**Viet Nam SDGCW Survey 2020-2021**

**Child Functioning**

**Child Functioning: Levels and Domains**

**Child Functioning Levels by Age Group**

- Across the country, 1.2 percent of children age 2-4 years have functional difficulties. The highest percentage is in the communication domain (0.9 percent) and the lowest is in the seeing, hearing and fine motor domains (0.1 percent).
- For age groups 5-17 years and 5-15 years, the figures for children with functional difficulty are 1.9 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively. In both age groups, the highest percentage is in the anxiety domain (0.6 percent), followed by learning, remembering and accepting change.

**Child Functioning Domains**

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- Almost one out of six children who uses walking assistance device or receives assistance for walking still faces walking difficulty.
- Mental health issues are a concern among children age 5-17 years. By domain of difficulty, the percentages of children suffering from anxiety, difficulty in remembering, concentrating and learning are higher than other domains.

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The objective of this snapshot is to disseminate selected findings from the Viet Nam SDGCW Survey 2020-2021 related to Child Functioning. Data from this snapshot can be found in Tables EQ.1.1, EQ.1.2, EQ.1.3 and EQ.1.4 in the Survey Findings Report.

Further statistical snapshots and the Survey Findings Report for this and other surveys are available at mics.unicef.org/surveys.