

Summary of Annual Activities Related to Disability Statistics

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Responding Countries (n= 38)

- **Africa/Middle East (10):** Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, South Africa
- **Asia/Pacific (9):** Australia, Bangladesh, China (Hong Kong SAR), China (Macao), Maldives, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore
- **Europe (12):** Armenia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
- **North/South America (7):** Argentina, Aruba, Bermuda, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico, United States

New or updated information for 2011

- **New information (14):** Aruba, Australia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Estonia, Jordan, Lebanon, Malawi, Maldives, Mongolia, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Poland
- **Update of information provided previous year (18):** Argentina, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Canada, China (Macao), Egypt, France, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Spain, United Kingdom, United States
- **No update from previous year's report (6):** Armenia, China (Hong Kong SAR), Germany, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden

Use of the short set of WG questions on disability

Was the short set of Washington Group questions on disability included on the most recent round of the national census?

Yes	26.3%	(10)
No	68.4%	(26)
NR	5.3%	(2)

Countries indicating that the WG short set of questions were included in the most recent census round

1. Argentina
2. Aruba
3. Costa Rica
4. Israel
5. Italy
6. Malawi
7. Oman
8. Palestine
9. Philippines
10. South Africa

Countries using the WG short set or some variant in the current census cycle* (n=31)

Argentina	Kazakhstan	South Africa
Aruba	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	Mexico	Tanzania
Brazil	Mozambique	Tunisia
Chad	Netherlands	Uganda
China	Oman	Vietnam
Costa Rica	Palestine	Zimbabwe (2012)
Czech Republic	Paraguay	
Fiji	Peru	
Israel	Philippines	
Italy	Poland (2011)	
Ivory Coast	Rwanda (2012)	

* Information based on 2009, 2010, and 2011 country reports

Use of the short set of WG questions on disability

Have you included the short set of Washington Group questions on disability on any previous censuses, national surveys, disability modules, or pre-tests in preparation for national data collection?

Yes	47.4%	(18)
No	50.0%	(19)
NR	2.6%	(1)

Countries that have previously used the WG short set in a national data collection activity

1. Argentina
2. Armenia
3. Aruba
4. Bangladesh
5. Bermuda
6. Canada
7. China (Hong Kong SAR)
8. Costa Rica
9. France
10. Latvia
11. Maldives
12. Mexico
13. Mongolia
14. Oman
15. Palestine
16. Philippines
17. South Africa
18. United States

Reasons short set of WG questions were not included

- **WG questions were not finalized when last census or data collection was conducted** (*Australia, Egypt, Mauritius, Morocco, United States*)
- **Required to use the same questions that were used in previous censuses or data collections** (*Australia, Canada, Italy, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom*)
- **Not aware of the WG questions when planning previous data collection** (*Jordan*)
- **Disability questions are not asked on population census** (*France, Latvia, Maldives*)
- **Disability is defined by other sources - administrative records, established surveys, and law** (*Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Israel, Lithuania, Sweden*)

Reasons short set of WG questions were not included - continued

- **Respondents had difficulty understanding questions during pilot tests** (*Lithuania*)
- **Too expensive to add additional questions to census** (*Lithuania*)
- **Too many questions** (*China – Macao, New Zealand*)
- **A subset of the 6 questions were used** (*Israel*)
- **Questions similar to the WG short set have been used or will be used in the future** (*Denmark, Egypt, Lebanon, Mexico, United States*)
- **WG short set may be included in future data collection activities** (*France, Jordan, Singapore, Sweden*)



**Upcoming national data collection
activities related to disability
statistics**

Types of upcoming data collection activities

Types of upcoming national data collection activities reported (Number of countries)	
Census	5
Survey	12
Administrative Records	2
Census & Administrative Records	4
Survey & Administrative Records	8
Census, Survey & Administrative Records	1
No upcoming data collection activities	6

Date of next data collection

2011

Costa Rica

Poland (*June*)

Mauritius (*July*)

China - Macao (*August*)

Lebanon (*October*)

South Africa (*October*)

Estonia (*December*)

United Kingdom (*December*)

2012

Israel

Oman (*January*)

Italy (*June*)

Australia (*July*)

Denmark (*August*)

Lithuania (*September*)

Spain (*September*)

2013

Egypt

Maldives

Canada (*January*)

New Zealand (*July*)

2014

Bangladesh

Latvia (*September*)

Morocco (*September*)

2015

Palestine (*January*)

Frequency of data collection

- **One-time data collection (3):** Denmark, France, Lithuania
- **Ongoing (3):** Philippines*, Sweden*, United States
- **Quarterly or Annually(4):** Canada, Philippines*, Sweden*, United Kingdom
- **Every 2-4 years (4):** Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, Poland
- **Every 5-10 years (12):** Argentina, China (Macao), Costa Rica, Estonia, Italy, Jordan, Maldives, Mauritius, Morocco, New Zealand, Palestine, South Africa
- **Undetermined/Not specified (8):** Aruba, Egypt, Israel, Latvia, Lebanon, Mongolia, Oman, Spain

*Country has multiple data collection activities scheduled with different frequency intervals

Sampling Frame

- Most recent or upcoming census
- Country population registries
- Government administrative records
- Respondents identified as having a *disability* during a previous data collection
- Department of Social Welfare and Development database

Sample Size

Persons:

7,500: **Lithuania**
8,000-12,000: **Sweden**
9,000: **Denmark, Israel**
10,000: **Latvia**
20,000: **New Zealand**
65,000: **Canada**
74,000: **Australia**
101,484: **Aruba**
1.28 million: **Mauritius**
1.3 million: **Estonia**
4.5 million: **Costa Rica**
48 million: **South Africa**

Households:

1%: **Germany**
4,000: **Lebanon**
5,000: **Oman**
11,000: **Spain**
12,240: **Bangladesh**
13,000 : **United Kingdom**
13,360: **Jordan**
15,572: **Palestine**
54,700: **Poland**
60,000: **Italy**

Mode of data collection

Mode of data collection reported

(Number of countries)

Face to Face Interview	29
Administrative Records	15
Self-completed Questionnaire	8
Telephone Interview	7
Direct Observation and Measurement (Examination)	2
Electronic Form or Questionnaire (via Internet)	2

Language data collection will be offered/administered

- **National or local language (16):** Aruba, Bangladesh, China (Macao), Costa Rica, Denmark, Estonia, Israel, Latvia, Maldives, Mauritius, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
- **English (with translation) (12):** Aruba, Australia, Canada, China (Macao), Costa Rica, Latvia, Maldives, Mauritius, New Zealand, Oman, United Kingdom, United States
- **Arabic (7):** Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine
- **Spanish (5):** Argentina, Aruba, Costa Rica, Spain, United States
- **Russian (3):** Estonia, Israel, Latvia
- **French (3):** Canada, France, Mauritius
- **German (2):** Germany, Italy

Other national activities related to disability data collection

- **Workshop on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**
- **Launch of the World Report on Disability**
- **Training workshops related to disability data collection**
- **Cognitive testing of disability questions**
- **Development of new administrative records related to disability**
- **Publication and dissemination of disability data and reports**
- **Discussions with government agencies about future disability data collection activities**
- **Discussions about linking disability survey data to administrative records**
- **Pilot testing for upcoming censuses and surveys**
- **Processing and analysis of recently collected census data**