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## Social Aspects

### International Day of Disabled Persons - 2006

*There were 9,063 persons registered as having disabilities in 2005.*

According to the register of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities there were 9,063 persons with disabilities in 2005. Of these, 55 per cent were men/boys. Nearly half were aged 60 years or over whilst 11 per cent were under 20 years of age.

The majority of disabilities were physical. Less common but still significant were intellectual disabilities and impaired sight.

According to administrative data forwarded by schools, there were 2,393 students with special needs during the 2004/05 academic year. A minority of these, 10 per cent, were attending Government schools for persons with special needs. More than half the children attending these schools were aged 15 years and over. These schools employed a total of 148 persons in 2005, of which nearly 40 per cent were kindergarten assistants.

Of students with special needs who were in mainstream education, 41 per cent were enrolled at Church and independent schools. These schools employed a total of 285 facilitators. Government schools, on the other hand, employed 508 facilitators.

The number of persons with disabilities on part 1 of the Unemployment Register kept by the Employment and Training Corporation has increased by 23 over 2003 to reach 328 in 2005.

Government expenditure on social benefits for disability and health-related problems has increased by 12 per cent over the past three years and amounted to Lm20 million in 2005 ■

## Theme: Population and Social Conditions

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**Table 1. Number of persons with disabilities by age and sex: 2005**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Total</b>
0-4	53	37	90
5-9	147	97	244
10-14	183	128	311
15-19	195	115	310
20-24	216	132	348
25-29	225	158	383
30-34	202	143	345
35-39	183	153	336
40-44	254	170	424
45-49	321	212	533
50-54	347	236	583
55-59	430	281	711
60-64	380	236	616
65-69	361	288	649
70-74	372	368	740
75-79	385	441	826
80-84	324	435	759
85+	345	453	798
Unknown	-	-	57
<b>Total*</b>	<b>4,923</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>9,063</b>

\* Table total also includes the number of persons for which information on age and sex is not available

**Table 2. Type of registered disabilities**

<b>Type of Impairment</b>	<b>Year</b>
	<b>2005</b>
Physical	5,338
Intellectual	1,895
Psychological	849
Sight	1,127
Hearing	986

Note: This table includes cases of individuals with multiple disabilities

Table 3. Students with special needs by age and sex: 2005

Age	Special schools			Mainstream education									Total		
				Government Kindergarten and Primary schools			Government Secondary schools and Trade schools			Church and Independent Private schools					
	boys	girls	total	boys	girls	total	boys	girls	total	boys	girls	total	boys	girls	total
0-4	4	2	6	44	24	68	-	-	-	13	9	22	61	35	96
5-9	12	15	27	394	169	563	-	-	-	224	105	329	630	289	919
10-14	56	20	76	183	62	245	222	66	288	196	242	438	657	390	1,047
15-19	56	37	93	-	-	-	65	34	99	39	51	90	160	122	282
20 +	23	26	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	26	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>2,393</b>

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Table 4. Teaching staff in Government special schools: 2003-2005

Grade	2003			2004			2005		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Head of School	3	1	4	3	1	4	3	1	4
Assistant Head of School	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Teacher	9	23	32	13	24	37	9	29	38
Facilitator	-	-	-	-	23	23	-	17	17
FT/PT Instructor	-	5	5	-	2	2	1	8	9
FT Kindergarten Assistant	6	69	75	-	67	67	-	55	55
PT Kindergarten Assistant	-	11	11	-	2	2	-	2	2
Supply Kindergarten Assistant	2	3	5	-	-	-	3	11	14
Supply Teacher	-	-	-	3	5	8	1	8	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>148</b>

\* Instructors include school nurses & nursing aides

**Table 5. Facilitators in mainstream education by type of school: 2003-2005**

Schools	2003			2004			2005		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Government Primary	2	127	<b>129</b>	14	271	<b>285</b>	12	292	<b>304</b>
Government Secondary	16	114	<b>130</b>	20	134	<b>154</b>	18	186	<b>204</b>
Church and independent*	9	169	<b>178</b>	27	455	<b>482</b>	21	264	<b>285</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>793</b>

\*Data for 2004 includes all staff (qualified facilitators or not) working with disabled children in class

**Table 6. Persons with disability registering under Part 1 of the unemployment register: 2000-2005**

Registered unemployed	Yearly average		
	2003	2004	2005
Men	251	242	251
Women	54	61	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>328</b>

**Table 7. Government expenditure on disability and health-related problems: 2003-2005**

Type of expenditure	Year		
	2003	2004	2005
	Lm		
Pensions in respect of invalidity	14,195,773	15,425,952	16,080,907
Benefits in respect of industrial injuries and gratuities	302,413	260,826	232,577
Non-contributory benefits	3,221,552	3,377,628	3,708,424
Disability pensions	3,098,644	3,291,862	3,581,940
Other non-contributory benefits	122,908	85,766	126,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,719,738</b>	<b>19,064,406</b>	<b>20,021,908</b>

**Methodological Notes:**

Tables 1 and 2: Number of disabled persons refers to registered disabled persons as in the National Commission for Persons with Disability (KNPD) register.

Table 2 refers to disabilities of persons. However a person may have more than one impairment and therefore may be included more than once.

Tables 3 to 5: All information related to education has been derived from the Education Statistics 2005 which is collected on an annual basis by the NSO.

Tables 3 to 5: The total number of students does not necessarily amount to the total number of children in Table 1 since different sources are used.

Table 6: Unemployment figures are derived from average annual unemployment figures as provided by the Employment and Training Corporation (ETC).

Table 7: Figures are derived from data provided by the Department of Social Security.