HOW IS DISABILITY CONCEPTUALIZED IN THE MDS?

Disability is the outcome of an interaction between:

- individual’s health condition(s) or impairments
- the physical, human-built attitudinal and socio-political environment in which the person lives

HOW IS DISABILITY MEASURED IN THE MDS?

- General population survey (no preselection of people with disability)
- Biopsychosocial approach
- Targeted population survey (preselection of people with impairments)
- Impairment-focused approach
- The outcome is percentage of people with different types of disability
- The outcome is a scale ranging from no to very high levels of disability
- Cut-offs are applied to the scale to identify people with mild, moderate and severe disability