Tedros Markos Tekle, self advocate and accessibility advocate.

I was born in Eritrea, it's a small country in East Africa around the coastline and I was educated there,

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of course, all while growing up in a Third World Country.

And as a person with disability, you know, I didn't have enough resources.

I have been blind since childhood. So all the resources far for our education, we didn't we didn't have computers.

We didn't have anything. The only thing we used where text books that were transcribed into Braille by some braillists, our resources were limited.

We had to depend on our sighted friends.

So but anyway, after I joined the university, then my friends and I thought of launching a weekly 30 minute radio program about disability.
This was in April 2000. So we ran for a little over two years and there were some political issues.

Our radio program was banned. It was out of air.

And four months later, in September of 2003, I was the first blind journalist to join the national radio.

And I'm glad about that.

You know, I happened to be a trailblazer because as there there's someone who followed suit now, another blind journalist, which I am proud of.

But anyway, I worked for the radio for about five years or so, and then I switched to the only English newspaper in the country, Eritrea profile.

I also stayed there for almost five years.

All in all, I was there for about ten years.

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