



GLOBAL

DEAF RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Organizational Capability Statement

globaldeafresearch.org

Systemic Barrier Research



ABOUT US

The Global Deaf Research Institute is a pioneering, deaf-led research collaborative and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to improve the lives of deaf people worldwide by collecting and valorizing data. We employ cutting-edge research practices to shed light on the systemic barriers affecting the lives and health of deaf communities worldwide. GDRI seeks to modernize engagement protocols and develop a central resource hub to support deaf-specific research globally.



OUR SERVICES



Immersion and Research

Our field team conducts immersive, community-based participatory research (CPBR) by residing in the deployment country to connect profoundly with the local deaf community, while our analytics team analyzes and synthesizes our findings for publication and dissemination.



Community-Based
Participatory Research



Survey Design and
Analysis



Statistical Data
Analysis



Transdisciplinary
Collaboration



Education

We work with local partner organizations and public sectors to ensure the data is put to use to support community initiatives appropriately and accurately.



Impact Assessment



Consultation



Trainings and
Workshops



Materials and
Guidelines



Public sectors rely on phone surveys and often disregard surveying deaf individuals. This is compounded by the fact that these efforts are typically led by hearing individuals.

Meet the GDRI Team



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GDRI unites a team of many talented deaf PhDs dedicated to improving the lives of the global deaf community. With a combined background including a large body of published work and extensive international field experience, we are the only deaf-lead research team performing needs assessment work at a global scale.

We are truly one of a kind.

Previous Research Findings

Key findings from our deployment in Nigeria, November 2023.

 **8%** of deaf Nigerians surveyed report being able to access full communication in healthcare settings.

 **7%** of deaf Nigerians surveyed have full access to information that they need in their day-to-day life.

OUR PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WORK

Project: Deaf Organizations Capacity Building

Location/Date: Nigeria 2023

Collaborators: USAID, Gallaudet University, & Deaf Worlds

Project: Pilot Deaf Community Research, Nigeria

Location/Date: Nigeria 2023

Collaborators: Deaf Worlds & Nigeria National Association of the Deaf

Project: Deaf Community Research, Ecuador

Location/Date: Ecuador 2024

Collaborator: Federación Nacional de Sordos de Ecuador

Key Partnerships



Local national deaf association in the targeted country.