

WG Mental Health and Psychosocial Functioning Work Group Update



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Workgroup aim and main objectives

The WG was established at the 13th WG meeting in Amman (Jordan)

AIM

- Ensure adequate coverage of *common and severe mental disorders* in the WG functioning measures to include people at risk of participation restrictions resulting from psychosocial disability

Main objectives

- Conduct further analysis of WG ES Affect questions to maximize the use of these for including people with varying degrees of anxiety and depression (**completed**)
- Add further measures to the WG Extended set if coverage is not adequate for functional consequences (**in progress**)

Plans set out in May 2021 meeting

- Finalise the training and run a pilot training (e.g. with Costa Rica and some of the IASC task team organisations)
- Conduct cognitive testing interviews in the countries of the trainees
- Prepare a funding proposal together with the IASC organisations to conduct cognitive and field testing in various locations of local partners (e.g. local country NGOs working with CBM and HI)
- Continue looking for data that include the WG Short Set and the Affect questions, or that include the whole WG Extended Set. This will allow for further analyses on how the Affect questions function as a measure of mental health and psychosocial functioning.

Progress since mid-year meeting – May 2021

Cognitive interviewing training in remote

- The training programme has been finalized
- Series of training videos and slide presentations have been prepared by the Collaborating Center for Question Design and Evaluation Research (CCQDER) at the NCHS
- Additional presentations are being developed by the workgroup leads

Progress since mid-year meeting – May 2021

- The Buenos Aires Group members have collaborated on a Spanish translation of the testing protocol (Argentina, Nicaragua, Chile, El Salvador and Uruguay)
- The protocol was reviewed and commented on by SENADIS (National Secretary of People with Disability of Chile). These comments are currently in Spanish and need to be reviewed to see if there are clear suggestions for how to revise our protocol.
- Thanks to Sofia Mora Steiner and her colleagues from Costa Rica for her efforts and interest

Next steps

- ❑ Finalise the training programme, set dates and invite participants
- ❑ Continue discussion with Inter-Agency Steering Committee [IASC] task team on inclusion of persons with disability in humanitarian action - Disability and MH and psychosocial support
- ❑ Develop funding proposals for next steps (further training, translation and cognitive testing, field testing)

Request o WG member countries

Keep in touch with us if:

- ✓ your country is interested in conducting some cognitive interviewing and/or some field testing
- ✓ your country or organisation has collected data that includes the WG Short set with the Affect questions or the Extended set.
- ✓ you would like more detailed information about the work done/in progress