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IS Goal 8: IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY AND COMPARABILITY OF DISABILITY DATA

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Targets of IS Goal 8

- **Target 8.A**
Produce and disseminate reliable and internationally comparable disability statistics in formats that are accessible by persons with disabilities
- **Target 8.B**
Establish reliable disability statistics by the midpoint of the Decade, 2017, as the source for tracking progress towards the achievement of the goals and targets in the Incheon Strategy

Data availability

The Indicators of Goal 8 are

- Disability prevalence based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) by age, sex, race and socioeconomic status.
- Number of Governments in the Asia-Pacific region that have established, by 2017, baseline data for tracking progress towards achievement of the Incheon goals and targets.
- Availability of disaggregated data on women and girls with disabilities in mainstream development programmes and government services, including health, and sexual and reproductive health, programmes.

Sources of data on disability in India

- Census gives data on prevalence of disability; the latest available data is for 2001. The results of Census 2011 are under processing.
- Socio – economic caste census is ongoing and the results are awaited.
- Surveys – Latest nation wide survey was in 2002 by National Sample Survey Office – data on prevalence of disability, marital status, literacy, activity status, type of living arrangement etc.

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Good practices in data collection

- Census 2011 –Improved the questions to elicit actual data, special training to investigators to canvass the sensitive questions
- Included the question on disability in the ongoing Socio Economic Caste Census to collect more detailed data on disability

Lessons Learnt

- Uniformity in definition is most essential for reliable and comparable data.
- Better specialised training to investigators to avoid under –enumeration problems.
- Improve administrative data records for assessing the services in place for disabled persons.



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