



# QUESTIONNAIRE ON DISABILITY STATISTICS (UNSD)

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# General Information

**I- Part** to collect information on sources of data on disability in the country as well as more detailed information including on the questions and definitions used when data were collected.

**II- Part** includes selected statistical tables that are intended to collect information on the numbers and characteristics of PWD and corresponding total population

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/sconcerns/disability/disab2.asp>

The screenshot shows the UN Statistics Division website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'UN Home', 'Department of Economic and Social Affairs', 'Economic and Social Development Home', 'Site Map', 'Contact Us', and 'About Us'. Below this is the United Nations logo and the text 'United Nations Statistics Division'. A secondary navigation bar contains 'HOME', 'STATISTICAL DATABASES', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'METHODS & CLASSIFICATIONS', 'MEETINGS & EVENTS', and 'TECHNICAL NEWSLETTERS'. On the left side, there are two main menu sections: 'DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS' with sub-links for 'Demographic and social topics', 'Standards and methods', 'Statistical products and databases', and 'Meetings'; and 'MAJOR WORK PROGRAMMES' with sub-links for 'Demographic and Social Statistics Collection', '2020 World Population and Housing Censuses', 'Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics', and 'Advancement of Gender Statistics'. Below these is a 'Contact us' section. The main content area is titled 'Human functioning and disability' and includes sub-links for 'Introduction', 'Statistics', 'Standards and methods', and 'Meetings'. A paragraph explains that prevalence rates should not be compared across countries due to differences in concepts and methods. Below this is a 'Prevalence rates' section with a search box containing a list of studies: 'Tunisia 1984 Census', 'Togo 1970 Census', 'Thailand 1991 Survey', and 'Tunisia 1989 Survey'. A 'Search' button is next to the list. Below the search box, there is a link for 'Special Issue: Population Ageing and the Situation of Elderly Persons, 1993'. A table lists available data with columns for 'Notes', 'Data', and 'Size'. The table has one row: 'Table 6 Disabled persons and total population' with 'PDF' links for both 'Notes' and 'Data' and a size of '1.2 MB'. At the bottom, a note states: 'Based upon the national statistics available in DISTAT, the United Nations Statistics Division published in 1990 the Disability'.

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# Human functioning and disability

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The United Nations Statistics Division issues standards and methods approved by the Statistical Commission to assist national statistical authorities and other producers of statistics in the collection, compilation and dissemination of data.

Standards, concepts and methods:

- [International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health](#), (ICF) Custodian: WHO
- [Questions used to identify persons with disability in DISTAT, 1973 - 1996](#)
- [Disability census questions, 1995 - 2004](#)

Additional technical materials:

- [Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics, 2001](#)
- [Manual for the Development of Statistical Information for Disability: Programmes and Policies, 1996](#)
- [Development of Statistics of Disabled Persons: Case Studies, 1986](#)

Links:

- [Washington Group on Disability Statistics](#)

The United Nations Statistics Division works with the Washington Group on Disability Statistics to promote and co-ordinate international co-operation in the area of functioning and disability. Current work focuses on developing disability measures suitable for use in censuses and sample surveys. The work of the Group has been presented in several [meetings](#) worldwide.

# Source(s) of data on disability

| Section I - Data Source                              |       | 1       | 2           | 3         | 4      | 5        | 6       | 7    | 8        | 9         | 10    | 11        | 12       | 13    | 14       | 15       |
|--|-------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Question 2<br>The source(s) of data on<br>disability | Count | Lao PDR | Philippines | Sri Lanka | Bhutan | Cambodia | Myanmar | Iran | Malaysia | Hong Kong | India | Indonesia | Mongolia | Nepal | Thailand | Viet Nam |
| Population census                                    | 15    | ✓       | ✓           | ✓         | ✓      | ✓        | ✓       | ✓    | ✓        | ✓         | ✓     | ✓         | ✓        | ✓     | ✓        | ✓        |
| Sample survey  | 10    | 0       | 0           | 0         | ✓      | ✓        | ✓       | 0    | 0        | ✓         | ✓     | ✓         | ✓        | ✓     | ✓        | ✓        |
| Administrative sources                               | 9     | 0       | 0           | 0         | 0      | 0        | 0       | ✓    | ✓        | ✓         | ✓     | ✓         | ✓        | ✓     | ✓        | ✓        |

# Section I-A. Population census

## Characteristics of sources

| Section I-A - Population census |  |   |                            |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                 | Questions  |   | Number of Countries (N=15) | Countries                            |
| 3                               | Date of latest census  | Before 2005                                     | 1                          | HK                                   |
|                                 |  | 2005-2010                                       | 8                          | BT, CAM, IDO, MAL, MON, PHI, THA, VN |
|                                 |  | After 2010                                      | 6                          | IND, IRN, LAO, MYN, NEP, SRI         |
| 4                               | Complete count (% if sample)                                   | All   | 12                         |                                      |
|                                 |  | Sample  | 3                          | HK, MON, VN                          |
| 5                               | Age range for the population covered in collecting information | All   | 13                         |                                      |
|                                 |  | Age range                                       | 2                          | HK, VN                               |
| 6                               | Persons living in institutions are covered (7 types+Others)    | Institutions covered                            | 12                         |                                      |
|                                 |  | Not covered                                     | 3                          | IDO, LAO, VN                         |
|                                 | Other type specified   | Boarding hostel, Night shelter, Religious place |                            |                                      |

# Section I-A. Population census (cont.)

## Methods used in Census

|   | Questions   |   | Number of Countries (N=15) | Countries                   |
|---|---|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7 | Primary method used to collect the information (3 methods+others) | Face to face interview                            | 11                         |                             |
|   |   | Face to face and Self-enumeration (questionnaire) | 3                          | MAL, PHI, THA, LAO (2 only) |
|   |   | Self-enumeration (Internet-based)                 | 1                          | THA                         |
|   |   | Other method specified                            | Telephone                  | 1                           |
| 8 | Respondent designated to answer the questions                     | Self-response                                     | 9                          |                             |
|   |   | Self-response and household-respondent            | 6                          | BU,IND,IDO,PHI,THA,VN       |
| 9 | Provide a copy of the questionnaire                               | Provided  | 11                         |                             |

# Section I-A. Population census (cont.)

## Definition used in Census

|    | Questions   |  | Number of Countries (N=15) | Countries                |
|----|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10 | Definition used to identify persons with disabilities (3 types) | <b>Impairments (1)</b>                         | 6                          | CAM, HK,IRN,LAO,MON,THA  |
|    |   | <b>Activity limitations (2)</b>                | 1                          | MYN                      |
|    |   | <b>(1) and (2)</b>                             | 1                          | BU                       |
|    |   | <b>(1), (2) and Participation restrictions</b> | 6                          | IND, IDO,MAL,NEP, PHI,VN |
| 11 | If the definition includes a minimum length of time             | <b>Length of time (Yes)</b>                    | 4                          | CAM, IND, MAL,MON        |
|    | Specified length of time  | <b>Specified</b>                               | 2                          | MAL (0.5 yr), MON (1 yr) |
| 12 | Attach the instructions, if any                                 | <b>Provided</b>                                | 8                          |                          |
| 13 | Data on disability from the census been published               | <b>Published</b>                               | 14                         |                          |
|    | Provide publication / web address                               | <b>Published sources</b>                       | 13                         |                          |



# Section I-B. Sample Survey

## Survey details and methods

|    | Questions   |                        | Number of Countries (N=9) | Countries                  |
|----|---|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 15 | Survey date   | Before 2010            | 2                         | IND, VN                    |
|    |   | After 2010             | 7                         | BHU,CAM,HK,IDO,MON,NEP,THA |
| 16 | What is the purpose of the survey                           | Provided               | 8                         |                            |
| 17 | Proportion of sample to total population                    | Proportion             | 4                         | HK, NEP, THA, VN           |
|    | Sample size   | Provided               | 9                         |                            |
| 18 | Persons living in institutions are covered (7 types+Others) | Institutions covered   | 2                         | HK, IND                    |
|    |   | Not covered            | 7                         |                            |
|    | Other type specified  |                        |                           |                            |
| 19 | All age coverage- Sample                                    | All                    | 8                         | IND (>2 yrs)               |
|    | Children only   | 2-9 yrs                | 1                         | BHU                        |
|    | Children age specified                                      |                        |                           |                            |
|    | Others  |                        |                           |                            |
|    | Others age specific   |                        |                           |                            |
| 20 | Primary method used to collect the information              | Face to face interview | 9                         |                            |

# Section I-B. Sample Survey (Cont.)

## Survey – response and public information

|    | Questions   |  | Number of Countries (N=9) | Countries                          |
|----|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 21 | Respondent designated to answer the questions         | Household-respondent                   | 2                         | MON, NEP                           |
|    | Combination respondents specified                     | Self response and Household-respondent | 7                         | BHU, CAM, HK, IND, IDO, THA, VN    |
| 22 | Provide copy of survey questionnaire)                 | Provided                               | 8                         |                                    |
| 23 | Definition used to identify persons with disabilities | Provided                               | 9                         |                                    |
| 24 | If the definition includes a minimum length of time   | Length of time (Yes)                   | 4                         | HK, MON, THA, VN                   |
|    | Specified length of time                              | Specified                              | 3                         | HK (0.5yr), MON (1yr), THA)(0.5yr) |
| 25 | Attach the instructions, if any                       | Provided                               | 4                         | CAM, HK, MON, THA                  |
| 26 | Data on disability from the Survey been published     | Published                              | 8                         |                                    |
|    | Provide publication / web address                     | Published sources                      | 7                         |                                    |

# Section I-C. Administrative sources

| Section I-C - Administrative source |  |       | 1         | 2                         | 3         | 4    | 5        | 6                    | 7                          | 8                            | 9        |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|------|----------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
|                                     | Questions  | Count | Hong Kong | India                     | Indonesia | Iran | Malaysia | Mongolia             | Nepal                      | Thailand                     | Viet Nam |
| 27                                  | Your country have registers of persons with disabilities   | 9     | ✓         | ✓                         | ✓         | ✓    | ✓        | ✓                    | ✓                          | ✓                            | ✓        |
|                                     | If yes, specify organizations maintain the registers       | 9     | *         | *                         | *         | *    | *        | *                    | *                          | *                            | *        |
| 28                                  | Type of registers  | 7     | *         | no single register, using | 0         | 0    | 0        | Welfare registration | Data are compiled from the | Register for Thai Citizen    | *        |
|                                     | How often the register is updated                          | 3     | *         | 0                         | 0         | 0    | 0        | Annually             | 0                          | daily                        | 0        |
|                                     | The purpose of each register                               | 5     | *         | 0                         | 0         | 0    | *        | *                    | 0                          | Services and social welfare  | *        |
|                                     | Definition used  | 5     | *         | *                         | 0         | 0    | *        | *                    | 0                          | "Persons with                | 0        |
|                                     | how a person with disability is identified                 | 5     | *         | *                         | 0         | 0    | 0        | Medical test         | 0                          | having medical certification | *        |
| 29                                  | Data on disability from the the register(s) been published | 3     | 0         | 0                         | 0         | 0    | ✓        | 0                    | ✓                          | ✓                            | 0        |
|                                     | Provide publication / web address                          | 2     | 0         | 0                         | 0         | 0    | 0        | 0                    | In Nepali language         | www.dep.go.th                | 0        |

## Possible sources for countries in A-P

| Disability Data Sources in Asia-Pacific countries (2015) |              |                 |           |           |          |           |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Periodicity of data collection                           |              |                 |           |           |          |           |
| Sources  | Cont./Annual | 5 years or less | 10 years  | Ad hoc.   | N.A.     | Total     |
| Census   | -            | 4               | 19        | -         | -        | 23        |
| Admin.   | 9            | -               | -         | -         | 1        | 10        |
| Survey   | 4            | 3               | -         | 7         | 1        | 15        |
| DHS/HIES   | 1            | 2               | -         | 2         | -        | 5         |
| Report   | -            | -               | -         | 2         | 2        | 4         |
| <b>Total sources (57)</b>                                | <b>14</b>    | <b>9</b>        | <b>19</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>57</b> |

Source: Social Development Division, ESCAP

*Thank You!*

