

Table 2 Characteristics of persons with disabilities in Tulkarm and Qalqilia districts

Variable	No.	%
Use of support equipment		
No	397	49.3
Yes	156	19.4
Does not need	253	31.3
Performs everyday activities (eating, dressing, hygiene)		
Self-dependent	285	35.3
Needs some help	258	32.1
Dependent	263	32.6
Integration into community		
Participating in community activities always/sometimes	487	60.4
School enrolment (6–18 years)	163	58.8
Playing normally <sup>a</sup> (6–18 years)	137	48.8
Employment status (> 18 years)	81	19.2
Residence		
Home or with relative	795	97.0
Institution	11	1.4
Main care-giver		
Mother	388	48.2
Other family member	52	6.4
Other persons	103	12.8
Does not need	263	32.6
Service provider (for those currently receiving care)		
Local NGO	246	48.5
Public sector	145	35.9
International institution	13	3.2

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Variable	No.	%
Type of service provided (for those currently receiving care)		
Medical	213	52.7
Educational	63	15.6
Rehabilitation	58	14.3
Physiotherapy	44	11.0
Other <sup>b</sup>	26	6.4
Type of service required		
Medical	254	31.5
Support equipment <sup>c</sup>	145	18.0
Speech therapy	114	14.2
Rehabilitation	73	9.1
Physiotherapy	73	9.1
Referral to institutional care	70	8.7
Prostheses	22	2.7
Psychiatric care	19	2.3
Social care	15	1.8
Modifying living environment	8	1.0
Occupational care	6	0.8

Mean duration of disability = 12 (standard deviation = 12.1) years.

<sup>a</sup>At time of survey or as youngsters.

<sup>b</sup>Including social and psychological.

<sup>c</sup>Including splints, wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, hearing support devices and glasses.

NGO = nongovernmental organization.