

#28 – The Disability Data Report 2021

Short description

Type of object: This is a report of a research study (by Mitra, S. and Yap, J., 2021). The data collected and examined by the research team are also available.

Source (organisation): Fordham Research Consortium on disability

Issues: Disability questions in national census and household surveys. The dataset examined covered the following issues: education, work, health, standard of living; and multisectoral analysis (for example, poverty and disability).

Time span: 2009-2018

Geographical coverage: Global

Link: <https://disabilitydata.ace.fordham.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/The-Disability-Data-Report-2021.pdf>

The dataset (Disability data initiative) presented by the Report is available at this link:

<https://disabilitydata.ace.fordham.edu/result-tables/>

Note/Interpretations

This report provides (i) a systematic analysis of the disability questions in national censuses and household surveys globally between 2009 and 2018 and (ii) indicators disaggregated across disability status for 41 countries with census or household survey data that are based on internationally comparable disability questions.

The report contains several tabs and figures.

This report finds that disability questions of any kind are absent for 24% of countries and 65% of datasets. In addition, disability questions that meet international standards of comparability, i.e., those that collect information on functional difficulties (e.g., difficulty seeing, hearing, walking) have been increasingly adopted.

Yet, only 84 of 180 countries and 16% of the household surveys and censuses under review have internationally comparable functional difficulty questions. In many countries' national household surveys and censuses, persons with disabilities continue to be invisible. This report also presents a microdata analysis for 41 countries with censuses or national surveys with functional difficulty questions in four domains (seeing, hearing, walking, cognition). For 28 countries, data is also available for the self-care and communication domains, including 21 countries with the internationally tested Washington Group Short Set of questions.

The tabs and the figures as well as the data collected by this research are available and downloaded in excel format.

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