# 2023 WFDB Survey on Older Persons with Deafblindness

This survey is being organised by The World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB), which is a global non-governmental advocacy organization by and for persons with deafblindness. You can find more information about us on our website: <https://wfdb.eu/>

Background information

The purpose of this survey is to gather information for WFDB’s 1st Global Report on older persons with deafblindness, which will be published by the end of 2023. A research consultant working for WFDB will process and analyse the data.

This survey and report is organised as part of the SHAPES Project, an EU-funded programme that addresses the needs and expectation of older people. WFDB is a consortium member of this project, which will end in October 2023. You can read about the project and our involvement here: <https://wfdb.eu/shapes-project/>

Who is this survey for?

This survey is for:

* WFDB members
* Persons with deafblindness
* Organisations by and for persons with deafblindness
* Other organisations and professionals in the field of deafblindness.

**The survey will remain open until 6th of August 2023.**

If you have any questions and/or comments on the survey, please contact WFDB at [communication@wfdb.eu](mailto:communication@wfdb.eu)

Information about you

1. Which country are you from?
2. What is your age group?

* 18-24
* 25-35
* 35-44
* 45-49
* 50-65
* 65+

1. Are you involved or represent an organisation?

* Yes
* No [Please skip question 4 and go straight to question 5 – also, please skip the section your organisation’s work]

1. Which type of organisation are you involved in or do you represent? (Select one)

* Organisation of persons with deafblindness
* Organisation of persons with disabilities (other than deafblindness)
* Parents’ or family members’ organisation
* NGO working on disability
* NGO – not specialised in disability
* Education institute
* Rehabilitation centre
* Government body
* Other [Please give details]

1. What is your link to persons with deafblindness? (Select all that apply)

* I am a person with deafblindness
* I am a family member of a person with deafblindness
* I am a professional service provider that directly supports persons with deafblindness (e.g., rehabilitation, education, guide interpreter, etc.)
* I am a professional that indirectly supports persons with deafblindness (i.e.: OPD or NGO staff member, program manager, researcher, fundraiser, advocate, etc.)
* Other [Please give details]

Older people with deafblindness

1. What do you think are the greatest challenges or barriers for older persons with deafblindness? (i.e.: access to healthcare, isolation, etc.)
2. How do you think these challenges or barriers should be overcome?
3. Is technology and assistive devices available to older persons with deafblindness in your region or country?

□ Yes, they can get them for free.

□ Yes, they can get some of them for free, others they must pay for.

□ Yes, they can get them, but must pay for them.

□ No, they cannot get them at all.

□ I do not know

1. How do you think the integration and participation older persons with deafblindness in society can be improved?
2. How do you think the government can improve the lives of older persons with deafblindness?

Your organisation's work

1. Has your organisation done any work/project/programme focused on older persons with deafblindness? If yes, which one? Can you give a short description?
2. Does your organisation organise regular social events for persons with deafblindness? If yes, what kind? (i.e.: gatherings, excursions, visits to museums, etc)
3. Do older persons with deafblindness attend them?
4. Does your organisation organise regular creative workshops for persons with deafblindness? If yes, what kind? (i.e.: painting, sculpture, theatre, etc.)
5. Do older persons with deafblindness attend them?

Resources

1. Do you know of any case studies about older persons with deafblindness that you could share with us? (They can be positive or negative)
2. Do you have any examples of good practices about older persons with deafblindness? For example, of them being included in the community or participating in activities
3. Do you have some resources or materials on older persons with deafblindness that you could share with us? (For example, articles, documents, etc)
4. Does your organisation have any other documents related to older persons with deafblindness that you could share with us? Please share the name of the organisation.
5. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about older people with deafblindness?
6. If you are happy to be contacted for any follow up questions or a short interview, please share your name, email address and phone number.

Thank you so much for your time. If you have any questions and/or comments on the survey, please contact WFDB at [communication@wfdb.eu](mailto:communication@wfdb.eu)