Incidence of deafness in Spain

- In Spain there are **1,230,000 people with a hearing disability** of different types and grades. To these, we must add the **3,400 children aged between 2 and 5 years.** Among them, **more than 98% use verbal language to communicate.** According to the INE, 27,300 people (2%) use sign language.
  (Survey into Disability, Personal Autonomy and Situations of Dependence 2020. INE)

- **Five in every thousand newborns** reveal some degree of deafness. In Spain this means that every year around **1,890 new families have a deaf son or daughter.**
  (Commission for the Early Detection of Infant Hearing Loss - CODEPEH) (Spanish Society of ORL)

- **More than 95% of children** with deafness are born into hearing families.
  (Gallaudet Research Institute at Gallaudet University, USA, 2002).
  (Sociological Study FIAPAS. Socio-educational status of people with deafness in Spain, 2019)

- **50% of teenagers and young people aged between 12 and 35** years in more developed countries are at risk of hearing loss due to overexposure to noise in recreational contexts.
  (World Health Organization)

- **Presbycusis** affects around **30% of the population between 65 and 70 years**, rising to 80% in the over 75s. Because of noise pollution and lifestyles, these hearing-related issues are becoming apparent ever earlier, **at around 50 years of age.**
  (Spanish Society of Otolaryngology - SEORL)

- **11.3 % of the population have different types and degrees of hearing,** making it difficult for them to follow a normal tone of conversation.
  (EuroTrak study Spain 2020)

- It is estimated that **one in every thousand people will become deaf throughout their lives.**

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WE HAVE A LOT TO SAY

We would like to present the following Manifesto to society and the public authorities to mark World Deaf Day, which coincides this year 2023, with the 45th anniversary of the Spanish Confederation of Families of Deaf People (FIAPAS).



Since a group of associations of families of deaf people decided in 1978 to join with a common goal, **we have made progress on the shared purpose of creating social change** that enables deaf people and their families to be protagonists in their own lives and decisions, exercise their rights and participate on an equal basis.

Before the concept “civil dialogue” had even been coined, the FIAPAS Family Association Movement was already there, actively and constructively cooperating with public administrations as a spearhead, **opening horizons and setting new goals** regarding the inclusion of people with deafness and the exercise of their rights in all areas, supporting families and seeking answers to their needs and demands. It also promotes, together with the early detection of deafness and speech therapy rehabilitation, progress in health and educational care, promoting technological advances and hearing accessibility to information and communication.

Looking back, we can see that **many advances have been made** in the last five decades or so. Not only has FIAPAS been no stranger to these advances, but it has been a promoter and actor, driving through the appropriate political and social responses.

At the same time, **the FIAPAS Family Association Movement** has evolved into **the largest platform for representing the families** of deaf people in our country, **with a broad social base that legitimises it.**

Today we are facing a new generation of deaf people who, thanks to having received hearing and language stimulation, thanks to school and family support, having also taken advantage of the benefits of technology and also thanks to their personal endeavours, are adequately trained, socially competent and prepared to live independently and autonomously, actively engaging in society. We also find families empowered with the capacity to promote awareness and pursue the exercise of their rights.

However, despite the great progress made, there are still shortcomings in the full exercise of rights, inadequate support resources, lack of accessibility and lack of adequate responses to the needs of families.

The FIAPAS Family Association Movement assumes its role as a catalyst for social transformation, driving through and promoting, through governance and civil dialogue, the adoption of bold public policies that compensate for the inequalities still present in the different spheres of life of people with deafness and their families.

For all these reasons, **WE STATE the role of the FIAPAS Family Association Movement as:**

- **A collaborating agent and key interlocutor with public administrations and authorities** for the generation of political and social change in relation to the inclusion and participation of people with deafness and their families.
- **An engine and channel for reporting and claiming** the rights of people with deafness and their families.
- **A benchmark in social transformation,** with the capacity to adapt to new scenarios and in a continuous search for responses to the emerging demands and needs of people with deafness and their families.

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