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### Disability statistics in Palestine from MDGs to SDGs Mohammed Omari March 15, 2017



# Introduction

- PCBS mandate
- Disability is Worldwide issue
- Disabled are a vulnerable group
- Disability is a multidimensional issue
- Limited in terms of detailed data
- New concepts of disability
- Human Right issue





- International development Goals (MDGs vs SDGs).
- Partnership and networking



# Objective

• The study will shed lights on an important health issue of international concern through describing the status of disability statistics in Palestine since 1997 in terms of availability, scope and relation to MDGs and SDGs, Future statistical plans, providing and utilizing data.



# Methodology

- Used concepts and definitions
- Used methodology of data collection in surveys and censuses.
- Prevalence calculation
- International classifications :ICF vs ICIDH
- Analyzing available data; content and prevalence: household surveys and censuses data



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# **Disability Statistics**

- Disability statistics should not be limited to counting people only.
- Should consider performance, participation and impact of environment
- Determining the needs



## **Disability definition**

• PCBS is Committed to international definitions used at the reference period.



## **Disability and Development Goals**

- 2000-2015 the Millennium Development Goals.
- Persons with disabilities are not explicitly cited in the MDGs, they are not included clearly in any of the 8 Goals.
- monitoring and evaluation to measure the progress towards achievement of these goals, is a missed opportunity particularly with disability and disabled characteristics.



## **Disability Statistics/PCBS**

- Disability statistics is a part of health statistics
- Palestine started data collection on disabled people since 1996 (health survey), (the first census, 1997 and 2007).



## **Disability Development Goals**

- SDGs On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to be achieved by 2030.
- Disability is stated clearly in many goals.
- Needs: networking, joint work, international support



## **Disability and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

• Disabled are targeted directly in 5 goals of SDGs : education, employment, reducing inequalities, cities and population settlements, and international partnerships in implementation of activities.





### Status of disability statistics in Palestine

### The first Palestinian Census, 1997:



Does (person) have disability	Answers	Data disaggregated by
1. Seeing disability	1. YES	1. Region (West Bank,
2. Hearing disability	2. NO	Gaza Strip)
3. Speaking disability?		2. Governorate
4. Hearing and Speaking		3. Sex
disability?		4. Age
5. Mobility disability?		5. Marital Status
6. Mental disability?		6. Cause of disability
7. Mental and Mobility		7. Education
disability?		8. Economic status
8. Multiple disability?		
9. Grasping disability?		
10. Other disability?		

**Disability Prevalence 1997:** 1.8% of the Palestinians were disabled, of which 1.9% in the West Bank and 1.6% in Gaza Strip.



#### **MDGs: 2000 - 2015**

- PCBS Continued producing statistics on disability following international recommendation using the short and extended list of questions recommended by Washington group on disability.
- Disability was included is several household surveys and the second census 2007.



### **Palestinian Family Health Survey, 2006:**

- Disabled person whom suffer from severe and moderate disability.
- Following Washington group and WHO recommendations.



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Does (person) have disability	Answers	Data disaggregated by
<ol> <li>Vision disability</li> <li>Hearing disability</li> <li>Understanding and recognition disability?</li> <li>Mobility disability?</li> <li>Self-care disability?</li> <li>Communication(dealing with others)</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Yes, severe</li> <li>Yes, moderate</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Region (West Bank, Gaza Strip)</li> <li>Locality Type (Urban, Rural, Camps)</li> <li>Governorate</li> <li>Sex</li> <li>Age</li> <li>Marital Status</li> <li>Cause</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Economic status</li> </ol>

**Disability Prevalence 2006:** 2.7% of the Palestinians were disabled, of which 2.9% in the West Bank and 2.3% in Gaza Strip.



### **The second Palestinian Census 2007:**

- Prevalence of disability in the Palestinian Society was measured, using Washington group domains.
- Disabled person whom suffer from A lot of difficulty or Cannot at all .



Does (person) have difficulty	Answers	Data disaggregated by
<ol> <li>Vision disability even if wearing glasses?</li> <li>Hearing disability even if using a hearing aid</li> <li>Communication disability?</li> <li>remembering and concentration disability?</li> <li>walking or climbing steps?</li> <li>Self-care disability?</li> </ol>	2. Some difficulty	<ol> <li>Region (West Bank, Gaza Strip)</li> <li>Locality Type (Urban, Rural, Camps)</li> <li>Governorate</li> <li>Sex</li> <li>Age</li> <li>Marital Status</li> <li>Cause</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Economic status</li> </ol>

Disability Prevalence 2007: 3% of the Palestinians were disabled.



#### Working on SDGs

- PCBS will continue producing statistics on disability following international recommendation using the short and extended questions recommended by Washington group to follow SDGs.
- Disability will be included in several household surveys to achieve the SDGs targets.



### **Working on SDGs**

- In 2016 PCBS start pilot using WG short sets in the labor force survey and PECS and will be used in Violence survey.
- In 2017 the third Palestinian census also the short set of questions will be used.
- 2018 PCBS will conduct MICS6 and UNICEF modules of child disability will be used.



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### Limitations

- Social stigma
- Proxy interview
- Sample size
- Children Under 5 years



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# Concluding remarks

• Data sets on disabled is available from census rounds and household surveys since 1996.

- Available data covers both international classifications ICF(ICIDH-2) vs ICIDH.
- Consensus toward working on SDGs



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## Concluding remarks

 Disability questions will be included in periodic household surveys and census since 2017 for monitoring and evaluation of the SDGs.



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# Thank you