

Background to the Pacific Group on Disability Statistics(PGDS)

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- At least **1.5 million Pacific Islanders** are living with some form of disability.
- Persons with disabilities in the Pacific are **amongst the poorest and most marginalised** in their communities.
- They are **overrepresented** among those living in poverty and **underrepresented** in social, economic and public life, including in national decision-making.
- Evidence shows that **women with disabilities** face unique, individualised **barriers** compared to both men with disabilities and people without disabilities.
- Despite the Convention of The Rights for People with Disabilities (CRPD) stating that **people with disabilities hold the same human rights as those without disabilities**, all too often their access to education, employment, healthcare and social protection is **not equal**.
- The establishment of the Pacific Group on Disability Statistics will facilitate increased collaboration amongst statistical and disability stakeholders in the production and use of disability statistics for forming and evaluating policy.

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People with disabilities have the same general health care needs as others

But they are:

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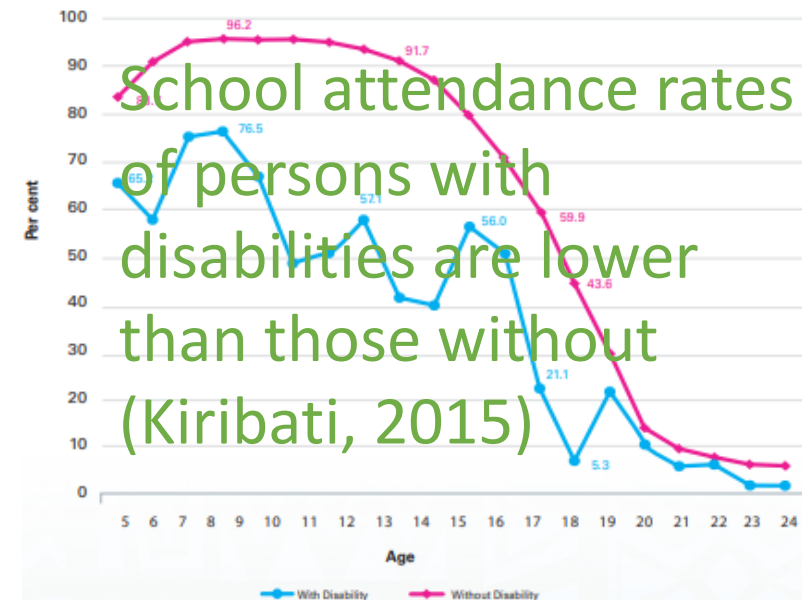
more likely to find health care providers' skills and facilities **inadequate**

3x

more likely to be **denied** health care

4x

more likely to be treated **badly** in the health care system



Pacific Sustainable Development Indicators

| Goal | Indicator |
|------|---|
| 1 | 1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable |
| 4 | 4.5.1 Parity indices (female/male, rural/urban, bottom/top wealth quintile and others such as disability status, indigenous peoples and conflict-affected, as data become available) for all education indicators on this list that can be disaggregated |
| 4 | 4.a.1 Proportion of schools with access to: (a) electricity; (b) the Internet for pedagogical purposes; (c) computers for pedagogical purposes; (d) adapted infrastructure and materials for students with disabilities; (e) basic drinking water; (f) single-sex basic sanitation facilities; and (g) basic handwashing facilities (as per the WASH indicator definitions) |
| 8 | 8.5.1 Average hourly earnings of female and male employees, by occupation, age and persons with disabilities |
| 8 | 8.5.2 Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities |
| 10 | 10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by sex, age and persons with disabilities |
| 16 | 16.7.2 Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group |



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History

- In 2001, the Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) was constituted to address the global need for cross-nationally comparable population based measures of disability.
- In 2013, the 4th Regional Conference of the Head of Planning and Statistics (HOPS) recommended the improvement and standardisation of the collection and compilation of disability statistics in the Pacific region.
- In 2016, a regional workshop was held to strengthen capacity to collect and use disability statistics. At this workshop, it was first proposed that group focused on disability statistics be established. Ongoing discussions in this regard occurred at subsequent workshops in 2017 and 2018.
- From 2018 to 2020, UNICEF and SPC collaborated in the implementation of the DFAT funded Pacific Disability Program where significant progress occurred in the production, analysis and dissemination of disability statistics, and the strengthening of partnerships amongst statistical and disability stakeholders – many who are members of PGDS.
- In 2020, the establishment of the PGDS was formalised during a regional workshop where the Terms of Reference were drafted and the membership and scope of work defined.

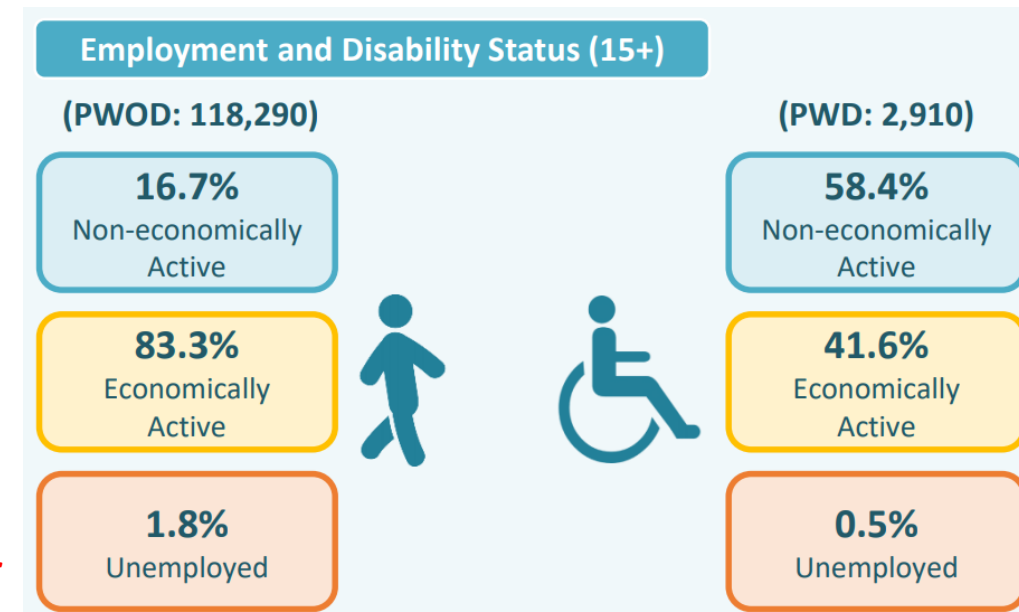
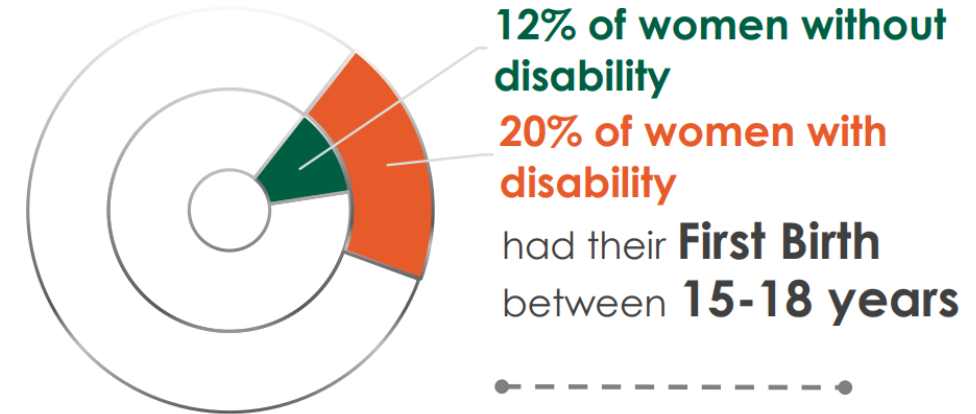


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Membership

- Representatives of national statistics agencies of the 22 Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs).
- Representatives of national ministerial disability focal points.
- Representatives of disabled people's organisations.
- Representatives of regional and international organisations.

Source: Samoa Population and Housing Census (2016)



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Scope of work

- The scope of work for the PGDS will be to support PICTs in the production and use of reliable, valid and comparable disability statistics through facilitation, cooperation, engagement and capacity building, including through Peer-to-Peer collaboration. The focus of PGDS is on disability statistics, however it will also include other intersectional interests, such as, women and gender.
 - ✓ **Enhance cooperation and facilitation:** identify focal points; establish a network and database of key stakeholders.
 - ✓ **Engage stakeholders:** set routine meeting schedule for key stakeholders; map disability data availability along with the methodology or tools used for collection; undertake SWOT analysis in each country to identify needs and capacity gaps.
 - ✓ **Strengthening capacity:** provide training in data collection, analysis and dissemination using the Washington Group tools; support cross-country collaboration (incl. Peer-to-Peer); standardize analytical tools and methods with the goal of delivering standard dissemination products.



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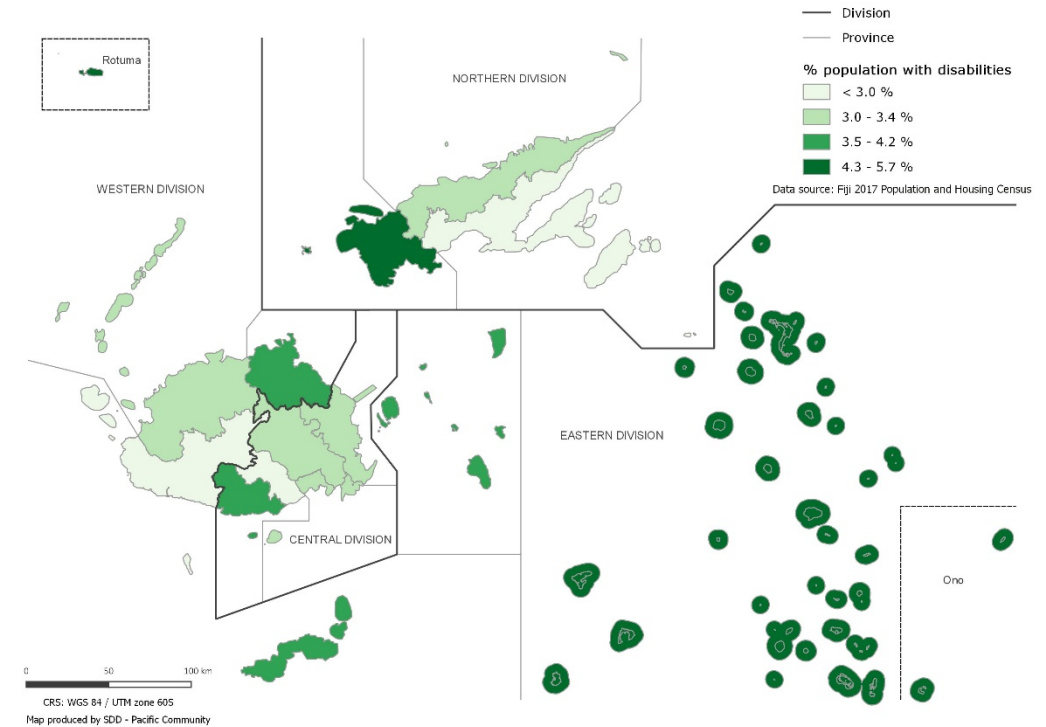
Anticipated outputs

- All censuses and nationally representative surveys conducted in the region include the WG tools. Resulting data are analysed in a consistent and uniform manner.
- Results are disseminated according to region-specific framework by 2030.
- A Regional Guidebook to Improve Disability Data Collection and Analysis in the Pacific region.
- A regional Disability Monograph is generated by 2030.



Expectations from the meeting

- Background to the WG tools.
- Lessons learned from statistical agencies who have implemented the WG tools and analysed the data.
- Sharing of experience of DFP/DPOs in the use of disability statistics in policy and planning.
- Knowledge sharing from regional and international organisations and partners.
- Discussion on PGDS's TOR.



Disability prevalence rate, by province (Fiji, 2017)



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