

## **The Impact of COVID-19 Measures on Children with Disabilities and Their Families in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

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**Abstract :** The COVID 19 pandemic and associated public health measures have disrupted the lives of people around the world, including children. There is little knowledge about how pandemic measures have affected children in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). The aim and objectives of this qualitative study was to learn about the outcomes and impacts of the pandemic on children ages 0-8 in KSA. The study was based on 40 in-depth interviews that were conducted with experts in health, social protection, education, and early learning, children with special needs, and economics, including decision makers as well as specialists in service provision. The interviews were recorded and translated from Arabic to English into summary notes. The narrative was coded and analyzed following a thematic analysis.

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