



WG Website Redesign

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Website Purpose

Two types of users:

1. those who are new to the WG work and want to *learn* more, and
2. those that are knowledgeable about the WG and want *access to resources*

Broad purposes:

- Inform
- Share
- Update

Keeping in mind:

- The needs of different types of users
- Best practices for website design

WG Website Objectives

The development of working networks

- **Facilitate** communication (news, information sharing)
- **Sharing** of best practices, methodologies (FAQ's, blogs)
- **Capitalize** on experiences (blogs)

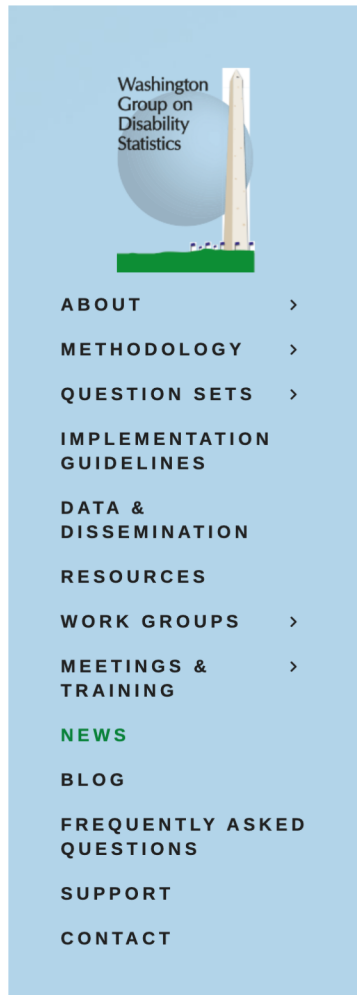
The provision of technical support

- **Information** about WG tools for measuring disability (question sets, documentation)

The provision of resources

- To **guide** and **support** implementation (translation, syntax)

The Current WG Website



WASHINGTON GROUP ON DISABILITY STATISTICS

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) is a UN city group established under the United Nations Statistical Commission. The WG was constituted to address the urgent need for cross-nationally comparable population based measures of disability. Its mandate is the promotion and co-ordination of international co-operation in the area of health statistics focusing on disability data collection tools suitable for censuses and national surveys.

The WG has sought to foster international collaboration, and in particular, to insure that its efforts are broad-based and inclusive of voices from developing countries from every region of the world. Representatives of National Statistical Offices around the world, as well as Disabled People's Organizations (DPO), and other international organizations are encouraged to participate in the WG.

With funding from the **Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** the Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) is launching this new website with the support of the University College London.

News

20th Annual Meeting scheduled for September 2020 in Mombasa, Kenya: Postponed.

After careful consideration, a decision has been made to postpone the in-person annual meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics that was scheduled to take place 22 – 25 September 2020 in Mombasa, Kenya. We will continue to monitor the situation and determine a suitable time to reschedule the in-person, possibly in late 2020 or early 2021.

In its stead, we are planning a virtual meeting that would take place between 22-25 September 2020. The exact schedule and format for the meeting has not been determined. Up-dated information will be posted on this website.

New resource document: [Using-the-Washington-Group-Tools-to-Assess-the-Impact-of-COVID-19-on-Persons-with-Disability](#)

Why did we redesign?

Improve **dissemination**

- Make information easy to find
- Organize information in an intuitive manner


Improve **navigation**

- Assess the utility and placement of links
- Simplify common “paths” and movement across pages

Improve **design**

- Incorporate responsive design features for use on all devices
- Improve technical performance

The New WG Website



Washington Group
on Disability Statistics

Events Regional Groups About Contact Us Search

Question Sets Implementation Analysis Resources WG Blog

About the Washington Group


The Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) promotes and coordinates international cooperation in the area of health statistics focusing on the development of disability measures suitable for census and national surveys.

The major objective of the WG is to provide information on disability that is comparable throughout the world.

[Find out more](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

From the blog 10/07/2020

Using the Washington Group Short Set in a Telephone Survey



News 14/08/2020

The COVID-19 webinar took place August 25, 2020

Events 14/08/2020

20th Annual Meeting will be held virtually September 22-24, 2020: Watch here for details

Resources for Disability Data Users

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The Washington Group Question Sets

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Implementation Guidelines

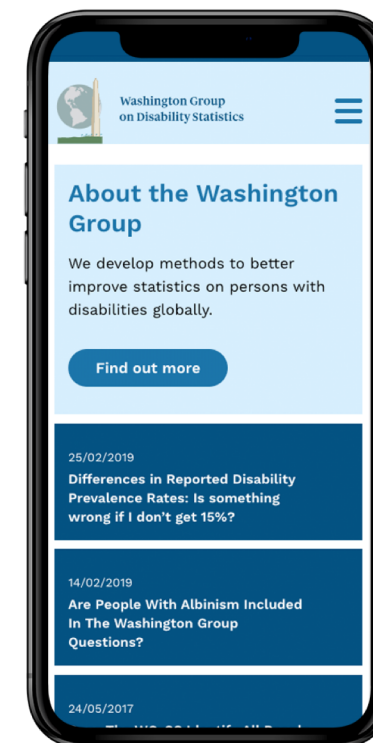
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WG Partners and Collaborations

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Disaggregation and SDGs

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Additional Website Enhancements

Implemented a powerful site-wise **search function**

- The new search engine not only searches over all the WG website pages but also all the downloadable documents on the site.

Search the Washington Group website

Please use this search facility to search all information found within the Washington Group website:

Created a fully **responsive** website

- Responsive web design is a design and development philosophy that enables a website to identify different screen sizes and serve up the appropriate experience using the same code-base.

Website Enhancements Continued

Created a **Google-friendly** website

- A well built website means a quick and fast loading website and a website Google will not penalize and 'down rank'.



Created an **accessible and inclusive** website

- The new website follows the *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines*, and we have managed to get the website to 'AAA' standard.

Next Steps

Technical functioning

- ironing out any bugs

Ensuring consistency in content and design

- e.g., names listed on primary and global navigation bars

Adding new content in an organized, intuitive manner

Archiving old content

Key words

- for successful **search functionality**

Testing and assessing accessibility

WG Website: A work in progress

Contributions

- News items, blogs, articles, and publications that make use of WG tools

Questions

- Questions may become FAQs posted on the website

Suggestions

- Format-related, additional sections and/or content-related

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