

Prevalence of Disability in Samoa

(Population 5+: 167,633)



How do we define Disability?

Disability is conceptualized as a continuum, from minor functional difficulties to severe difficulties that significantly impact one's life.

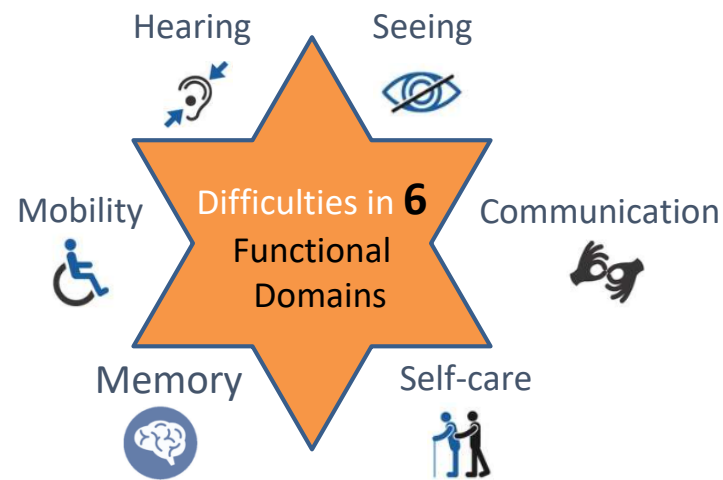
Washington Group (WG) recommend and use a cut-off point for disability as *"a lot of difficulty"* or *"cannot do at all"*

How do we collect and measure Disability?

(WG on Disabilities - methodology & recommendations (Short Set of questions))

Answer categories:

1. No difficulty
2. Some difficulty
3. A lot of difficulty
4. Cannot do at all 0



Degree of Difficulties at different cut off points:

- some difficulties (at least one domain is coded 2 or 3 or 4)
- a lot of difficulties (at least one domain is coded 3 or 4)
- cannot do at all (at least one domain is coded 4)



Disability Prevalence Rate for Samoa (population 5+) according to WG recommendation is **2.0%** (one in every fifty persons)

HIGH DISABILITY* PROFILE BY GENDER, AGE (50+) AND REGIONS

* Can not do at all

The prevalence of disability is higher among the age group 50+.

Across regions, Savaii has the largest disability percentage.

DOMAIN	SEX	AGE (50+)	REGION	REGION			
				AUA	NWU	ROU	SAVAII
SEEING	50%	60%	SEEING	15%	30%	26%	29%
HEARING	54%	55%	HEARING	13%	25%	28%	35%
MOBILITY	56%	74%	MOBILITY	14%	33%	25%	29%
MEMORY	54%	47%	MEMORY	11%	29%	26%	36%
SELF CARE	57%	64%	SELF CARE	13%	31%	26%	30%
COMMUNICATION	50%	36%	COMMUNICATION	12%	27%	26%	35%

BY DOMAINS AND DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY (5+)

