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## One in six Spanish children depressed during pandemic: survey



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Madrid.—Nearly one in six Spanish children have felt regularly depressed during the coronavirus crisis, with those from poorer backgrounds suffering worse, a charity said yesterday. Spain has had one of the world's strictest lockdowns, including keeping children behind doors for weeks, to curb the outbreak which has killed nearly 28,000 people.

Save the Children said its survey from April showed that while lockdown was enabling many families to enjoy more time together, still 17% of children felt depressed often or daily and new economic hardships were widening inequalities.

In the most needy families, 32.3% of children struggled to sleep while 30.1% feared the COVID-19 disease - almost a third more

than in less vulnerable households. Those from poorer backgrounds also cried more, according to the survey of more than 1,800 interviews with children and families.

Save the Children said one out of four vulnerable families have suffered job losses or reduced income, heaping tension and uncertainty on children. In some cases, families have had to share housing with strangers to cut the cost of rent.

"Being isolated in very tiny flats with people who are not part of your family is actually a risk because these families are facing two types of stress. They've lost their jobs as they cannot work and they are isolated in very tiny places," Andres Conde, head of Save the Children in Spain, told Reuters.





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