The lack of data and information on disability is one of the major constraints in the design, planning, and implementation of policies and programmes targeting persons with disabilities.

In the case of OIC countries, the latest data for the percentage of persons with disabilities in total, male and female populations are available for only 16 out of 57 countries.

Overall, the percentage of persons with disabilities ranges from 0.4% of the total population in Qatar to 13.3% of the total population in Suriname across the OIC countries.

While estimates for males are higher in 8 OIC countries, estimates for females are higher in the remaining 8 OIC countries.

However, these estimates should be interpreted with caution due to different approaches used for estimating and measuring disability across the OIC countries.

Therefore, collaboration and coordination between international institutions and countries should be improved to measure more robust and comparable disability prevalence at global, regional and national levels.

Note: Data on persons with disabilities as % of population (total, male and female) across OIC countries are based on most recent year available from 2005 to 2018.

Source: Data extracted on 10/02/2021 from the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Disability Statistics (DISTAT) Database.