



Sixth Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

October 10-13, 2006: Kampala, Uganda.

Overview

The sixth meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics was held October 10-13, 2006 in Kampala, Uganda, hosted by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics. The Washington Group has developed a short set of questions on disability that address the issue of assessing equalization of opportunity. The question set is intended to provide internationally comparable data, primarily for use in census formats. Standardized pre-tests of these questions were conducted in 15 countries to determine how well the Washington Group questions perform across different countries and cultures. A large part of the sixth meeting was dedicated to interpretation of the pre-test results and recommendations for the question set.

Objectives

- Present work on the continued development of the short set(s) of disability measures including revisions based on the results of pre-testing (both WHO/UNESCAP test and WG test).
- Present further revisions to implementation protocols.
- Present work on the development of the extended measurement set/s including the plan for development of extended sets; the options for additional domains to be included to address the purpose of assessing equalization of opportunities; and the development of an extended set on environmental factors as barriers or facilitators.
- Report on WG pre-test results; present analyses from WHO/ESCAP and WG pre-test along with recommendations.
- Report on regional meetings (if any).
- Discuss strategic issues.

Agenda

- [Sixth Washington Group Meeting Agenda \[pdf\]](#)

Papers and Presentations

NOTE: Documentation produced and presented at this meeting represents part of the WG's historical record. These documents have, in many cases, been refined and revised, with final versions available under the main tabs on the website: Question Sets, Implementation, Analysis and Resources. The WG encourages you to explore these pages for the most recent versions of documentation and guidelines.

Session 1: Opening session

Objectives: To welcome meeting participants; provide practical information; provide an update on the work of the WG and developments since the last meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and to review the objectives and agenda for this meeting.

- [Opening Session \[pdf\]](#)

Session 2: Pre-test overview and analytical approaches

Objectives: To introduce the plan for reviewing pre-test results; to explain the approaches to analyzing the cognitive and field test results; to review the WHO/ESCAP project which included a test of the WG questions; to review country participation in the WG pre-tests (WG funded and self-funded); and to briefly review the protocols of countries that conducted other tests of the WG questions

Background Papers for Session 2

- [Pattern Definitions \[pdf\]](#)
- [UNESCAP/WHO Project on Health and Disability Statistics: Disability Question Set Testing \[pdf\]](#)

Presentations

- [Sixth Annual WG Meeting: Overview of Sessions 2 & 3 on Pre-test Results \[pdf\]](#)
- [Washington Group Cognitive Test \[pdf\]](#)
- [Presentation on Field Tests \[pdf\]](#)
- [ESCAP/WHO Pilot Study Overview \[pdf\]](#)

Session 3: In-depth review of cognitive and field test results and experiences

Plan and objectives: Countries that have conducted pre-tests of the WG short question set and members of the data analysis workgroup will present pre-test results. Since time does not permit discussion of all of the individual test results for each question, only a subset of country results will be highlighted for each question. Each country has been asked to make one presentation on a particular question. However, the results from all countries for all questions (combined results) will also be presented. Specific members of the data analysis workgroup have been designated as facilitators for each of the six WG questions. In each section corresponding to the six questions, all results pertaining to the six WG questions will also be considered including the WG sponsored pre-tests, the WHO/ESCAP test, and other testing activities. After each set of 3 presentations, we will have a discussion of next steps for that question which might include necessary revisions and/or additional testing.

- [Summary of Pre-Test Results for the WG Short Set of Questions \[pdf\]](#)

Background Paper

- [Sensory Functional Limitations in Adult Population, France 2003 \[pdf\]](#)

Test Results: Vision (1a)

- [Summary \[pdf\]](#)
- [Question on Vision: Results of the Cognitive Test \[ppt\]](#)
- [In-depth Review of Cognitive and Field Test Results and Experiences \[ppt\]](#)

- [Cognitive Testing Exercise: Question 1: Vision \[ppt\]](#)
- [Question on Vision: Country Pre-Test Results Vietnam \[ppt\]](#)
- [ESCAP/WHO Field Results on Vision \[ppt\]](#)

Test Results: Hearing (1b)

- [Summary \[pdf\]](#)
- [Cognitive Testing of the WG Questions in Egypt \(Question on Hearing\) \[ppt\]](#)
- [General Report on the Cognitive Testing: Mexico \[ppt\]](#)
- [Tanzania Cognitive Test Results \[ppt\]](#)
- [ESCAP/WHO Field Results on Hearing \[ppt\]](#)

Test Results: Mobility (1c)

- [Summary \[pdf\]](#)
- [Mobility Questions \[ppt\]](#)
- [Cognitive Test Results \[ppt\]](#)
- [Mobility: South AfricaField Tests on W4: Mobility \[ppt\]](#)

Test Results: Cognition (1d)

- [Summary \[pdf\]](#)
- [Summary of Field Trial Cognition Question \[ppt\]](#)
- [Country: the Gambia \[ppt\]](#)
- [Cognition \[ppt\]](#)
- [Field Test Results on W5: Cognition \[ppt\]](#)

Test Results: Self Care (1e)

- [Summary \[pdf\]](#)
- [Self-Care Question: Cognitive Testing Results \[ppt\]](#)
- [Self Care Questions Domain \[ppt\]](#)
- [Question on Self Care \[ppt\]](#)
- [Field Test Results on W5: Self Care \[ppt\]](#)

Test Results: Communication (1f)

- [Summary \[pdf\]](#)
- [Presentation on Communication Question 6 \[ppt\]](#)
- [Question on Communication \[ppt\]](#)
- [Cognitive Test Results Question 6 Communication \[ppt\]](#)
- [The Cognitive Survey for Mauritius – Test and Results \[ppt\]](#)
- [Communication \[ppt\]](#)

Test Results: Other Tests, Country Reports

- [Research on People with Disabilities in Zambia: Recent Experience and Findings \[ppt\]](#)
- [Summary of Annual Reports on National Activities Related to Disability Statistics \[ppt\]](#)

Session Summary

- [UN Washington Group Report and Next Steps\[ppt\]](#)

Final Country Reports on Washington Group Pre-Tests

- [Argentina \[pdf\]](#)
- [Brazil \[pdf\]](#)
- [Democratic Republic of the Congo \[pdf\]](#)
- [Egypt \[pdf\]](#)
- [Gambia \[pdf\]](#)
- [India \[pdf\]](#)
- [Kenya \[pdf\]](#)
- [Lesotho \[pdf\]](#)
- [Mauritius \[pdf\]](#)
- [Mexico \[pdf\]](#)
- [Paraguay \[pdf\]](#)
- [Philippines](#)
 - [Report \[pdf\]](#)
 - [Appendices \[pdf\]](#)
- [Uganda \[pdf\]](#)
- [Vietnam](#)
 - [Cognitive Test \[pdf\]](#)
 - [Appendix \[pdf\]](#)
 - [Field Test \[pdf\]](#)
 - [Appendices \[pdf\]](#)

Session 4: Report on the Status of Work on the Extended Sets

- [Report on the Budapest Initiative \[ppt\]](#)
- [Extended Sets: Issues and Way Forward \[ppt\]](#)

Session 5: Updates on International Activities Related to Disability Statistics

- [World Bank Efforts on Disability Data \[ppt\]](#)

Session 6: Strategic Issues

- [Status of World Bank Grant \[ppt\]](#)
- [Sixth Annual Meeting of the WG: Governance Issues \[ppt\]](#)

Session 7: Next steps and objectives for the 7th meeting in Ireland

- [Sixth WG Meeting:Next Steps \[ppt\]](#)

Executive Summary

- [Executive Summary of the Sixth Meeting \[pdf\]](#)

Report to the U.N. Statistical Commission

- [Report to the UN Statistical Commission: 27 February -2 March 2007 \[pdf\]](#)
- [Addendum to the Report to the UN Statistical Commission \[pdf\]](#)

Workgroups

Three workgroups will address major next steps of the WG. Chairs have been identified for each workgroup. The chairs serve as the contact for each group. Information on the workgroup topics and chairs is provided below. WG members who wish to volunteer to participate in one of these groups are to contact the workgroup chairs.

- **Workgroup on the Short Set**

Chair: Barbara Altman, USA

This workgroup will consider minor revisions to the question set within the next few months. In addition, the group will develop an alternative (optional) question on upper body function. The workgroup was also charged with addressing the use of the short set as a screener.

- **Combined Workgroup on Data Analysis and Methodological Issues** Chairs: Dan Mont, USA and Howard Meltzer, United Kingdom

Although detailed analyses of the pre-test data were presented at the 6th meeting, the WG agreed that there is much more analytical work that can be done that would be informative. The workgroup on data analysis was charged with completing this work. Both of these workgroups (on the short set and data analysis) will jointly plan and oversee publication of the pre- test results. It was decided that the methodological workgroup would be merged with the data analysis workgroup to address three specific issues: 1) portability of questions across administration modes; 2) how the questions work for specific populations such as those with severe disability, children, or the institutionalized population; and 3) the use of proxy informants. It was agreed that proxy reporting is a priority for the group.

- **Workgroup on the Extended Set/s**

Chair: Margie Schneider, South Africa

The workgroup was charged with drafting a position paper specific to developing an extended question set for the purpose of assessing equalization of opportunities. The position paper will include the plan, purpose, and approach for developing the extended set. It was agreed that the primary issue for this extended set is expansion of the existing domains covered in the short set and adding to the existing domains. The WG will collaborate with UNESCAP on development of the extended set/s.

