

# Summary of Annual Activities Related to Disability Statistics

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# Responding Countries (n= 42)

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**Africa/Middle East (9):** Egypt, Israel, Lesotho, Oman, Palestine, Togo, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zambia

**Asia/Pacific (12):** Australia, Cambodia, China, China (Hong Kong SAR), China (Macao), Japan, Korea, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka

**Europe (14):** Armenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey

**North/South America (7):** Aruba, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Peru, St. Maarten, United States

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# New or updated information for 2012

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## **New information (20):**

Australia, Cambodia, Canada, China (Hong Kong SAR), Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, Korea, Lesotho, Mongolia, Norway, Palestine, Peru, St. Maarten, Sri Lanka, Togo, Turkey, Yemen, Zambia

## **Update of information provided previous year (11):**

Bermuda, China, Denmark, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Spain

## **No update from previous year's report (11):**

Armenia, Aruba, China (Macao), France, Germany, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United States

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# Use of the WG short set of questions: Most recent census

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- Was the short set of Washington Group questions on disability included on the most recent round of the national census?

Yes	26.2%	(11)
No	69.0%	(29)
NR	4.8%	(2)

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# Countries indicating that the WG short set of questions were included in the most recent census round

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1. Aruba
  2. Croatia
  3. Israel
  4. Italy
  5. Oman
  6. Palestine
  7. Peru
  8. Philippines
  9. St. Maarten
  10. Sri Lanka
  11. Turkey
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## Countries using the WG short set or some variant in the most recent census cycle\* (n=32)

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Argentina

Kazakhstan

Rwanda

Aruba

Malawi

St. Maarten

Bangladesh

Mexico

South Africa

Brazil

Mozambique

Sri Lanka

Chad

Netherlands

Tanzania

Costa Rica

Oman

Tunisia

Croatia

Palestine

Turkey

Fiji

Paraguay

Uganda

Israel

Peru

Vietnam

Italy

Philippines

Zimbabwe

Ivory Coast

Poland

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\*Based on information obtained from 2009 - 2012 country reports

# Use of WG short set of questions: Previous data collection

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- 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 52.4% (22)

No 47.6% (20)

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# Countries that have previously used the WG short set in a previous national data collection activity

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1. Armenia
  2. Aruba
  3. Bermuda
  4. Cambodia
  5. Canada
  6. China (Hong Kong SAR)
  7. Egypt
  8. France
  9. Hungary
  10. Israel
  11. Japan
  12. Mexico
  13. Mongolia
  14. Oman
  15. Palestine
  16. Peru
  17. Philippines
  18. St. Maarten
  19. Sri Lanka
  20. Turkey
  21. United States
  22. Zambia
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## Reason short set of WG questions were not included

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- **WG questions were not finalized when last census or data collection was conducted** (*Australia, United States*)
  - **Required to use the same questions that were used in previous censuses or data collections** (*Australia, Canada, Italy, Korea, Poland, Sweden, Yemen*)
  - **Not aware of the WG questions when planning previous data collection** (*Croatia, Lesotho, Yemen*)
  - **Disability questions are not asked on population census** (*China - Hong Kong SAR, France, Japan, Lithuania, Spain*)
  - **Disability is defined by other sources - administrative records, established surveys, and law** (*China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden*)
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# Reason short set of WG questions were not included - *continued*

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- **Respondents had difficulty understanding questions during pilot tests** (*Lithuania*)
  - **Too expensive to add additional questions to census** (*Lithuania*)
  - **Too many questions** (*China – Macao, New Zealand, Togo*)
  - **A subset of the 6 questions were used** (*Israel*)
  - **Questions similar to the WG short set have been used or will be used in the future** (*Denmark, Hungary, Mexico, Norway, United States*)
  - **WG short set may be included in future census or data collection activities** (*Australia, Canada, France, St. Maarten, Singapore, Sweden, Togo*)
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Upcoming national data collection  
activities related to disability statistics

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# Types of data collection activities

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<b>Types of upcoming national data collection activities reported</b> (number of countries)	
<b>Census</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Survey</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Administrative Records</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Census &amp; Administrative Records</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Survey &amp; Administrative Records</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>No upcoming data collection activities</b>	<b>5</b>

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# Mode of data collection

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<b>Mode of data collection reported</b> (number of countries)	
<b>Face to Face Interview</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Administrative Records</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Self-completed Questionnaire</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Telephone Interview</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Direct Observation and Measurement (Examination)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Electronic Form or Questionnaire (via Internet)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Physician completed Questionnaire based on patient's medical records</b>	<b>1</b>

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# Date of next data collection

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## 2012

Canada

China

Denmark

Egypt

Hungary

Italy

Norway

Palestine

Peru

Spain

## 2013

China (Hong Kong SAR)

Czech Republic

Israel

New Zealand

Oman

St. Maarten

Togo

Yemen

Zambia

## 2014

Lithuania

Poland

Sweden

## 2015

Australia

Korea

Norway

## 2020

Philippines

# Frequency of data collection

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**One-time data collection (3):** Denmark\*, France, Zambia

**Ongoing (4):** Croatia\*, Sweden\*, United States, Yemen

**Annually (3):** China, Israel, Sweden\*, United Kingdom

**Every 2-4 years (4):** Australia, Czech Republic, Denmark\*, Germany

**Every 5-10 years (16):** Canada, China (Hong Kong SAR), China (Macao), Croatia\*, Egypt, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, Philippines, Poland, Sri Lanka

**Undetermined/Not specified (8):** Aruba, Cambodia, Lesotho, Oman, Peru, St. Maarten, Spain, Togo

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\*Country has multiple data collection activities scheduled with different frequency intervals

# Sampling Frame

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- **Most recent or upcoming Population Census** (France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Oman, Palestine, Peru, Sri Lanka, Togo, United States, Yemen, Zambia)
  - **National Population or Housing Registries** (Cambodia, China – Hong Kong SAR, China – Macao, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, St. Maarten, Spain, Sweden)
  - **National Household or Labor Force Survey** (Canada, Egypt)
  - **Government administrative records** (China – Hong Kong SAR)
  - **Respondents identified as having a *disability* during a previous data collection** (China)
  - **Multi-stage sampling** (Australia, Italy)
  - **Stratified cluster sampling** (Korea)
  - **Random sampling** (Denmark, United States)
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# Sample Size

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## Persons:

4,850: **Lithuania**  
6,500: **Norway**  
9,400: **Denmark**  
9,400: **Israel**  
10,000: **Czech Republic**  
10,893: **Hungary**  
20,000: **New Zealand**  
22,000: **Spain**  
42,780: **China**  
45,000: **Canada**  
101,484: **Aruba**  
92.1 million: **Philippines**

## Households:

1% : **Germany**  
3,500: **St. Maarten**  
4,000: **Egypt**  
14,440: **Yemen**  
48,000: **China (Hong Kong SAR)**  
24,000: **Poland**  
25,000: **Sri Lanka**  
60,000: **Italy**  
222,960: **Peru**  
270,000: **Japan**  
1.7 million: **Korea**

## Persons & Households:

14,640 HH (living households) + 3,000 persons (from collective households): **Oman**  
48,000 HH + 2,000 persons (institutionalized): **China (Hong Kong SAR)**

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# Language data collection activity will be administered

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**Arabic (5):** Egypt, Israel, Oman, Palestine, Yemen

**Chinese (3):** China ,China (Hong Kong SAR), China (Macao)

**English (with translation) (12):** Aruba, Australia, Canada, China (Hong Kong SAR), China (Macao), Denmark, Korea, New Zealand, Oman, Philippines, St. Maarten, United States

**French (3):** Canada, France, Togo

**German (2):** Germany, Italy

**Japanese (2):** China (Macao), Japan

**Korean (2):** China (Macao), Korea

**National or local language (16):** Aruba, Cambodia, Canada, China (Macao), Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Israel, Hungary, Lithuania, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Sri Lanka, Spain, Sweden

**Spanish (4):** Aruba, Peru, Spain, United States

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# Other national activities related to disability

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- Workshop on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
  - Training workshops related to disability data collection
  - Cognitive testing of disability questions
  - Development of new administrative records related to disability
  - Publication and dissemination of disability data and reports
  - Discussions with government agencies about future disability data collection activities
  - Evaluation of disability modules used in previous data collections
  - Discussions about linking disability survey data to administrative records
  - Pilot testing for upcoming censuses and surveys
  - Processing and analysis of recently collected survey and census data
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