Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities for Sustainable Development

Advances in producing data disaggregated by disability

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Disability Data Advocacy Working Group

- The Working Group was launched in January 2019 with the objectives:

  - to provide a global platform for information exchange, learning and dialogue, sharing of good practices, and collaboration on disability data collection, disaggregation, and analysis; and
  - to strengthen DPO engagement in data collection and disaggregation efforts to influence policy change and create evidence based policymaking.

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Outcomes:

- The Working Group has been key in engaging organizations of persons with disabilities in the transition toward evidence-based advocacy work.

- Engagement is consistent and numbers indicate high demand for more capacity building workshops, trainings and toolkits.

- Pilot projects focusing on data collection and disaggregation for evidence-based advocacy and policymaking are needed.

Workshop on Measurement of Disability for organizations of persons with disabilities

- In June, we organized a workshop on the Measurement of Disability for organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) in collaboration with UNICEF, Washington Group on Statistics, CBM, and International Disability Alliance.

- Over 30 DPO participants attended from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and North America.

- The workshop positively provided models and methods for collecting disability data, data availability, measurement challenges, data production and analysis using the Washington Group tools.

- Participants exchanged on the importance of disability statistics in the context of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and SDGs, interpreting and using disability data, country examples, data use in programs and advocacy, and how data are used to influence policy.

Disability Data Portal

- The portal was created by Leonard Cheshire and provides a snapshot of the data globally available on people with disabilities in 40 countries.

- The portal identifies where there are gaps in the current body of data.

- The portal presents key development indicators mostly drawn from the SDGs along with others relevant to the CRPD.

- The portal has useful examples of disability disaggregated data.

- For example, economic empowerment data disaggregated by disability can help governments open up pathways to economic empowerment and financial inclusion. By providing social protection, skills training and ensuring accessible workplaces, persons with disabilities can enjoy decent work.

Next steps: pilot projects

- We are establishing national-level pilot projects to showcase how to collect reliable and comparable data on the situation of persons with disabilities.

- This is critical to create partnerships between DPOs, NSOs and policymakers.

- This can foster partnerships in which data are collected by NSOs with the support and collaboration of DPOs and then afterward used for policy changes.

- DPOs can have a key role in understanding data, presenting data to policymakers, and complementing official data with citizen-gathered data.

- This can create the space for dialogue between policymakers and NSOs to understand what data are available and missing, what this means and what additional data are required to address policy challenges and gaps.

Thank you!

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