

MOBILITY CONSTRAINTS OF PWDs TO ACCESS SERVICES

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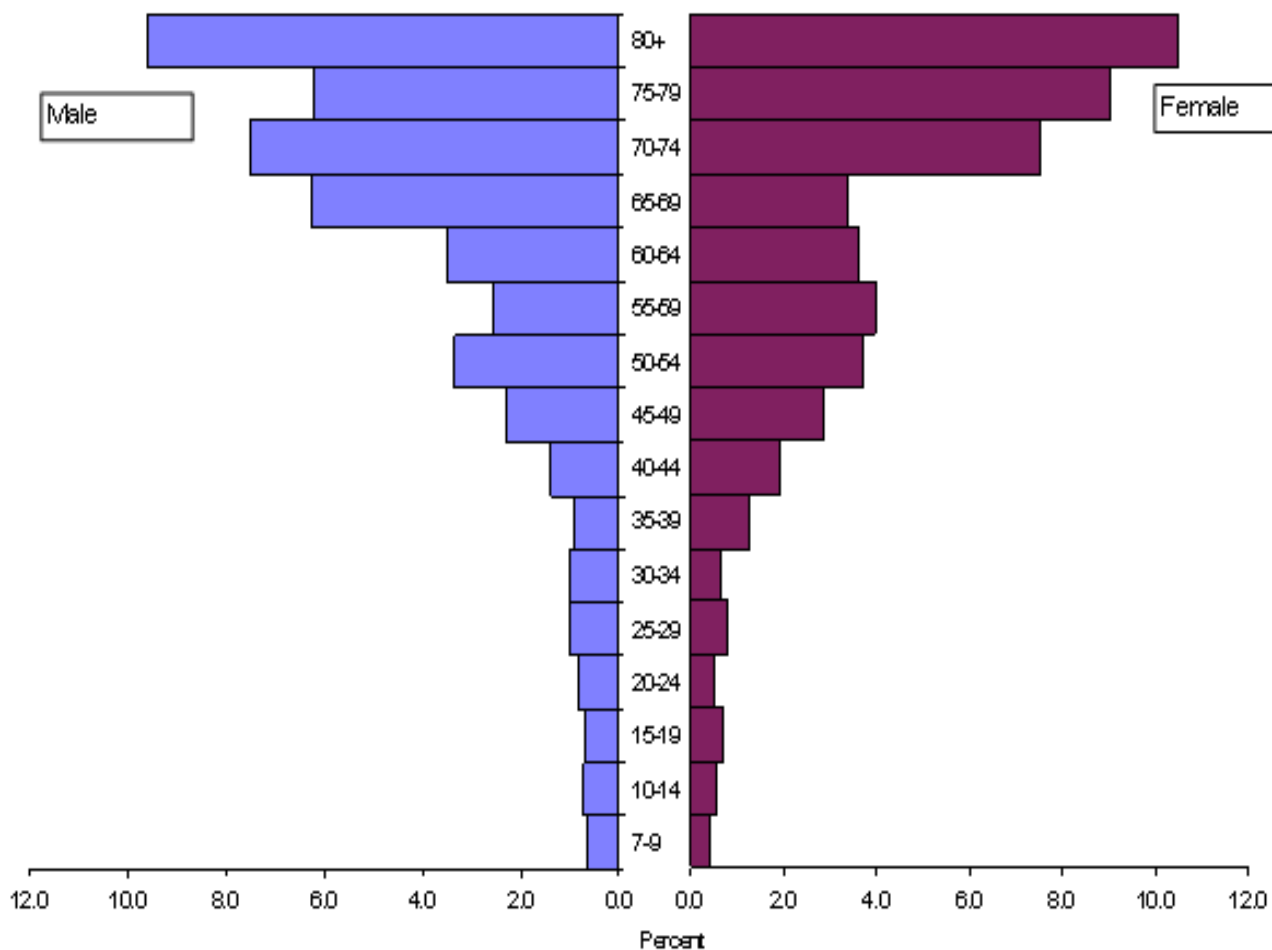
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A Decade ago WHO estimated that on average 10% of any population are PWDs
- In 2011 WHO in its “World Report on Disability” estimated that on average 15% of any population are PWDs
- In Tanzania, disability is more prevalent in the Mainland (13.3%) than in Zanzibar (9.3%)
[source: NBS, 2008-National Disability Survey]

WHY THIS TREND OF INCREASING DISABILITY?

1. Increased Elderly/Aging population (there is a directly link between aging and disability as shown in the figure below
2. Increasing chronic health conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, cancer and mental disorders
3. Wider causes of disabilities is a main contributing factor to this trend

Figure 1. Overall Percentages of Persons with Disabilities by Age and Sex (7 Years and older)



Source: 2008 Tanzania Disability Survey Key Results and Last Year GBS Review

Causes of disabilities in Tanzania

[Source. NBS-National Disability survey 2008)

Cause of disability	Percentage
Born with	9.1
Accident/injury	7.8
Medical treatment	4.0
Fire	1.0
Animal attack	2.6
Health conditions/diseases	43.5
Causes unknown	13.9
Old Age	5.1
More than One cause	13.0
Total	100

IMPLICATIONS OF THE ABOVE

- Everyone is a potential disabled person until our last day (on earth)
- Old Age is a result of success in life, and if successful and luck becomes our way, we will attain old age, thus increasing chances of becoming a PWD
- There is no single population in the world without the elderly and PWDs
- And therefore, PWDs and old age are part of human diversity

HOW TO ADDRESS MOBILITY CHALLENGES FACING PWDs AND THE ELDERLY

1. Understanding that old age and disability are part and parcel of human diversity
2. Understanding that attitudinal and environmental barriers are the biggest mobility constraints facing PWDs and the Elderly
3. That **Universal design (inclusive design)** is very vital in enhancing accessibility for all (OP, people without disabilities and PWDs)

UNIVERSAL DESIGN

- **Universal design** refers to broad-spectrum ideas meant to make buildings, products, goods, services, and environments accessible to all people “of all walks of life”
- Universal design emerged from the concepts of **barrier-free** environment, services, goods, systems etc. offering all equitable access, thus building inclusiveness in all human undertakings, leading to an inclusive society for all.

Thanks for your attention