Profile of Women and Girls with Disabilities

Demographic characteristics of women and girls with disabilities

- They represent 4.8% of the female population of the country
- 1 in 2 persons with disabilities is a woman
- 4 out of 10 children with disabilities are girls
- Out of 10 women with disabilities:
  - 12% 1 is young (aged 18-34)
  - 71% 7 are adults of able bodied (aged 35 - 64)
  - 17% 2 are elderly (over 65 years old)
- Out of 10 women/girls with disabilities:
  - 1 woman (13%) maintains their work ability in a proportion of up to 20% (severe disability)
  - 7 woman (68%) between 25-40% (accustomed disability)
  - 2 woman (19%) between 45-60% (medium disability)

- 1 in 5 women with disabilities is unmarried (20%)

Source: NBS based on the data from the National Social Insurance House and National Council for Determining Disability and Workability (2014)

Education level and health condition of women with disabilities

- Out of 10 women aged 18+ with disabilities:
  - 4 do not have any professional training, finishing, at most, a gymnasium (37%)
  - 6 completed mainly a general secondary school or a lyceum (59%)
- 4 out of 10 women with disabilities have assessed their health condition as good or satisfactory (< 41%)
- Chronic diseases determine the occurrence of disability for 8 out of 10 women (< 82%)

Out of 10 girls with disabilities and special education needs, who go to school

- 8 attend mainstream schools (83%)
- 17% attend specialized schools
- 2 attend specialized schools

Source: NBS, Education Statistics (2014)
Employment of women with disabilities

- Only 1 in 10 women with disabilities is employed (10.9%)
  - Out of 10 employed women with disabilities:
    - 2 work as employees or contributing family workers (22%)
    - 8 work on their own account in agriculture (78%)
  - Out of employed women with disabilities:
    - In villages - 8 out of 10 work on their own account in agriculture (82%)
    - In towns - 4 out of 10 are employees (38%)

- Out of 10 registered unemployed women with disabilities:
  - 4 women have been employed (< 38%)
  - Almost all 10 women benefited from professional counselling or information (98%)


Welfare and living conditions of women with disabilities

Income sources for women with disabilities:

- The average disability pension covers 50% of the country’s minimum subsistence amount
- Social allocations account for 10%

Is poor

- 1 in 5 women with severe disability (< 19%)
- 1 in 10 women with medium disability (< 9%)

Households with women with disabilities

- 2 out of 3 households do not afford to eat meat or fish at least twice a week (67.2%)
- 4 out of 10 households do not afford to heat the dwelling sufficiently (43.5%)
- 1 in 4 households does not have money for procuring the necessary medicines (22.7%)
- 3 out of 10 households have a bathroom in the dwelling (31.7%)
- 4 out of 10 households have hot water (38.4%)

NBS, Household Budget Survey (2014)