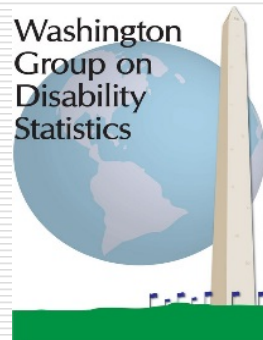


Washington Group Update: Mobilizing Disability Data



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The Washington Group (WG)

- June 2001: UN International Seminar on the Measurement of Disability
- WG established as a City Group under the aegis of the UN Statistical Commission to:
 - address the need for population based measures of disability
 - foster international cooperation in the area of health and disability statistics
 - produce internationally tested measures to monitor status of persons with disability
 - incorporate disability into national statistical systems

The WG is Country driven

- Countries have ownership
 - Representatives include the national statistical offices of 133 countries and territories, 7 international organizations, 6 organizations that represent persons with disabilities
- The Secretariat for the WG is located at NCHS
- A Steering Committee oversees the WG work plan
- Workgroups carry out the work plan with input from all members
- Emphasis on evidence and transparency – extensive testing of data collection tools in multiple countries

Washington Group Approach to Disability Measurement

Identifying people who, because of a health condition, have **difficulties with basic, universal activities** that make them at greater **risk** than the general population for **limitations in participation** in an **unaccommodating environment**.

WG Data Collection Tools for disaggregation

WG Short Set on Functioning (WG-SS)

- for censuses and surveys: 6 domains/6 questions seeing, hearing, walking/climbing steps, remembering/concentrating, self-care, communication

WG Short Set Enhanced

- for surveys 9 domains/12 questions – 6 WG-SS domains plus upper body, anxiety and depression)/12 questions

WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module (CFM):

- for children 2-4 years of age: seeing, hearing, mobility, fine motor, communication, cognition (learning), playing and controlling behavior
- for children 5-17 years of age: seeing, hearing, mobility, self-care, communication, cognition (learning, remembering and concentrating), accepting change, controlling behavior, relationships and affect (anxiety and depression).

Endorsement of WG-SS/CFM: Recommendations for Disaggregation

Joint Statement by the Disability Sector:

- 4th Meeting of the IAEG-SDG's: Geneva, Nov 2016
- 5th Meeting of the IAEG-SDG's: Ottawa, March 2017

UN Statistical Commission:

- Report on the 48th session: United Nations, NYC, 7-10 March 2017

10th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD United Nations:

- 21 signatories, NYC, 13 to 15 June 2017

Disability Data Disaggregation: Joint Statement by the Disability Sector

Fifth meeting of the IAEG-SDG's: Ottawa, March 2017



International Labour Organization



Embracing Diversity
Catalina Devandas Aguilera
UN Special Representative on the rights of persons with disabilities



"...to ensure international comparability and comparability over time for the purposes of SDG data disaggregation for adults, we **recommend the use of the Washington Group short set of questions**. For disaggregation by disability among children the recommended tool is the **UNICEF/Washington Group module on Child Functioning**. Both instruments can be easily and cost effectively inserted in all national data collection efforts."

SDG Data Disaggregation: Results

Requests for disaggregated SDG indicator tables sent to 146 countries (table shells provided):

- 46 countries responded
- 37 provided data
- 18 of these used the WG-SS (including prevalence data)
- 14 of the 37 countries provided disaggregated data using the WG-SS

SDG Data Disaggregation: Countries

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Argentina | Finland | New Zealand |
| Armenia | China HK | Palestine |
| Australia | Israel | Peru |
| Austria | Italy | Poland |
| Belarus | Jamaica | South Africa |
| Bosnia & Herz. | Kenya | Spain |
| Canada | Kosovo | Sri Lanka |
| Colombia | Latvia | Sweden |
| Costa Rica | Lithuania | Trinidad & Tobago |
| Croatia | Malta | Turkey |
| Dominican Rep. | Mexico | United States |
| Egypt | Myanmar | Yemen |
| | | Zimbabwe |

SDG Data Disaggregation: Year

With the exception of Palestine (2007) and Jamaica/Trinidad & Tobago (2011), countries that reported using WG in whole or in part (18 countries) carried out their census/survey in the period 2014-17.

Countries not using the WG-SS (19 countries) tended to have slightly older data (in 10 cases pre-2014)

SDG Data Disaggregation: Indicators

| | | Number of countries providing data |
|-----------|--|------------------------------------|
| Table 1 | Disability status by Domain of difficulty, age and sex for population 5 years and over | 31 |
| SDG 1.2.1 | Poverty status disaggregated by Disability status and Sex for population 15 years and older | 11 |
| SDG 2.2.1 | Prevalence of Stunting disaggregated by Disability status and Sex for population 2-4 years of age | 1 |
| SDG 2.2.2 | Malnutrition/wasting disaggregated by Disability status and Sex for population 2-4 years of age | 1 |
| SDG 3.1.2 | Births attended by skilled health personnel disaggregated by Disability status of mother and Age for Female population 15-49 years | 3 |
| SDG 3.7.1 | Family Planning Coverage disaggregated by Disability status & Age for Female population 15-49 years | 1 |
| SDG 3.a.1 | Tobacco Use disaggregated by Disability status and Sex for population 15 years and older | 8 |

SDG Data Disaggregation: Indicators

| | | Number of countries providing data |
|-----------|--|------------------------------------|
| SDG 3.8.1 | Health Insurance Coverage disaggregated by Disability status & sex for population years and older | 10 |
| SDG 4.1.4 | School completion rates disaggregated by Disability status and gender for relevantly aged population | 20 |
| SDG 4.5.x | University completion rates disaggregated by Disability status & gender for relevantly aged population | 12 |
| SDG 5.b.1 | Access to ICT disaggregated by Disability status and Sex for population 15 years and older | 6 |
| SDG 6.1.1 | Access to safe drinking water disaggregated by Disability status & Sex for population 15 years & older | 9 |
| SDG 7.1.1 | Access to electricity disaggregated by Disability status and Sex for population 15 years and older | 10 |
| SDG 8.5.2 | Employment status disaggregated by Disability status and Sex for population 15-64 years | 23 |

Regional Implementation Workshops

| Region | Location | Date | Countries |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Pacific Island | Nadi, Fiji | 13-15 07 2017 | 10 |
| Western Asia | Casablanca, Morocco | 17-20 04 2017 | 9 |
| Non-regional | Rome, Italy | 08-10 08 2017 | 14 |
| Caribbean | Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago | 06-08 09 2017 | 8 |
| Latin America | Mexico City, Mexico | 11-13 09 2017 | 13 |
| SE Asia | Bangkok, Thailand | April 2018 | |
| Africa | Tanzania | May 2018 | |
| Central Asia | TBD | 2 nd quarter 2018 | |

Workshop Aims and Outcomes:

The main purpose of the regional Implementation Workshops is to build and strengthen local capacity for data collection, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination.

By the end of the training participants will have the expertise to:

- implement WG tools successfully
- disaggregate census or survey data by disability status
- evaluate data collected relating to the SDGs

The Workshop also aims to support regional network building; that is, the creation of regional entities that can carry on the work of the WG regionally.

For more information about the WG **visit our new website:**

<http://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/>

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