**ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND DISABILITY STATUS**

“Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all”

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### Employment Status

**POPULATION SUMMARY (15+)**

- **195,979** Samoa Total Population in 2016
- **121,200** Samoa Total Population (15+)
- **118,290** Persons Without Disability (PWOD)
- **2,910** Persons With Disability (PWD)

#### Employment and Disability Status (15+)

- **PWOD: 118,290**
  - **16.7%** Non-economically Active
  - **83.3%** Economically Active
  - **1.8%** Unemployed

- **PWD: 2,910**
  - **58.4%** Non-economically Active
  - **41.6%** Economically Active
  - **0.5%** Unemployed

Economically Active – employed (paid and unpaid) and unemployed persons
Non-economically Active – Not in labor force

#### Employment by sex

- **2,910** PWD (2%)
  - **5%** are male employees
  - **27%** are male employees
  - **3%** are female employees
  - **19%** are female employees

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### Occupational Status

**PERSONS WITH OCCUPATION (15+): 55,385**

- **0.7%** 409 PWD
- **99.3%** 54,976 PWOD

#### Type of Occupation (%)

- Skilled agriculture, livestock, forestry
  - With Disability (409)
  - Without Disability (54,976)

#### Employment and Occupation

**ANALYSIS:**

**Employment**

- Only **1 in 20** PWD is engaged in paid work compared to **1 in 4** PWOD.
- Males have a better chance of being engaged in paid work among persons with and without disabilities.

**Occupation**

- Most PWD are categorized in the skilled agriculture, livestock and forestry.
- PWD are less represented in the technical/associate professionals, clerical, machinery and elementary occupation.
- The data shows almost the same proportion, no matter the Disability status, in legislators and managers as well as professionals.

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS:**

1. Increase in awareness programs on accessibility for PWD in workplace
2. Equal social welfare protection
3. Effective consultations on ways to improve services in specific areas of profession
4. Encourage non discrimination within work services
5. Improve infrastructure for accessibility of persons with disability
6. Review Empowerment Employment policies for inclusiveness

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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics, Disability Monograph, 2018