

Tanzania

SOURCE

Name of source: *Disability Survey 2008*

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Type of source: Household survey, Demographic and Health Survey, Special

Periodicity: First Round

Objectives: The 2008 Tanzania Disability Survey was the first of its kind to be conducted in the country. The major objective of the survey was to determine the prevalence of disability in the country. The survey also intended to determine living conditions among people with activity limitations. Information was collected from all selected households and individuals with and without disability and health difficulties. The major objective of the 2008 Tanzania Disability Survey was to determine the prevalence of disability in the country. The survey also intended to determine living conditions among people with activity limitations. It is anticipated that results generated from 2008 Tanzania Disability will contribute to the improvement of the living conditions among people with activity limitations in Tanzania; initiate a discussion on the concepts and understanding of 'disability' and monitor the impact of government policies, programmes and donor support on the well being of the population with activity limitations.

COVERAGE

Disabilities: Identification of personal with difficulties, functioning, causes and history of difficulties, awareness and/or needs of services, education, employment and income, assistive devices

Population groups:

Total population covered: Persons aged 15 years and above and children aged 0-14 years from sampled households nationally

Economic activities: Na

Sectors covered: Na

Labour force status: Na

Status in Employment: Na

Geographic areas: National coverage, Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar

Establishments: NR

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Term used to denote 'disability': 'Person with difficulties'

Definition of this term: According to the convention 61/106 , ‘persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others’

Source of this definition: Definition and analysis of disability in this report is based on Convention 61/106 of the United Nations on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Questions used to identify persons with disabilities: ‘Do you have difficulty: seeing (even with the glasses if he/she wears them); hearing (even with a hearing aid, if he/she wears one); walking a kilometre or climbing a flight of steps; remembering and concentrating; daily self-care, such as washing or dressing; communicating in his/her usual language, including sign language (understanding others and being understood by others)?’ Possible answers: no, some, a lot, unable.

‘Does your physical environment (building, roads, pavements, etc.) or the attitudes of other people make it easier or more difficult for you to: join in community activities like anyone else can; taking care of you household responsibilities; in day-to-day work / schoolwork?’ Possible answers: easier, more difficult, sometimes easier and sometimes more difficult, don’t know.

‘In the past 12 months, how often: has the accessibility of transportation been a problem for you; has the information you wanted or needed not been available in a format you can use or understand; has the availability of health care services and medical care been a problem for you; did you need someone else’s help in your home and could not get it easily; did you need someone else’s help at school or work and could not get it easily; have other people’s attitudes toward you been a problem at home; have other people’s attitudes toward you been a problem at school or work?’ Possible answers: always, often, sometimes, seldom, never, NA, not specified, big problem, little problem.

‘Thinking about your general physical health (things like: sickness, illness, injury, disease etc.); mental health (things like: anxiety, depression, fear, fatigue, tiredness, hopelessness etc. How would you describe your overall physical health today?’ Possible answers: poor, not very good, good, very good, don’t know.

‘Do you have any health problem or disability?’ (the list is given in the questionnaire). Possible answers: yes, no. ‘What caused your difficulties?’

Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:

CLASSIFICATION

Classifications:

Cross-classifications:

REFERENCE PERIOD:

DISSEMINATION

National publications: Disability Survey Report 2008

Website: http://nbsgotz/tnada/indexphp/catalog/5/related_materials