

Incheon Strategy Indicators_Goal 8

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Goal 8: Improve the reliability and comparability of disability data

Target	#	Indicators	Status	Source
Target 8.A Produce and disseminate reliable and internationally comparable disability statistics in formats that are accessible by persons with disabilities	8.1	Disability prevalence based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) by age, sex, race and socioeconomic status	Data available from DHS 2009. Data only showed for broad age groups. Analysis was not done by sex, socioeconomic status	DHS, HIES 2015
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	8.2	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	Enhance the register at NSPA (Incorporate WG Questions in Application form . The registers could be linked to surveys conducted (but if approved) to establish the baseline data.	DHS, HIES, NSPA
	8.3	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	Data available from DHS 2009.	DHS, HIES 2015

Demographic Health Survey (DHS) 2009

- The 2009 MDHS was designed to provide data to monitor the population and health situation.
- Four questionnaires were used for the 2009 MDHS: the Household Questionnaire, the Women's Questionnaire, the Men's Questionnaire, and the Youth Questionnaire.
- The Household Questionnaire was designed to collect information on characteristics of the household's dwelling unit. Topics added to this reflect issues relevant in the Maldives include physical disability among those age 5 and older, developmental disability among young children.

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- The domains inquired about are those recommended by the Washington Group on Disability Statistics (Washington Group on Disability Statistics, 2006) and include vision, hearing, communicating, remembering, mobility, and self-care.
- Respondents were asked to report for each household member age 5 years and older whether the person is able to perform those functions with no difficulty, only with some difficulty, with a lot of difficulty, or not at all.

DHS 2009

Table 2.14 Disability

Percentage of de-facto household members age 5 and above with a disability, by specific age groups, Maldives 2009

	Level of functioning		
	Some difficulty	Lot of difficulty	Cannot do at all
ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AGE 5 AND ABOVE			
Function domain			
Vision	13.2	4.7	0.2
Hearing	4.0	1.5	0.2
Communicating	2.5	1.1	0.5
Remembering	6.4	2.3	0.4
Mobility	7.4	4.0	0.6
Self-care	1.6	1.1	0.6
Prevalence of at least one function being reported at the specified level of functioning	22.0	9.6	1.3
Number of household members	35,691	35,691	35,691

Census taking in Maldives

- A population census was taken for the first time in the year 1911.
- The first modern type census was conducted in 1977.
- The new quinquennial series began in 1985 followed by 1990, 1995 and then in 2000. However, the 2005 census was delayed to 2006 due to the Tsunami. (6 years)
- Next Census will be conducted in 20-27 September 2014. (8 years after previous census)

Disability Question in Census 2000

- Do you have Disability?

1. Yes 

2. No

- Hearing
- Inability to Work
- Limps
- Sight
- Dump or inability to talk
- Mental illness

Population and Housing Census 2014

- Preparation for census 2014 started with a data users workshop ; finalizing the Questions based on the areas of concern; such as Disability, Increasing number of Expatriates and Educational issues etc.
- Collecting information from expatriates is one of the aim of census 2014 (quarter of total population)
- 3 questionnaires will be used for the 2014 census:
 - Household Information (25Questions)
 - Individual Information (47 Questions)
 - Online Questionnaire for Maldivian Citizens living abroad (32 Questions)

Experience_ Pretesting Questionnaire

- The first draft of Questionnaire was pretested including the WG Short-Set Questions for both locals and for foreigners.
- Difficulties faced during the pretest.
 - For expatriates questions were asked in broken Dhivehi (Local Language), since DNP had been seeking assistance from the High commissions for translation of Questionnaires. So far No translation received.
 - As a result of not having translated questionnaires most of the time took on disability questions.
 - It was decided not to ask disability questions for foreigners.
 - Getting technical assistance from the UNFPA consultant, advised to treat with the same questionnaire for both locals and foreigners.

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- Most crucial is proper training should be given to enumerators since disability is a very sensitive area and we do not have enough staff trained in the area of Disability. (for the WG pilot test training was given by WG experts).
 - Different ways of understanding the methodology of data collection arose at the Census questionnaire finalization meetings.
- Not having a proper manual for collecting disability information. Manual by WG, not very clear as some have different ways of understanding the methodology of data collection.



Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES)

- Due to these reasons it was decided to remove the disability questions from the census and to include a module in the Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2015
- HIES of the Maldives 2009-2010, collected detailed information on the expenditure, income, demographic and socio-economic characteristics from local households living in the administrative islands of the country.
- It is the second such nationwide survey conducted by the Statistics Division of the Department of National Planning and is planned to be conducted every five years on a regular basis..

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- Disability module and a labour force module is planned to incorporate in next HIES 2015. The survey analysis provides important indicators on poverty measures.
- Advantages_ HIES 2015
 - Some of the important Incheon strategy indicators can be generated such as poverty, employment, Education etc,
 - Time to train more staff in the subject matter, seek Technical Assistance, etc.
- With the new Government, IF no census in 2014_ HIES and DHS would be the best to cater, generating disability statistics.
- If government decides for a register based census, strengthening the register at the NSPA may help getting a baseline by 2017.



Thank you!!!!