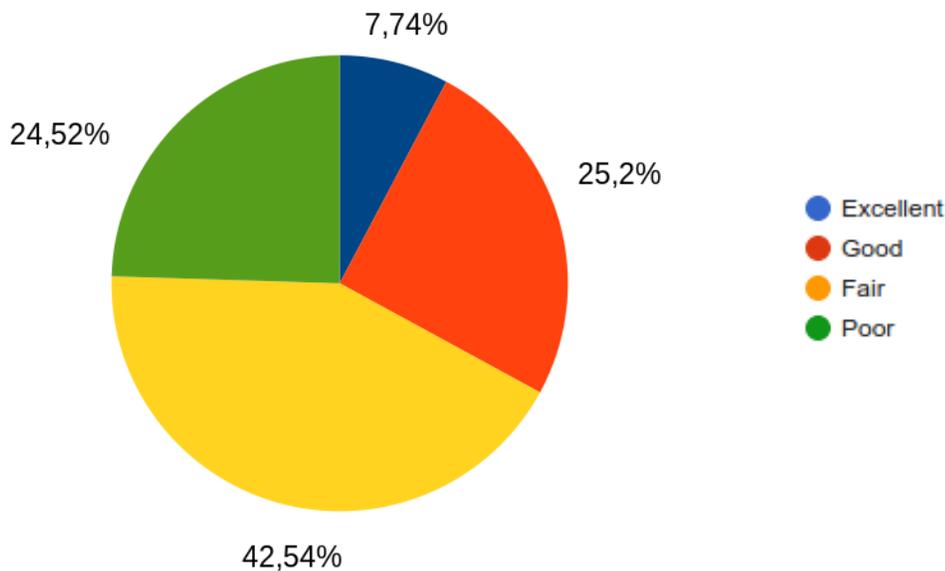
Question 14

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are there any particular education actions for persons with disabilities in your country?



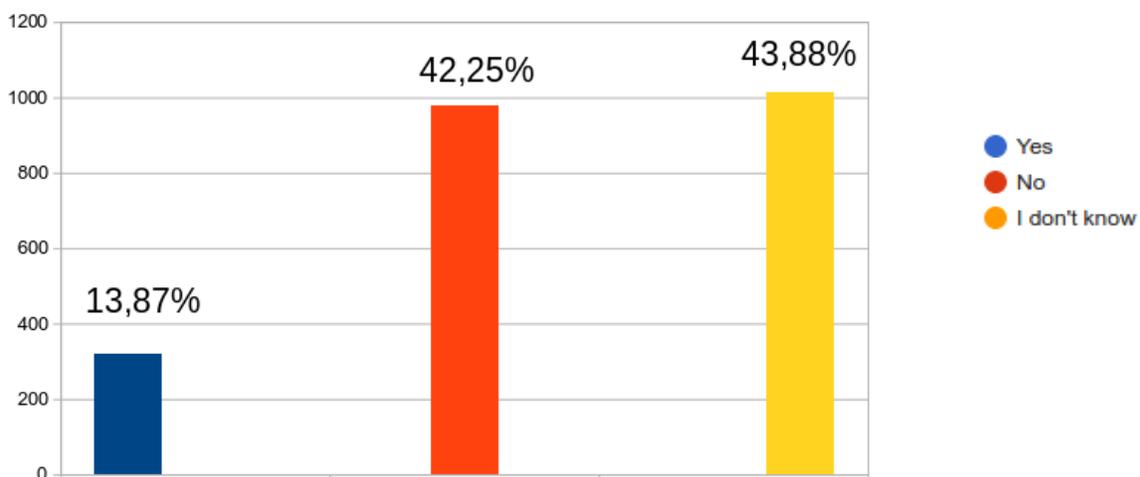
Question 15

If one exists, how do you evaluate it? (If you don't know, go to the next question)



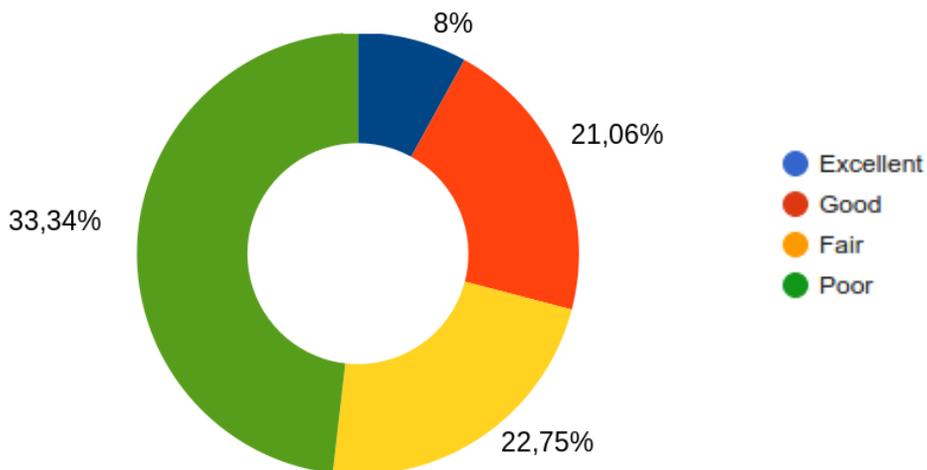
Question 16

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are there any particular job actions for persons with disabilities in your country?



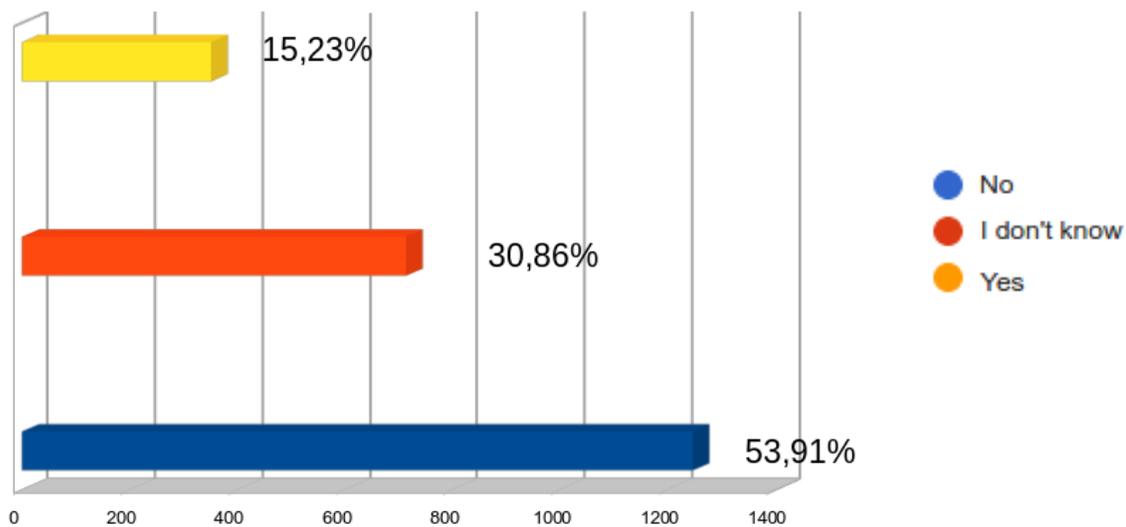
Question 17

If one exists, how do you evaluate it? (If you don't know, go to the next question)



Question 18

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, are there any particular action for people with disabilities in your country in terms of food and basic supplies?



Words at the end

We hope that this study will have an impact on the lives of people with disabilities. Everyone has the right to life.

Sincerely,

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