
Subject: Re: India 2019-2021 Standard DHS survey
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You are correct that the information in NFHS-5 on disabilities does not follow the standard DHS practices. The NFHS-5 disability questions were decided on by the Government of India. You can find the NFHS-5 questionnaires in Volume 2 of the final report at here (https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR375/FR375_II.pdf). The relevant questions are in the Household Questionnaire (Questions 31-33). Question 31 asks whether any usual member of your household including yourself has any disability. Note that the respondent to the household questionnaire is included in that question. If there is one or more person with a disability, then Question 32 asks for the name and line number of each person with one or more disabilities. There are four lines in all, so if there are more than four usual residents of the household with a disability, only four persons are included. Finally, for each of the persons in Question 32, the questionnaire asks for each person with a disability (up to four persons), what type of disability the person has. The response categories are as follows:

HEARING A
SPEECH B
VISUAL C
MENTAL D
LOCOMOTOR E
OTHER F

For each person with a disability, one or more of the disabilities may be recorded. If code A is recorded, it means that the person has a hearing disability, but no information is requested about the seriousness of the hearing disability.
