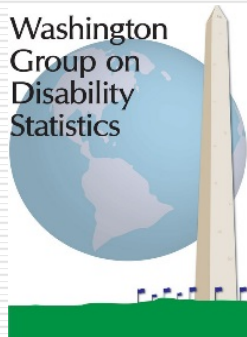


20th Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Meeting Objectives and Agenda



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The WG Goes Virtual!

- 20th meeting was to be held in Mombasa, Kenya
- COVID-19 intervened
- Kenya meeting is being postponed to later in the year or 2021 (thank you KNBS!)
- Holding virtual meeting on the same days as the scheduled meeting with reduced agenda
- Holding two sessions to make sure all time zones can participate
- Advantages of going virtual
- Disadvantages of going virtual

The WG Goes Virtual!

Objectives of the meeting:

- To share what has been accomplished over the past year and present some plans for the year to come.
- To provide feedback to the workgroups on their accomplishments and their workplans, and if possible, consensus on directions for moving forward.
- To obtain guidance on how the WG can best navigate in a virtual world.

WG-20: Agenda

Schedule I: 09:00 – 11:30 (US EDT)
 14:00 – 16:30 (UTC/GMT)

Schedule II: 18:00 – 20:30 (US EDT)
 23:00 – 01:30 (UTC/GMT)

WG 19th Meeting – Buenos Aires 2019

Hosted by the National Institute of Statistics and Census (INDEC) of Argentina and attended by 82 persons:

- 57 representing national statistical authorities from 24 countries,
- 4 representatives from universities or national institutes of public health or other national research bodies or ministries,
- 4 representatives from the US NCHS (WG Secretariat),
- 10 representatives from organizations representing persons with disabilities (DPOs),
- 5 representatives from international organizations, and
- 2 distinguished alumni (Brazil and Peru).

Agenda: Sessions Overview

Tuesday 22 September

1. Opening Session
2. Launch of the New and Improved WG Website
3. COVID and Disability

Wednesday 23 September

4. Workgroup Updates - WG Data: Analysis & Dissemination / leader NCHS
5. Workgroup Updates - Environment & Participation / leader Kenya

Agenda: Sessions Overview

Thursday 24 September

6. Workgroup Updates - Child Functioning & Disability / leader NCHS. *This session will also touch on issues concerning Administrative Data*
7. Workgroup Updates - Psychosocial Functioning & Mental Health / leader South Africa & Italy
8. WG's Efforts to Establish Regional Entities
9. Meeting Accomplishments & Next Steps for the WG

Activities and Accomplishments

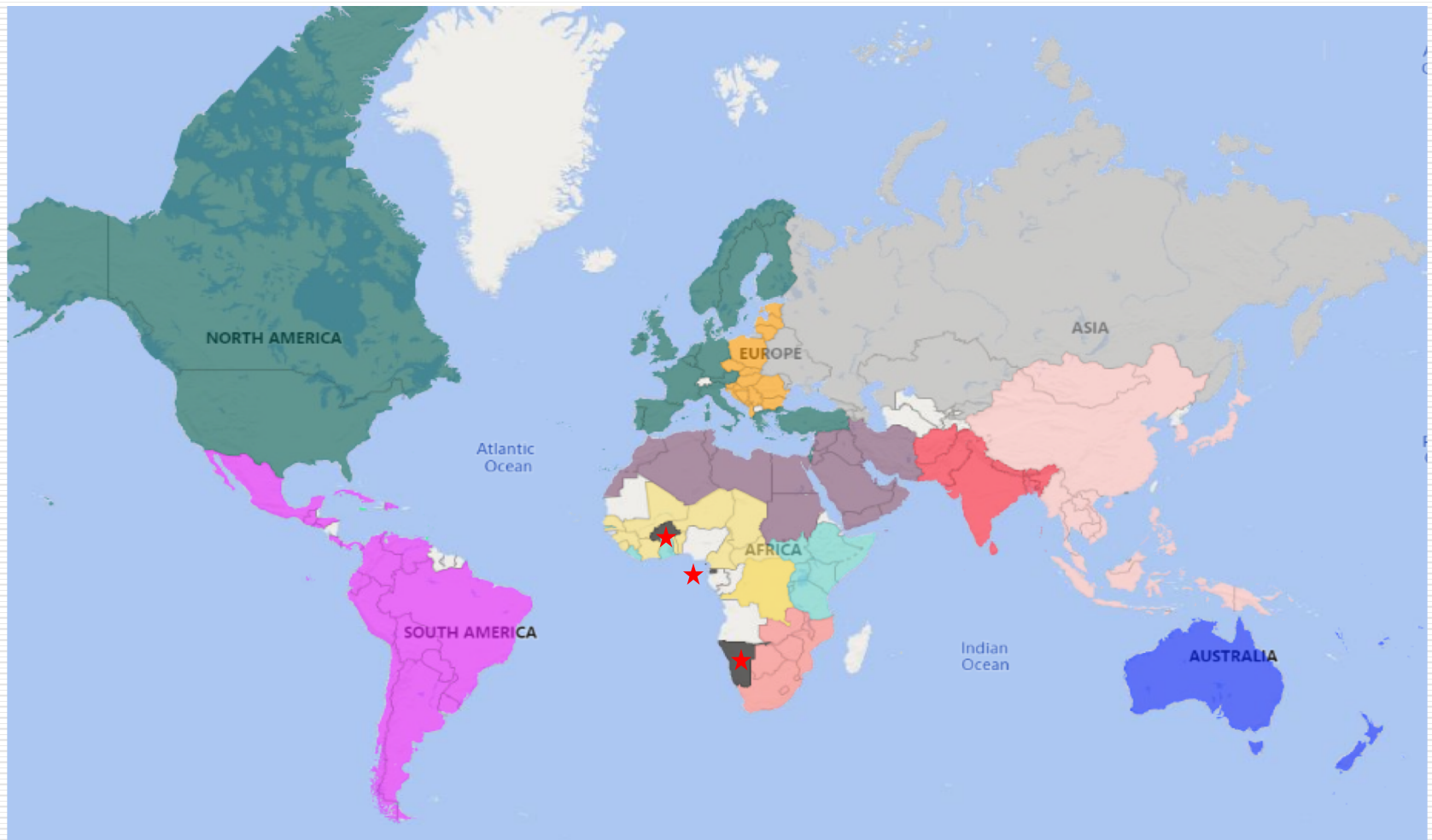
WG – objectives:

1. Develop internationally comparable disability measures for censuses and surveys – that can be used for **prevalence** estimates and for **disaggregation** of outcome indicators by disability status
2. Using the ICF as a framework to operationalize a **social model** of disability
3. Develop a **testing methodology** to ensure validity and cross-national comparability

Summary of Annual Meetings move

1. Washington DC	02/2002	12. Thailand	10/2012
2. Canada	01/2003	13. Jordan	10/2013
3. Belgium	02/2004	14. Argentina	10/2014
4. Thailand	09/2004	15. Denmark	10/2015
5. Brazil	09/2005	16. South Africa	12/2016
6. Uganda	10/2006	17. Australia	10/2017
7. Ireland	09/2007	18. Rome, Italy	11/2018
8. Philippines	10/2008	19. Argentina	09/2019
9. Tanzania	10/2009	<i>20. Virtual</i>	<i>09/2020</i>
10. Luxembourg	11/2010		
11. Bermuda	11/2011		

WG Membership by Region



Brazzaville Group | Caricom | Casablanca Group | East/English Africa | Eastern Europe | Kathmandu Group
Buenos Aires Group | Moscow Group | New Members | North America & "EU" | SE Asia | South Pacific | Sub Saharan Africa

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 – final testing stage
 5. Disability Module for Labor Force Surveys (with ILO) – **adopted 2020**
 6. Module on Psychosocial Functioning - under development
 7. Module on other aspects of the environment and participation - currently under consideration
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WG Meetings/Workshops by City



● Annual Meetings ● National workshops ● UNICEF Workshops ● UNSD Workshops ● WG Regional Workshops

WG Webinars

November 2019:

- Review of Major Outcomes from the 19th WG Meeting

May/June 2019:

- Three DPO Training Sessions for the Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of People with Disabilities and their Families (RIADIS)

August 2020:

- Using the Washington Group Tools to Assess the Impact of COVID-19 on Persons with Disability
- A recording of the webinar will be available on the WG website with voiceover in French and Spanish

Regional Groups

Active Regional Groups:

- Pacific Group on Disability Statistics [PGDS]
- Brazzaville Group: French-speaking and Western/Central Africa
- Buenos Aires Group: Spanish & Portuguese speaking Latin American region
- Casablanca Group: ESCWA region and Arabic-speaking countries of Northern Africa and the Middle East

Regional Groups

Regional Groups identified and awaiting initiation:

- South/East Africa Group: English-speaking and Southern/Eastern African countries
- Moscow Group: Russian-speaking countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) region
- Kathmandu Group: South Asian region
- Caribbean Group: English-speaking and Island countries in the Caribbean region

Regional Group not yet identified:

- South-East Asia
- Eastern Europe

WG – Development Ministry Collaborations

Australia: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

UK: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) *formerly* 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 – INGO Collaborations

The WG has a long history of collaboration with other international organizations:

UNSD
UNDP
UNICEF
UNFPA
UN Women
UNPRPD

OHCHR
World Bank
ILO
UNESCO
UNDESA
WHO

UN Regional Commissions: ESCAP / ESCWA / ECLAC
UN Secretariat for the CRPD

WG – NGO/DPO Collaborations

Tools developed by the WG have been championed by DPOs and NGOs internationally - in particular IDA, IDDC, Sightsavers, CBM, HI and others. A few examples:

Save the Children:

- Used WG-SS to identify children and adults with disabilities their global report: Protect a Generation: The impact of COVID-19 on children's lives
[NEW](#)

Sightsavers:

- Blog: The WG-SS In Action: Six Lessons Sightsavers Has Learned So Far

Humanity and Inclusion (HI):

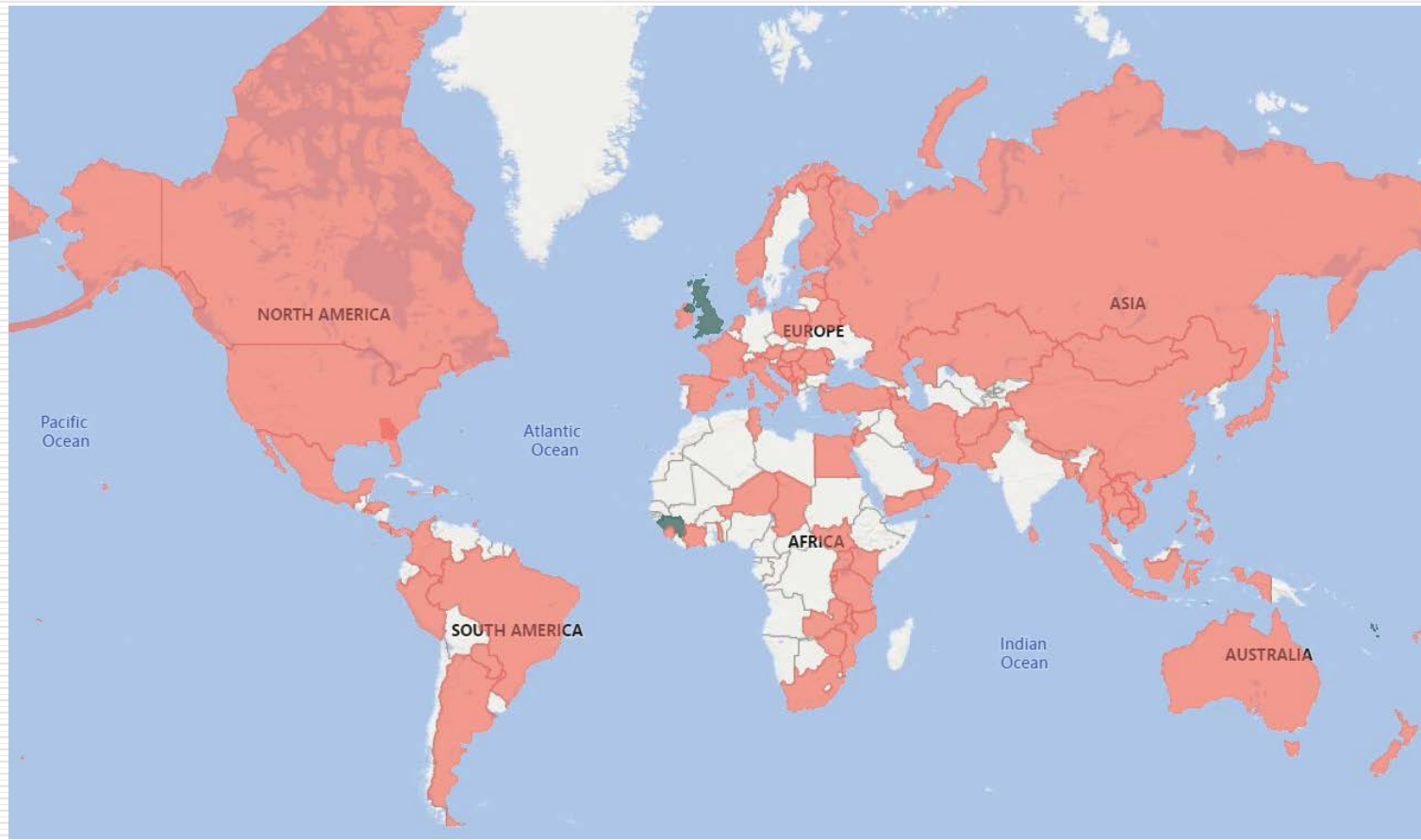
- Developed e-learning modules on use of the WG-SS,
- Assisted in initial testing of the CFM for Teachers,
- Blog: Learning from the Use of the WG-SS in Development & Humanitarian Programs

Adoption of the WG-SS:

The WG-SS

- has been used in censuses or surveys in over 80 countries,
- has been promoted by international aid programs (FCDO/UK and DFAT/Australia) as the means to collect disability data in all programs and projects, and
- has been introduced as the means for collecting disability data by the UN Statistical Division (UNSD) and the UN Economic Commission for Europe for the 2020 round of censuses.

Where in the world is the WG-SS now?



Source: 2009-2019 WG Country Reports (n=98)

Adoption of the WG-SS:

UNICEF: deployment of the Child Functioning Module (CFM) and WG SS in the **Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys** (MICS)

US AID: development of a disability module to include the WG SS in the **Demographic and Health Surveys** (DHS)

World Bank: scaling up the inclusion of the WG-SS into future WB-sponsored household surveys, including the **Living Standards Measurement Study** (LSMS)

ILO: deployment of the WG-SS (Enhanced) in a Disability Module included in **Labor Force Surveys** (LFS) **NEW**

WG: Resources

Resources:

Guidelines and Documentation

- 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)
- Question Specifications: WG-SS, WG-SS Enhanced **NEW**, WG-ES **NEW**
- Analytic Guidelines WG-SS, WG-SS Enhanced and WG-ES including SPSS, SAS & Stata **NEW** syntax (also available in CPro **NEW**)
- Translation Protocol & Cognitive Testing of Translated Questionnaires
- Interviewer Guidelines **NEW**

Resources: Translations

- WG Documentation and Question Sets are (**or will soon be**) available in all the official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish as well as Vietnamese and Portuguese (Standard and Brazilian)
- Additional translations of WG question sets are available by contacting the WG Secretariat [See webpage: Translations of WG Question Sets under Resources for available translations]

Resources:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Examples:

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

Resources: The WG Blog

Examples:

1. Using the Washington Group Short Set in a Telephone Survey. **NEW**
2. Differences in Reported Disability Prevalence Rates: Is something wrong if I don't get 15%? **NEW**
3. Translating the Washington Group Short Set Questions
4. Washington Group Questions and the Sustainable Development Goals
5. How does the WG-SS Differ from Disability Eligibility Determination?
6. Does the WG-SS Identify all People with Disabilities, and Does it Matter?

All Resources...

...can be found on the **NEW** WG website:

www.washingtongroup-disability.com