

Country Report on the Pre Test to Improve Disability Measurement Statistics

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Why Improvement is needed for Disability Statistics Measurements to Sri Lanka

- Past censuses collected disability information only from permanent disabled persons
- Increasing aged population
- Victims of civil war
- Increasing road accidents due to new roads (HI ways)
- To construct disabled free life expectancy

Pilot testing Extended set



Cognitive testing – To check people could understand the questions
Used Qnotes to enter data online

Field work - Interviewed 1000 individuals

Covered Urban , Rural and Estate sectors



Problems

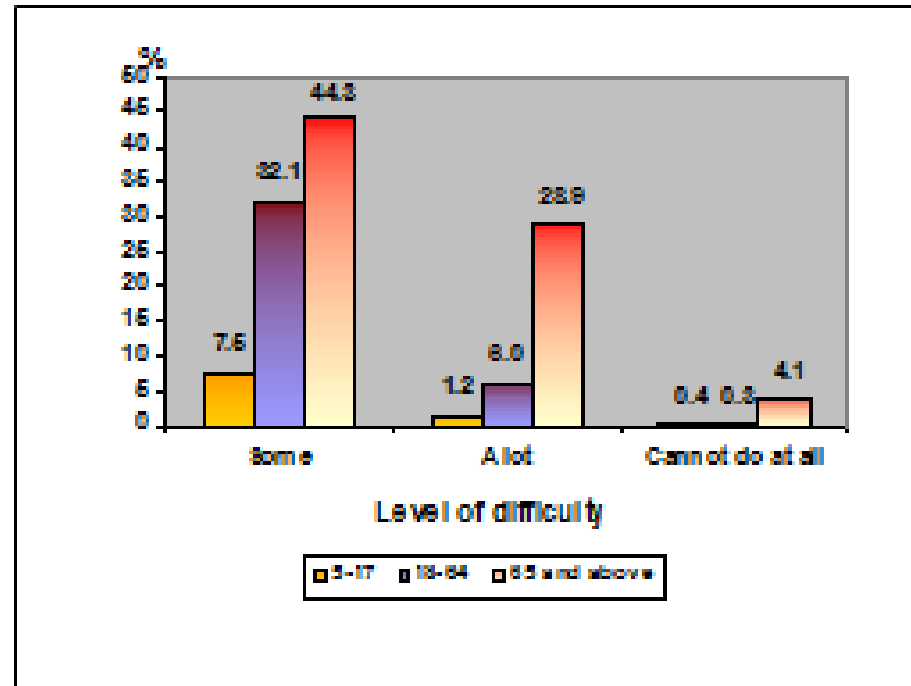
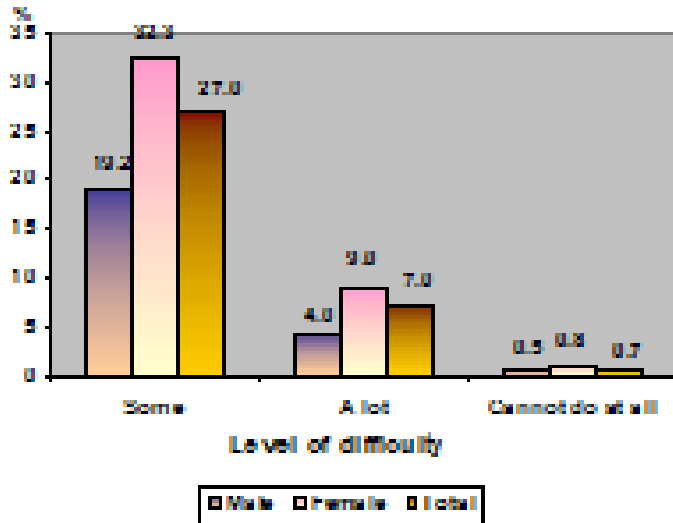
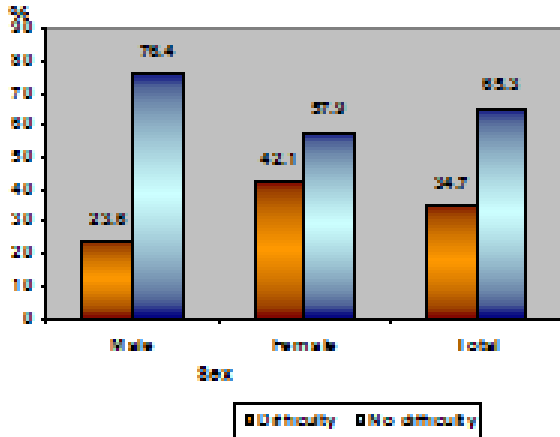
- Translation problems
- Vision : Eg. Do you have a problem in seeing, even if wearing glasses? It is better to ask do you wear glasses? Before that question.
- Unable to remember the age of on set where the difficulty occurred.
- 2 liter jar was not understood by some respondents. Better to use pot of water.
- The words anxiety and depression was not understood by respondents .
- Collecting information about the income was very difficult and some respondents could not read the card.
- The severity of the difficulty was difficult to answer for most of the time. They requested examples to explain them.

Results -% with any difficulties

Domain	% with any difficulty
Walking	35
Pain	31
Vision	27
Remembering	23
Anxiety	21
Hearing	12
Depression	12
Fatigue	11
Upper body	11
Learning	9
Communication	5

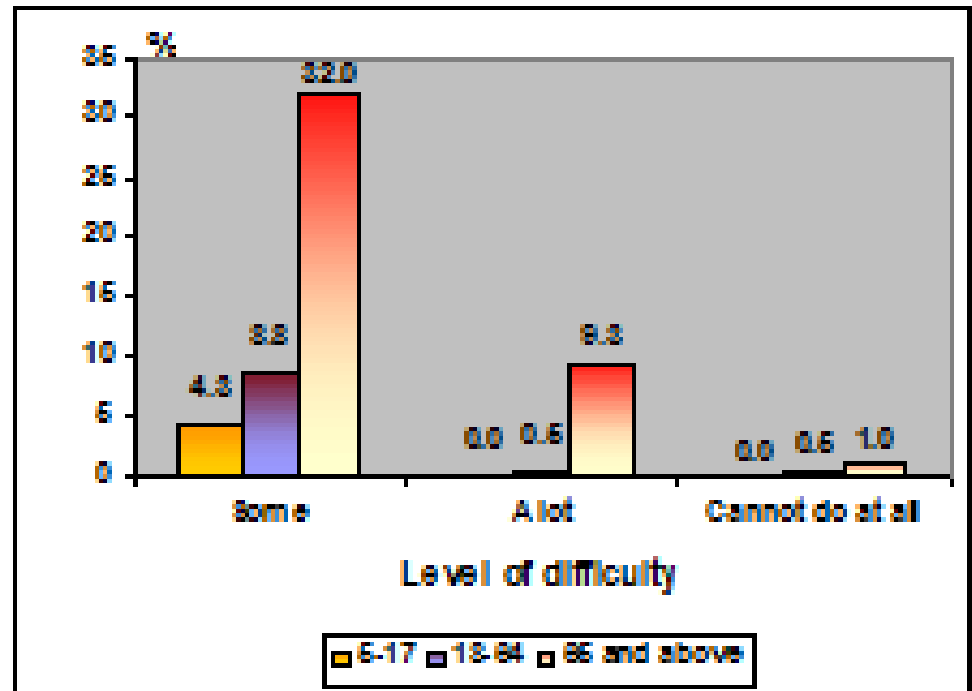
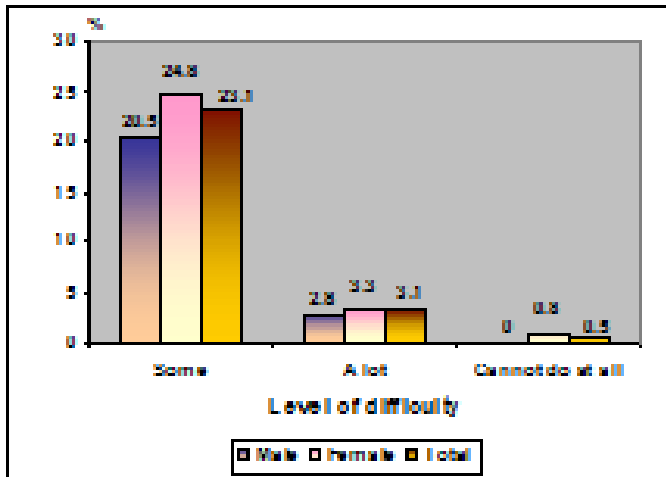
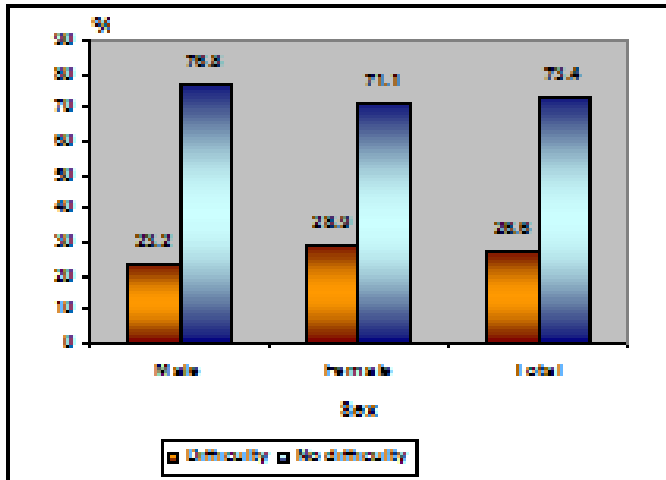
Walking

- On average, 65 percent reported as no difficulty in mobility while 35 percent reported that they have difficulty in walking.



Vision

- On average, 73 percent reported as no difficulty in seeing while 27 percent reported that they have difficulties in seeing.



Thoughts

- Sustainability of the activity
- Importance should be recognized by leaders/ heads etc.
- Use of data by respective authorities
- Publicity for the data
- Data analysis / Definitions