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

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.

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BY DOMAINS AND DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY (5+)

- **Seeing**
  - At least some difficulties: 4.3%
  - At least a lot of difficulties: 0.7%
  - Cannot do at all: 0.2%

- **Hearing**
  - At least some difficulties: 2.5%
  - At least a lot of difficulties: 0.6%
  - Cannot do at all: 0.2%

- **Mobility**
  - At least some difficulties: 3.0%
  - At least a lot of difficulties: 1.0%
  - Cannot do at all: 0.4%

- **Memory**
  - At least some difficulties: 2.6%
  - At least a lot of difficulties: 0.6%
  - Cannot do at all: 0.2%

- **Self-care**
  - At least some difficulties: 2.3%
  - At least a lot of difficulties: 0.8%
  - Cannot do at all: 0.2%

- **Communication**
  - At least some difficulties: 1.9%
  - At least a lot of difficulties: 0.6%
  - Cannot do at all: 0.2%

Seeing domain has the highest percentage of people with 'at least some difficulties'.
Mobility domain has the highest percentage of people with 'at least a lot of difficulties'.
Mobility and Self-care domain have similar proportion of people with 'cannot do at all'.

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics, Disability Monograph, 2018