Washington Group on Disability Statistics

2020 Virtual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG)

WG's Efforts to Establish Regional Entities
Buenos Aires Group
for Latin-American countries

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Topics overview

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Background in the region

- The Statistical Conference of the Americas **(SCA-ECLAC)** agreed in **2014** to create a **Working Group on Disability Measurement**, whose objective was to strengthen the capacity of the countries in the region to measure and process information on disability.

- SCA Working Groups restructuring → Working Group **is dissolved**

- During the **19th Washington Group annual meeting** held in Buenos Aires in **2019**, the **creation of the Regional Group for Latin America** was proposed.

- The National Institute of Statistics and Censuses **(INDEC)** of **Argentina** offered to lead the **coordination** of the regional group: **"Buenos Aires Group".**

- A small working group was set up to identify the initial activities to be carried out by the Buenos Aires Group and to **draft the Group's terms of reference, which will be next displayed.**

Buenos Aires Group Meetings

- During the first part of 2020, 8 videoconferences have been held between the technical teams of Brazil and Argentina (30th March, 2th April, 27th April, 26th May, 8th June, 8th July, 9th September and 17th September). Also, ECLAC, WG and RIADIS participated on some occasions.

- On July 1st, a videoconference was held with the Pacific Group to exchange experiences.

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Objectives

To promote the **harmonization of disability measurement** and the **development of methodological and conceptual designs** for the **improvement of disability measurement** in the **region**.

Relevance of the group

The formation of the Buenos Aires Group takes on special importance to **discuss disability statistics in the region**, adapting it to national, cultural and language realities, with the aim of leaving no one behind.

TOR - Activities

- **Virtual meeting's schedule**

- **Identify** existing **disability data collection tools** in the region

- Maintain a **fluid communication channel** → **share results and experiences**

- Provide **training workshops for producers and data users** → collection, analysis and dissemination of data using WG tools.

- **Support collaboration between countries (South-South)** → share experiences

- **Standardization of tools and analytical methodologies** → generate standard products for dissemination.

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- **Diagnostic document → country experiences** in measuring disability **using the WG Short Set**

- **Elaborate a proposal of the WG short set → censuses of the 2020 round** in the **region**

- **Perform cognitive tests** to improve disability measurement tools.

- **Design a** plan for data collection→ **disseminate census data on disability.**

- **Establish common criteria for the collected data dissemination**, especially about children and adolescents.

- **Design indicators** of the population with disabilities → **regional comparability.**

- **Design question sets → measurement of disability within administrative data** of education, health, employment, etc.

Current situation and next steps

Current situation: formal request for technical assistance from CELADE-ECLAC to participate in the coordination of the Group

Next steps:

- Convene the countries of the region
- Coordinate an initial extended meeting
- Agree on a work schedule
- Move forward with the agreed activities and products

Thank you

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