



United Nations Disability Statistics Programme in Support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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UNSD disability statistics programme

- ❑ Development of methodological standards
 - *Principles and Guidelines for Development Disability Statistics*
 - *Manual for Development of Statistical Information for Disability Programmes and Policies*
 - *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses*

- ❑ Compilation of statistics
 - Disability Statistics Compendium
 - DISTAT online database
 - *Based on analysis of data in DISTAT and observed non-comparability of rates and methodology, UNSD organized an International Seminar that recommended creation of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

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- ❑ Providing technical assistance to countries for national capacity building
 - Workshops
- ❑ Coordination at international level



New opportunities for disability statistics and measurement

- ❑ 2020 World PHC Programme recognizes population and housing censuses as source of data designed to generate valuable statistics and indicators for assessing the situation of various special population groups, such as persons with disabilities (ECOSOC Res. E/RES/2015/10)

- ❑ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - recognizes persons with disabilities as one of the vulnerable peoples and calls for their empowerment
 - commits to enhance capacity-building support to developing countries to increase availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by disability

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- ❑ SDGs indicators “agreed” upon at 47th Session of UN Statistical Commission - March 2016
 - 11 indicators specific on disaggregation by disability status
 - In addition, indicators’ framework recognizes that “Sustainable Development Goal indicators should be disaggregated, where relevant, by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, **disability** and geographic location, or other characteristics, in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics”



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Strengthening Disability Statistics in Support of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Funding: Government of Australia

Implementation: United Nations Statistics Division

Duration: 2015-2019

Overall objective:

“to enhance the capacity of national statistical offices to produce and disseminate good quality and fit-for-purpose statistics on disability for evidence-based policy making and monitoring”

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Two expected accomplishments of the project:

- 1) Formulation of international guidelines for measurement of disability taking into account existing measurement instruments, good national practices and country experiences
 - o Build on on-going endeavors and existing measures of disability
 - o Take into account national experiences and needs
 - Important for getting measures that are applicable and relevant to national needs, and for generating data that are fit-for purpose
 - o Through consultative process with countries and international disability experts
 - Expert group meetings

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- 2) Enhanced capacity of national statistical systems to collect and generate relevant and quality disability statistics based on international guidelines
 - Special attention to 'data-poor' countries
 - Importance of developing and exploiting multiple data sources
 - Use of appropriate technologies



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- ❑ As practical starting point, UNSD organizing Regional meetings to:
 - review national experiences in disability measurement, including challenges faced and lessons learnt during 2010 censuses
 - discuss compilation of disability-related SDG indicators for monitoring progress towards inclusion of persons with disabilities in development programmes
 - Asia – July 2016
 - Caribbean – September 2016
 - Africa – November 2016
 - Arabic-speaking countries – March 2017
 - Latin America – 2017
 - Central Asia and Western Balkan States - 2017
 - Other regions –

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- ❑ Data collection (statistics and metadata) – in collaboration with regional organizations, mainly UN Regional Commissions
- ❑ Outcome of regional meetings and analysis of information on country practices to feed into more detailed technical and operational international guidelines on the measurement of disability



Methodological Guidelines

- ❑ Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses (2015)
- ❑ Manual for the Development of Statistical Information for Disability Programmes and Policies (1996)
- ❑ Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics (2001)



Guidelines & Principles

- ❑ Provides technical guidance to producers of national data to assist them in responding to the growing demand for data on disability
- ❑ Addresses special issues related to planning, collecting, processing, tabulating and evaluating statistics on persons with disabilities in surveys and censuses (taking into account available national experiences)



Guidelines & Principles

- ❑ Provides a broad starting point to the special methodological considerations required to collect and compile statistics on persons with disabilities
- ❑ Includes modules so that countries can choose and use only what they want depending on their capabilities, resources and interests
- ❑ Limited in treatment of key topics on operational aspects of data collection (e.g., operationalization of ICF, and interviewing persons with disabilities)



Outline of Guidelines & Principles

- ❑ Part One: Introduction
- ❑ Part Two: General Issues in Planning and Organization in the Collection of Data on Disability
- ❑ Part Three: Modules
- ❑ Part Four: Dissemination and Use of Disability Data