**HOW IS DISABILITY CONCEPTUALIZED IN THE MDS?**

Disability is the outcome of an interaction between:

- The physical, human-built environment in which the person lives
- The person's health condition(s) or impairments

**HOW IS DISABILITY MEASURED IN THE MDS?**

- **Targeted population survey (preselection of people with impairments)**
  - Targeted population survey
  - Impairment-focused approach
  - The outcome is percentage of people with different types of disability
  - Cut-offs are applied to the scale to identify people with mild, moderate and severe disability

- **General population survey (no preselection of people with disability)**
  - General population survey
  - Biopsychosocial approach
  - The outcome is a scale ranging from no to very high levels of disability

**TYPICAL DISABILITY SURVEYS**

- **% mental disability**
- **% sensory disability**
- **% physical disability**
- **% intellectual disability**