

## *Zimbabwe*

### SOURCE

**Name of source:** 2006, Household survey

**Institution responsible for the statistics:** Progressio Zimbabwe in collaboration with NASCOH (the Zimbabwe National Association of Societies for the Care of the Handicapped).

**Type of source:** Multiple sources

**Periodicity:** Na

**Objectives:** The survey sought to collect information about the experience of people with disabilities in Zimbabwe and their views on what is needed to be done to improve the situation. Drawing on the survey findings, the objectives were to:

- Raise awareness on issues being faced by people with disabilities in Zimbabwe.
- Enable the Zimbabwean government, international NGOs and local service organisations to reframe their programmes and actions targeted toward people with disabilities so that they concentrate on the needs of disabled segment of the society.
- Developing coalitions, alliances, and special projects for the evolution of specialized institutions for people with disabilities, for example libraries, continuing education centres, alternative format publications centres, and disability offices in schools and tertiary institutions.

### COVERAGE

**Disabilities:** Polio victims, amputees, club feet, congenital deformity, paraplegia, speech impairments, hearing impairments, visually impaired, physically impaired, hemiparesis, mentally challenged, albinos

**Population groups:** Leaders of disabled people's organisations, individuals with disabilities and groups of people with disabilities (some of the respondents were able-bodied people who gave their opinions about their experience of working directly with people with disabilities, for example as directors, coordinators, teachers and treasurers of disability institutions).

**Total population covered:** Na

**Economic activities:** All economic activities

**Sectors covered:** All sectors

**Labour force status:** Employed persons, unemployed persons, persons not economically active

**Status in Employment:** Employees, employers, own-account workers, contributing family workers, members of producers' cooperatives

**Geographic areas:** Nine provinces of Zambia

**Establishments:** NR

**Other limitations:** No

## **TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Term used to denote 'disability':** 'Disability' or 'Disabled person'

**Definition of this term:** Disability is defined as 'any restriction or lack of ability to perform an activity in a manner or within a range considered normal for a human being'.

Disability is defined as 'a physical or mental condition, which makes it difficult or impossible for the person to fulfil his or her normal role in society'.

Disabled person is defined as 'a person with a physical, mental or sensory disability, including a visual, hearing or speech functional disability, which because of physical, cultural or social barriers inhibiting him/her from participating at an equal level with other members of the society, in activities, work, study that are open to other members of society'.

**Source of this definition:** WHO, Zimbabwe Department of Social Services, 1982, Zimbabwe Government, 1996

**Questions used to identify persons with disabilities:** The questions in the questionnaires define the causes of disability(ies) (e.g. disease, accident, abnormal birth, malnutrition, heredity, war), types of disability(ies) (e.g. polio victims, amputees, club feet, congenital deformity, paraplegia, speech impairments, hearing impairments, visually impaired, physically impaired, hemiparesis, mentally challenged, albinos); present the opinion(s) of able-bodied people on the basis of their experience of direct involvement with people with disabilities (e.g. as heads, coordinators, teachers and treasurers of disability institutions); provide information on the employment status of disabled people (e.g. employed, self-employed, student, unemployed, not active).

'Are people with disabilities accorded equal access to education compared to their able-bodied counterparts?' 'Do people with disabilities face any difficulties in attending mainstream educational institutions?' 'Are there equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities in Zimbabwe?' Possible answers: yes, no.

**Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:** Na

## **CLASSIFICATION**

**Classifications:** Sex, age, level of education, type of disability, employment status

**Cross-classifications:** No

**REFERENCE PERIOD:** Na

## **DISSEMINATION**

**National publications:** 'Living Conditions among People with Activity Limitations in Zambia, report SINTEF; People with disabilities in Zimbabwe: The forgotten tribe, Tsitsi Choruma

**Website:** <http://www.sintef.no/en/projects/studies-on-living-conditions>  
<http://www.progressio.org.uk/sites/default/files/Forgotten-tribe.pdf>