UNSD Disability Statistics Programme: The Way Forward

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UNSD disability statistics programme

Aligned with Division's core functions:

- Data - Collection, processing and dissemination of statistical information

- Methodology - Standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions

- Capacity Development - Providing technical assistance to support countries' efforts to strengthen their national statistical systems

- Coordination - Coordination of international statistical programmes and activities

Standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions

Guidelines and Principles for Development Disability Statistics (2001)

- Technical guidance to national producers of data on disability to assist them in responding to demand for data on disability

- Provides methodological principles and guidelines to data collection, through surveys and censuses and on compilation, dissemination and utilization of data on disability

  - Policy frameworks (World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons; Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities)

  - International conceptual frameworks (ICF)

  - Data sources – censuses, surveys, admin sources (advantages and disadvantages)

  - Planning for a data collection on disability

  - Modules on methodology for data collection on disability (censuses, surveys, sampling for a disability survey, collecting data on disability in institutions)

  - Dissemination and utilization of data on disability

Revision of Guidelines and Principles

- Many aspects of the Guidelines still relevant

- Guidelines recognized that treatment of some topics was inadequate due to limited available scientific information at the time

- Guidelines based on review and assessment of national studies - more up-to-date information on good national practices is available

- Advances in measurement of disability
  - International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)
  - Development of tools for measurement - WHO, WG, national tools

- Current international policy frameworks (CRPD, 2030 Agenda)

Revision of Guidelines and Principles

Group of experts meeting (July 2017)

- Objective: to provide a platform for participants to identify issues and areas where the guidelines should be revised or further enhanced
  - enable countries to better meet demands for good quality data for measuring and monitoring progress towards inclusion of persons with disabilities in development programmes
  - take into account the context of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Attended by 52 experts on disability measurement and statistics, policy, census and survey management, and disability research, UN and other agencies
- Experts represented all geographical regions of the world to ensure international relevance of the revised Guidelines

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2017/new-york--disability-egm/

Revision of Guidelines and Principles

Compared to 2001 version, revision will highlight importance of

- instituting a well-coordinated national policy framework to ensure effective demand for data
- establishing a national statistical programme that responds to policy data needs
- measuring of facilitators and barriers to functioning (role of environment)
- strategies for enhancing analysis, accessibility and utilization of data on disability

Contributors to revision

- National statistical offices
- UN and other agencies (involved in developing measurement tools, disability statistics, and policy on disability)
- WHO
- Washington Group
- Researchers
- Independent experts (censuses, surveys, disability measurement, etc)

Revision of Guidelines and Principles

Covering....

- Introduction
- Policy needs, data Requirements
- National statistical programme on disability (in response to policy needs)
- International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Conceptual Framework
- Sources of data on disability
- Planning for collection/compilation of data on disability
- Measuring the role of the environment
- Measurement of disability in institutions
- Measurement of disability in children
- Measurement of psychosocial functioning
- Dissemination, analysis and utilization of data

Consulting the WG