20th Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics – Closing Session



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Session Overviews: Accomplishments and Next Steps

WG 2019-2020 Accomplishments

- ✓ WG-ILO Labor Force Survey Disability Module
- New website launched
- ✓ Disability and COVID-19 seminar
- ✓ Regional disability groups
- ✓ First virtual meeting technical challenges
- Consider holding interim meetings
- Issues raised as topics for possible FAQs/blogs
 - Age-adjustment, difference between glasses and hearing aids, why glasses and hearing aids are included in vision and hearing questions, child functioning under age 2, age at onset considerations

WG Website

- ✓ New website launched at the 20th meeting
- ✓ All new or updated documents
 - ✓ question specifications, interviewer guidelines, syntax (SPSS, SAS, Stata), analytic guidance
- ✓ Two new blogs
 - ✓ WG-SS in telephone surveys and differences in disability prevalence
- Further web refinements please visit/review website and communicate any problems
- Additions: video products, CS-Pro syntax, additional translations, list of countries using the WG tools, list of disability-related SDGs

WG <u>Analysis</u> and Dissemination Workgroup

- Development of severity indicators
- Development of other indicators combining domains of functioning
 - ✓ Vision-hearing
 - ✓ Cognition-communication
- Agreement to place this work on the web
- Interest from other countries in replicating severity analyses with other data
- Develop programs in other syntaxes

WG Analysis and <u>Dissemination</u> Workgroup

- ✓ Production of 3 short reports
 - ✓ Kenya, Philippines, USA
- ✓ Standard format for reports
- ✓ Goal is to place reports on the WG website
- Interest in producing additional reports
- Discussion of age-adjustment

WG Environment and Participation Workgroup

- ✓ Terms of Reference drafted
- Meetings have continued
- Agreement on the Terms of Reference
- Commitment to the workgroup topic
- Additional interest and participation

WG Child Functioning and Disability Workgroup

- ✓ Testing and development of:
 - Module on Inclusive Education
 - ✓ CFM Teachers Version
- MICS 6 commenced September 2020, data are becoming available, CFM and WG-SS
- ✓ Inclusion of CFM into EMIS
- Guidelines and syntax documents for CFM to be completed and posted on WG web
- Develop a blog on why we do not measure disability in children under age 2 – compliment the UNICEF FAQ
- Consider evaluation of self-reporting for older children

WG Psychosocial Functioning Workgroup

- Analysis of current WG anxiety and depression data completed
- ✓ Cognitive testing began, with South Africa the first test conducted
- Complete the papers (literature review and analysis)
- Finalize the South Africa testing report
- Revise the test protocol based on SA testing, especially in light of the COVID-19 situation
- Conduct additional testing (Brazil, Russia, Israel, Costa Rica, H&I – Tunisia)
- Interest in participating in further testing

WG Regional Disability Groups

- Regional implementation workshops conducted to build capacity
- Regional group building interest and agreement
- ✓ Active groups thus far: Casablanca Group, Pacific Group on Disability Statistics (PGDS), Buenos Aires Group, Brazzaville Group
- ✓ Groups awaiting initiation: South/East Africa, Moscow Group, Kathmandu Group, Caribbean Group
- ✓ Groups not identified: Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, North America-OECD
- Continue to support established groups, add country members
- Continue to engage with groups beginning to form

In what city was the 1st WG meeting held?

Washington, DC

In what month/year was the 1st WG meeting held?

February 2002

In how many countries have WG annual meetings been held?

17 - two meetings have been held in Argentina, two in Thailand, and one held virtually

In what year was the WG Short Set on Functioning endorsed?

2006

How many countries have been WG members?

195

How many questions are on the Short Set?

6

How many original WG Work Groups were formed?

5
Workgroup on General Measure/s (Chair: Barbara Altman)

Workgroup on Extended Measure/s (Chair: Marijke de Kleijn)

Workgroup on Analysis (Chair: Dan Mont)

Workgroup on Methodological Issues (Chair: Howard Meltzer)

Workgroup on Implementation (Chair: Joseph Muli-Kalavi)

What does CFM stand for?

Child Functioning Module

What is the smallest country in which a WG annual meeting has been held? <u>Luxembourg</u>

What is the largest country in which a WG annual meeting has been held? Canada

Buenos Aires

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How many island countries have hosted a WG annual meeting?
       4 – Australia, Bermuda, Ireland and the Philippines
In which WG meeting city did we meet a wombat?
       Sydney
In which WG meeting city did we enjoy authentic asado?
       Buenos Aires
In which WG meeting city did we listen to bagpipes?
       Amman
In which WG meeting city did we visit a distillery?
       Dublin
In which WG meeting city did we take tango lessons?
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- In which WG meeting city did we see an opera house from a boat? Sydney
- In which WG meeting city did we visit the source of the Nile? Kampala
- In which WG meeting city did we go out at night to Samba?

 Rio de Janeiro
- In which WG meeting city did we watch Gombey dancers? Southampton

Thank You!