Disability statistics in Palestine
1996-2019

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Disability Statistics/Palestine; PCBS

- Disability statistics is a part of health statistics.
- Palestine started data collection on disabled people since 1996.
Data collection

Censuses and household Surveys

• The first Palestinian Census, 1997:
## Does (person) have disability

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<td>9. Grasping disability?</td>
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<td>10. Other disability?</td>
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### Notes
- **Answers**
  - 1. YES
  - 2. NO
2000 - 2019

• PCBS Continued data collection on Disabled using recommended short set list of questions of Washington group.
• Census rounds 2007, 2017; count and characteristics.
State of Palestine

(Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS

Disability in Palestine

Disabled count in Palestine, census Rounds

1997: 46,068
2007: 69,604
2017: 92,710
Prevalence of Disability in Palestine

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Household surveys:

- Health surveys and MICS since 1996
- LFS; Q2 2016
- Domestic Violence Survey, 2019
- Child module of disability, MICS; Dec. 2019
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<td>1. <strong>No difficulty</strong></td>
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<td>2. Hearing disability even if using a hearing aid</td>
<td>2. <strong>Some difficulty</strong></td>
<td>2. Locality Type (Urban, Rural, Camps)</td>
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<td>4. remembering and concentration disability?</td>
<td>4. <strong>Cannot at all</strong></td>
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Violence Survey Methodology 2019

Targeted population: Disabled and not disabled Males and Females

- Children 0-11 years
- Children 12-17 years
- Married and Ever married 14-64
- Unmarried 18-64
- Elderly 65+
Sample size: 12941 households
Questionnaire; 8 sections Covering:
• Household members socio-economic characteristic
• Housing conditions
• Exposure to violence: Physical, psychological, sexual, social and economic, electronic, and communication
• Violence inside outside household
• Who practice violence against members

Advantages and challenges
• No one left behind
• Continue breaking ice on sensitive issues
• Involving Disabled in Statistical work
• Not proxy
• Time series statistics : Evidence-based results for policy making
Challenges

- Heavy burden on respondent
- Finding eligible disabled for field work
- Stigma
- Privacy of the interview
- Long field work time and high cost
- Not proxy interview: Availability of targeted person
Dissemination

• Web site
• Audio-visual techniques and data visualization.
• Social media; face book, twitter, linkedin and instgram.
• Statistical Atlas
Networking and Participation

- MOU’s with disabled institutions for data dissemination.
- Joint work and partnership with MoH and MoSD and MoWA in data collection and dissemination.
- Involving disabled in training field workers.
- Involving disabled themselves in field work and dissemination of results.
Concluding remarks

- Data sets on disabled is available for public use; census rounds and household surveys since 1996.
- Law of disabled is drafted for approval.
- Involving disabled in the statistical work.
- National Consensus toward working on SDGs
Thank you