

# Ninth Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

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# Responding countries (n=46)

- **Africa/Middle East (11)**: Egypt, Israel, Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Palestine, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, United Arab Emirates
- **Asia/Pacific (11)**: Australia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong SAR, India, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka
- **Europe (16)**: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
- **North/South America (8)**: Aruba, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States

# New or updated information for 2009

- **New Information (12):** Aruba, Australia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, Rwanda
- **Update of information provided previous year (26):** Bermuda, Canada, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mongolia, New Zealand, Oman, Palestine, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Uganda, United States, Zimbabwe
- **No update from previous year's report (8):** Egypt, Hong Kong SAR, Hungary, Israel, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, United Arab Emirates

# Use of short set of WG Questions

**Will the short set of Washington Group questions on disability be included on the next round of the national census?**

**Yes** 21

**No** 20

**NR** 5

# Countries that will use the short set of WG questions on the next round of Census (n=21)

- Aruba (2010)
- China
- Czech Republic
- Fiji
- Israel (2011)
- Ivory Coast (2008/9)
- Kazakhstan
- Mexico (2010)
- Mozambique
- Netherlands (2011)
- Oman
- Palestine
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines (2010)
- Poland (2011)
- Rwanda (2012)
- South Africa (2011)
- Sri Lanka (2011)
- Uganda (2009/10)
- Zimbabwe (2012)

# Use of short set of WG Questions

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** 24

**No** 20

**NR** 2

# Countries that have previously used the short set of WG questions for a national data collection activity (n=24)

- Bermuda
- Canada
- China
- Fiji
- Hong Kong SAR
- Israel
- Ivory Coast
- Kazakhstan
- Malta
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Mozambique
- Oman
- Palestine
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Uganda
- United Arab Emirates

# Main reason short set of WG questions not included

- WG questions were not finalized when the last census was conducted (Aruba, Australia, Mauritius, United States)
- Required to use the same questions that were used in previous census rounds (Australia, Ireland, Sweden)
- Disability data already collected through administrative sources (Finland, Germany, Israel, Sweden)
- Too expensive to add additional questions to census (Lithuania)
- Due to financial constraints, required to use another disability module (EDSIM Disability Module) (Hungary, Malta)
- Too many questions (restricted to 2 disability questions on census) (New Zealand)

# Main reason short set of WG questions not included - continued

- Due to privacy concerns, not allowed to include health questions on census pre-test (Italy)
- WG questions were tested and determined not feasible to use on national census (India)
- Respondents had trouble understanding questions during pre-test (Lithuania)
- Concerns regarding the WG short set answer categories (Ireland, Mongolia)
- Some questions from WG short set combined with other measures of disability will be used (Israel)
- Questions similar to WG short set will be used (Czech Republic, United States)
- WG short set may be included in future data collection activities (France, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Singapore, United States, Zimbabwe)

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

# Type of data collection

<b>Summary Statistics</b> # of countries	Census	Survey	Admin. Records	Census & Survey	Census & Admin. Records	Survey & Admin. Records	Census, Survey & Admin. Records
Countries that indicated plans to conduct any national data collection activities in the next 3 years	8	12	2	3	6	8	2
Countries that did not indicate plans to conduct any national data collection activities in the next 3 years	4						

# Date of next data collection

## 2009

Australia  
Bermuda  
Germany  
Ivory Coast  
Kazakhstan (*September*)  
Uganda (*September*)  
Poland (*October*)  
Spain (*October*)  
Hungary (*December*)

## 2010

Italy  
Singapore  
United Arab Emirates  
Fiji (*January*)  
Mongolia (*January*)  
United States (*January*)  
Rwanda (*March*)  
China (*April*)  
Palestine (*April*)  
Finland (*April/May*)  
Mexico (*May*)  
Panama (*May*)  
Philippines (*May*)  
Mozambique (*June*)  
Aruba (*September*)

## 2011

Cyprus  
Ivory Coast  
Oman  
Slovenia  
Israel (*January*)  
Netherlands (*January*)  
India (*March*)  
Czech Republic (*April*)  
Ireland (*April*)  
Lithuania (*April*)  
Poland (*June*)  
Mauritius (*July*)  
New Zealand (*July*)  
Sri Lanka (*July*)  
Canada (*September*)  
South Africa (*October*)

## 2012

Finland  
Malta  
Rwanda  
India (*July*)  
Zimbabwe (*August*)

# Frequency of data collection

- **One-time data collection (7)**: Bermuda, Cyprus, Finland\*, Oman, Poland\*, Slovenia\*, Uganda\*
- **Annually (2)**: China, Mongolia
- **Every 2-4 years (7)**: Czech Republic, Fiji, Germany, Ivory Coast\*, Mozambique, Palestine, Uganda\*
- **Every 5-10 years (21)**: Aruba, Australia, Canada, Finland\*, Hungary, India\*, Ireland, Ivory Coast\*, Malta, Mauritius, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Poland\*, Rwanda, Singapore, Slovenia\*, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe
- **Undetermined (15)**: Egypt, France, Hong Kong SAR, India\*, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United States

\*Country has multiple data collection activities scheduled

# Sampling frame

- Most recent or upcoming Census
- Country population registries
- Government administrative records
- Respondents identified as having a 'disability' during previous data collection
- Physician or long-stay facility patient lists

# Sample size

## Persons:

300: Bermuda (blind or legally blind)

1,000-8,000: Hungary, Italy (disabled), Kazakhstan, Malta

10,000-24,000: China (disabled), Czech Republic (disabled),  
Finland, New Zealand, Poland (disabled)

48,000-107,000: Aruba, Australia, Canada,

1-5 million: Ireland, Israel, Mauritius

7-8 million: Poland

48 million: South Africa

## Households:

1-4%: Fiji, Germany

3,200-8,000: Lithuania, Slovenia, Uganda

12,600-25,000: Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Palestine, Poland,  
Sri Lanka

50,000-95,000: Oman, Spain

2.7 million: Mexico

19 million: Philippines

# Mode of data collection

Face to face Interview	Self-completed questionnaire	Telephone Interview	Direct Observation and Measurement (examination)	Other	Administrative Records
35	8	8	1	6	18

Number of countries

# Languages in which survey offered/administered

- Arabic (4)
- Chinese (1)
- English (with translation) (21)
- Dutch (2)
- French (4)
- German (2)
- Greek (1)
- Italian (1)
- National or Local Language (26)
- Portuguese (1)
- Spanish (7)

# Other national activities related to disability data collection

- The Joint WG/ESCAP Project
- European Disability Social Integration Module (EDSIM) Project
- Training for data collectors and analysis
- National Database of Disabled Persons
- Dissemination and publication of disability data
- Census Pilot Survey
- Cognitive and field testing of proposed Census questions