Municipal Accessibility Index
For Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Israel

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Israel

Accessibility Data and SDG

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Municipal Accessibility Index - The Purpose

To generate public discourse
To bring the issue of inclusion of people with disabilities in the community to public discourse;

To increase general awareness
To increase awareness of rights for people with disabilities among the general population;

To promote authorities efforts
To motivate authorities to improve residents’ quality of life.
How Do We Do It?

Measure

Communicate

Motivate
What is the Municipal Accessibility Index?

Research-based Index that measures the level of participation and inclusion of people with disabilities in various aspects of city life.

1. Level of Experienced Accessibility of various services in the city
2. Sense of Social Involvement of people with disabilities
3. Public Attitudes towards people with disabilities

Based on a research conducted by: The Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology-IDC Herzlia | DAS International Institute
The Index’s Uniqueness

An inclusive picture
Measures physical, social, and psychological aspects of life

Comprehensive data and varied methods
- 20 major cities in Israel
- Over 3000 participants
- Interviews, questionnaires, field tests

Long-term analysis
Analyses and comparison of progress and improvement over several years

2013
2016
2017
Level of Experienced Accessibility of City Services
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1. Municipality departments & online services
2. Central bus stations & public transportation
3. Cultural institutions
4. Public parks
5. Pools

How did we measure?

Accessibility Team
3 members with hearing, sight, and mobility disabilities
Phone interviews of 600 people with disabilities (30 in each of the 20 cities)
Public’s Attitudes Towards People With Disabilities

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<td>33% Believe that people with disabilities share similar life goals</td>
<td>51% Feel pity</td>
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<td>64% Believe people with disabilities have low capabilities</td>
<td>54% Feel Sadness</td>
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How did we measure?

An online survey of 3,238 participants from the 20 cities
Public’s Attitudes Towards People With Disabilities

intended behavior

33%
Would be willing to get to know someone with a physical disability (24% with a mental disability)

33%
Would be willing have a romantic relationship with a person with disabilities

Attitudes towards local authority’s functioning

84%
Believe the authority does not do enough to improve the situation for people with disabilities living in the city
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High ranking =
- Positive public attitudes
- High sense of social involvement
- High level of accessibility

*The arrows indicate a rise or decline in positive public attitudes in the city relative to 2016*
Jerusalem

Accessibility Index

Israel

The Municipal Accessibility Index

Arison

Ruderman Family Foundation
Getting the Message Out

How do Israel’s cities treat the disabled?

Study finds Nazareth, Tiberias, Petah Tikva have room for most improvement

By SARAH LEVI

Shoham, Tel Aviv and Rehovot are Israel’s top-rated cities in treatment of their disabled populations, according to the Municipal Accessibility Index, a cooperative project of the Ted Arison Family Foundation and Ruder-Fiskel Family Foundation, which asks opinions about people with disabilities.

Nazareth, Tiberias and Petah Tikva ranked at the bottom of the survey, which included 2,000 participants across 20 local authorities in Israel and was released ahead of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which falls on Monday.

The study had participants rate top three cities with the highest number of reports of discrimination toward people with disabilities were Hadera, Ashdod and Ashkelon, respectively.

The lowest numbers came from Nazareth, Shoham and Hadera, respectively.

Overall, the study showed 85% of Israelis believe municipalities and local authorities are responsible for taking care of people with disabilities. Only 5% of respondents said they would be willing to personally help others with disabilities.

Nevertheless, the study showed a decrease in the number of people who would help those with disabilities.
Motivate Local Authorities to Take Action
Next Steps

1. Elaborate scope of research to include additional municipalities

2. Further implementation of findings by authorities

3. One primary yearly research theme

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