

Accessibility/Languages/Tech: Advancing Language Justice for Persons with Visual Disabilities through Accessible Technologies

Research-in-action survey

1 Why this survey?

We begin this research with a focus on the experiences of visually impaired persons from these 3 countries - Bangladesh, India and Pakistan - and their relationship to technology and language. In particular, it will inform us on what might be the main must have topics of discussion as we go into the pilot focus groups.

2 Eligibility criteria

To participate in this survey you need to be 18 years or older. Please also review our consent values and practices section below.

3 How long will it take you to complete this survey?

This survey should take about 20 minutes in total.

4 How can you reach out to us for any suggestions, comments, complaints or clarity?

If at any point you have doubts of any kind about the questions or our practices, or you encounter something you don't like, please feel free to reach out to the Whose Knowledge? team to the email claudia@whoseknowledge.org or to the whatsapp number +1 (867) 322-9705.

[To know more about this research-in-action process, please read our briefing note.](#)

IMPORTANT: Before you take the survey please review our meaningful consent process below.

5 Consent as a continuous process of information exchange

We believe that participatory research processes should aim to empower people, especially those from marginalized social positions. We want to carry out our research in this same spirit. We firmly believe that informed consent can only be meaningful when it is a process of exchange of information in which the participants have the right to negotiate and re-negotiate their participatory process at all times.

This means that consent as an ethical process should live beyond forms and signatures. It should be about us, as researchers, providing explanations rather than only offering choices.

The most important things you should know are these:

- That participation in this survey is voluntary, you have the right to opt-out, at any time, even after the data have been collected and analysed.
- We seek only answers you are willing to give and you don't have to answer any of the questions you don't want to.
- At any point in time, for questions, suggestions, complaints or any other comments about your participation or the research itself, you can reach out via the email claudia@whoseknowledge.org or to the whatsapp number +1 (867) 322-9705.
- Your autonomy in this process is key to us, hence these terms of consent are also negotiable. If you'd like to adjust these principles to your specific case simply reach out to us.

We will leave an optional section here for you in case you need to explain in the field below any special terms you may require, or any terms you don't agree to:

If you agree to participate in this pilot, we may contact you again for updates on the research status and findings, quality checking, for clarifications or if we require you to expand on a given question, for a period of 3 months after completion of this survey.

We aim at video or audio recording the session for documentation purposes. If you don't agree to being recorded please let us know below.

To start with the survey, please underline the options that apply to you:

- I agree to participate in this survey
- I agree to be quoted anonymously
- I agree to be video recorded
- I agree to be audio recorded
- I agree to be re-contacted

If you agreed to be re-contacted: Please tell us how we can contact you, please provide us a current and in-use whatsapp number OR a mobile number OR an email at which to reach you.

Please tell us your full name OR first name OR nick name OR however you prefer to be addressed (remember you can participate anonymously). Also let us know, if you would like, which pronouns you prefer.

Please mark the option that applies to you:

- I have fully read and understood the aims and values of the research process and needs, risks, and benefits of my involvement. I understand that this is a continuous consent process and that I can revoke consent partially or fully at any time during and after the research process.
- I have had everything fully read to me and understood the aims and values of the research process. From the reading, I have also understood the needs, risks, and benefits of my involvement. From the reading, I understand that this is a continuous consent process and that I can revoke consent partially or fully at any time during or after the research process.

To sign, please add your name OR initials OR signature below:

6 Survey questions

A. About yourself

We are deeply thankful for your participation in this survey. Please remember that you are free to opt-out at any point and leave any question unanswered.

1. How old are you?
 2. Where do you live (town/city/country)?
 3. To which gender identity do you most identify?
 4. If you perceive an income, what is your monthly income?. If you don't perceive a salary, write 0
 5. What religion (if any) do you belong to or identify yourself most close to?
 6. OPTIONAL: To which caste (if any) do you belong to or identify yourself most close to? (you can share this information securely and confidentially via our Whose Knowledge? whatsapp number +1 (867) 322-9705)
 7. What is your type and extent of visual disability?
 - Low vision
 - Total blindness
 - Multiple disabilities
 8. What activity are you currently pursuing?
 - School
 - University/College
 - Employed
 - Self-employment
 - Combination of study and work
 - Unemployed
 - If other please specify:
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B. About your thoughts and needs

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9. What would you like to discuss during our time together, anything that you would like to make sure we talk about?

10. What would help us make a brave and safe space to have conversations where you feel comfortable and free to speak?

11. Are there any specific needs we should be aware of to make sure you have a good experience in this process? It could be needs related to child care, conveyance, security, or any other. Just let us know!

This is the end of the survey. We are deeply grateful for your time. We are looking forward to meeting you at the upcoming pilot focus group!