

Recent WG activities and future plans for the improvement of disability data across sectors



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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
- Emphasis on evidence and transparency – extensive testing of data collection tools in multiple countries
- Workgroups carries out the work plan with input from all members

WG Tools

1. WG Short Set - adopted 2006
2. WG Extended Set on Functioning for Adults - adopted 2010
3. WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module – adopted 2016
4. WG/UNICEF Module on Inclusive Education – cognitive testing continues
5. Disability Module for use in Labor Force Surveys (with ILO) – field testing commenced
6. Module on Psychosocial Functioning - under development
7. Module on other aspects of the environment and participation currently under consideration

Regional Workshops (2017)

UNSD: on Disability Measurement and Statistics focusing on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses

UNICEF: on Disability Measurement with a focus on Child Functioning and Disability

WG: on Disability Measurement with a focus on the Implementation of WG tools in National Statistical Systems

Bangkok, Thailand (SE Asia)*

Tunis, Tunisia (National)

Suva, Fiji (South Pacific)

Bridgetown, Barbados
(Caribbean)

Geneva, Switzerland
(Central Asia)

Casablanca, Morocco
(Western Asia)

Kampala, Uganda (Africa)

Westchester, NY (Latin
America)

Rome, Italy (non-regional)

Muscat, Oman (Western Asia)

Westchester, NY (SE Asia+)

Port of Spain, Trinidad &
Tobago (Caribbean)

Santiago, Chile (Latin America)

Dakar, Senegal (Africa)

Mexico City, Mexico (Latin
America)

Almaty, Kazakhstan (Central
Asia)

* No WG representation

WG Regional Workshops (2018)

Implementation Workshops:

- Bangkok, Thailand (SE Asia) April 2018
- Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Africa) June 2018

WG Regional Workshops (2019)

Implementation Workshops:

- Senegal (West Africa) Feb 2019
- Russia (CIS countries) April 2019
- England (South Asia/non-regional) May 2019

WG Webinars

February 2018:

- Review of Major Outcomes from the 17th Washington Group Meeting

May 2018:

- Data Production and Analysis Using the WG Tools

February 2019:

- Review of Major Outcomes from the 18th Washington Group Meeting

WG/DPO Activities

DPO Training:

- NYC (with UNICEF) June 2018
- Quito, Ecuador December 2018

IDA-hosted Webinars:

April 2018:

- DPO webinar: Mobilizing Disability Data

February 2019:

- DPO webinar: Practical guidance on gathering and analyzing disability data

WG/Development Ministry Interactions

Australia

- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

UK

- Department for International Development (DFID)

Norway

- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

Finland

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

USA

- US Agency for International Development (USAID)

WG/NGO Interactions

Humanity and Inclusion (HI): e-learning modules

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics and the Short set of questions

CBM

Sightsavers

World Bank: Social Development Webinar Series

Disability and Data – What Can We Count on?

UNICEF: e-learning series (under development)

Disability Data Collection and Child Functioning

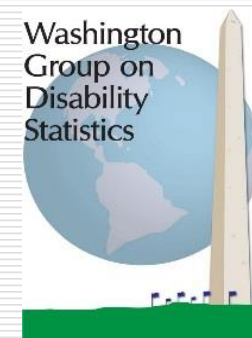
WG Focus on Regional Capacity Building

Products & Outcomes

Regional Guidebook to Improve Disability Data Collection and Analysis in the Arab Countries



Implementing the Washington Group Questions on Functioning



Outcome: Regional centers

- Casablanca Group: representing the ESCWA region and Arabic-speaking countries of Northern Africa and the Middle East
- Brazzaville Group: representing countries in French-speaking and Western/Central Africa
- Pacific Disability Statistics Working Group: representing island countries in the South Pacific

Guidelines and documentation (Completed):

- Data Collection Tools Developed by the WG (Conceptualization and Measurement of Disability)
- WG Short Set Implementation Guidelines (Includes some FAQs and Do's & Don'ts)
- WG Short Set Question by Question Specifications
- Translation Protocol
- Cognitive Testing of Translated Questionnaires
- Analytic Guidelines WG-SS and WG-ES-F including SPSS and SAS syntax (also available in CPro)

Guidelines and documentation (2019):

- Interviewer Guidelines (under revision)
- WG-ES-F Question by Question Specifications (finalized)

- Translations of WG question modules in the official UN languages

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the introductory statement?
2. How should the questions be administered?
3. What about short-term or temporary difficulties?
Are they included?
4. Do the questions refer to the use of assistive devices?
5. Can the Short Set be answered by a proxy respondent?
6. Does the Short Set apply to all age groups?
7. Where is the best place to add the Short Set to a census or survey?

The WG Blog series

1. How are the Washington Group Questions Consistent with the Social Model of Disability?
2. Translating the Washington Group Short Set Questions
3. Washington Group Questions and the Sustainable Development Goals
4. How does the WG-SS Differ from Disability Eligibility Determination?
5. Everybody Counts: Putting the Washington Group Questions into Action
6. Does the WG-SS Identify all People with Disabilities, and Does it Matter?

The WG Blog series

7. The Washington Group Questions in Action: Six Lessons Sightsavers has Learned so Far...
8. Cognitive Interviewing for the Washington Group
9. Using the Washington Group Questions to Monitor Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Nepal, Cameroon, India and Guatemala
10. Basic Guide to Sampling for Disability Surveys
11. Training on How to Ask “Disability” Questions on Censuses and Surveys
12. Should the Washington Group Questions Determine if Difficulties are Long-term or Short-term?
- 13....and more

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

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

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Questions / Discussion
