

12th Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics:

Objectives and Agenda

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Summary of annual meetings

- 1st Washington, DC, Feb 2002
- 2nd Ottawa, Canada, Jan 2003
- 3rd Brussels, Belgium, Feb 2004
- 4th Bangkok, Thailand, Sept 2004
- 5th Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept 2005
- 6th Kampala, Uganda- Oct, 2006
- 7th Dublin, Ireland - Sept 2007
- 8th Manila, Philippines – October '08
- 9th Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – Oct '09
- 10th Luxembourg – November 2010
- 11th Southampton, Bermuda – Nov 2011

Milestones:

- 1 Agreement to develop short and long sets of internationally comparable disability measures using the ICF as a framework; census questions a priority
- 2 Equalization of opportunities selected as purpose of short measure
- 3 Developed a comparable testing methodology
- 4 Tested and revised questions
- 5 Short set adopted
- 6 Extended question set on functioning (ES-F) finalized
- 7 Module on Child Functioning and Disability developed with UNICEF
- 8 Extended set on the environment (ES-E) currently under development

From Southampton to Bangkok:

- 11th Annual Meeting – Southampton, Bermuda - November, 2011):
- The meeting was attended by 41 persons:
 - 15 representing national statistical authorities from 10 countries
 - 18 representatives from universities, national institutes of public health, other national research bodies or government ministries
 - 5 representatives from the National Center for Health Statistics (WG Secretariat)
 - 1 representative from international organizations (UNICEF)
 - 2 Distinguished Alumni

Main Objectives: 11th meeting in Southampton

- Present results of country reports using WG short set questions in surveys / censuses
- Present additional work on extended set (functioning):
 - ✓ Results from further analyses of cognitive testing
 - ✓ Update on any revisions to extended set questions, and present the final extended set of disability questions
 - ✓ Present results from the 2010 US National Health Interview Survey
- Present status reports from the workgroups on measurement of child disability and environmental factors

Major accomplishments in Southampton and beyond

- Development of a Module on Child Functioning and Disability (with UNICEF)
 - Brainstorming meeting in Rome (April, 2012)
 - Expert Consultation hosted by UNICEF/NYC (June, 2012)
 - Finalization of the Module for testing
 - Cognitive testing in USA Sept/Oct 2012
 - Cognitive testing in India September, 2012
 - Further testing planned...

Major accomplishments in Southampton and beyond

- Training & cognitive testing of the short set of questions in Bogotá, Colombia (July, 2011).
- Further regional training...

Major accomplishments (Collaborations)

- UNICEF: development of the child disability module and testing
- UNESCAP: discussion of implementation projects
- World Bank/WHO: in the production of the World Report on Disability
- WHO: representing the WG on the WHO-FIC/FDRG
- UN Dept. of Social & Economic Affairs: collaboration with UN DESA on using the WG questions for the purpose of monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
- Continued contact in the Middle-East:
 - Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics

Major accomplishments (Reports)

- Reports completed:
 - Disability Information from Censuses, prepared for DPOs
 - Development of an Internationally Comparable Disability Measure for Censuses, prepared for NSOs
 - Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
 - Understanding and Interpreting Disability as Measured using the WG Short Set of Questions
 - The Measurement of Disability: Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Censuses
 - Development of Extended Sets of Disability Measures for Surveys

Major accomplishments: Recent Publications

- Up-date of WG activities submitted to the World Health Organization - Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Newsletter.
- Miller K, Mont D, Maitland A, Altman B, Madans J. Results of a cross-national structured cognitive interviewing protocol to test measures of disability. *Quality & Quantity*, 2011; 45(4):801-815.

Major accomplishments: Recent Publications

- Madans JH, Loeb ME, Altman BA. Measuring Disability and Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: the work of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics. BMC Public Health 2011, **11**(Suppl 4):S4
- Loeb M. A White Paper on Disability Measurement. Journal for Disability and International Development. 2012, **1**:4-11. Available online at: http://www.zbdw.de/projekt01/media/pdf/2012_1_BiE.pdf

Major accomplishments: Recent Publications

- Madans JH and Loeb M. Methods to improve international comparability of census and survey measures of disability. *Disability & Rehabilitation*, 2012; Early Online: 1–4. Available online at: <http://informahealthcare.com/eprint/kTp35IpbFr3r6zZsuqTH/full>

Major accomplishments since Southampton (Presentations - 2011)

- International Measures of Child Disability and the Work of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics. APHA: 139th Annual Meeting & Exposition, 29 Oct – 2 Nov 2011, Washington, DC.
- Development of Extended Sets of Disability Measures for Surveys. Meeting of the WHO Collaborating Centers for the Family of International Classifications. 29 Oct – 6 Nov 2011, Cape Town, South Africa

Major accomplishments since Southampton (Presentations - 2012)

- Disability statistics: an integral but missing (and misunderstood) component of development work. Disability and Development: Rights, Politics and Practice, October, 2012, Oslo, Norway
- Disability Statistics for the Future: Building on Recent Advances. ALTER: 1st Meeting of the European Society of Disability Research, 5-6 July, 2012, Paris, France.
- Measuring Disability and Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: the work of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics. Conference: Improving the measurement of disability and the physical access of the disabled: Lessons from international experience. February 10, 2012, Istanbul, Turkey (envisioned).

World Report on Disability:

To enhance the availability and quality of data on disability the WR recommends:

- Adoption of the ICF
- Improved national disability statistics
- Improved comparability of data
- Development of appropriate tools (both quantitative and qualitative methodologies) to improve and expand data collection on disability.
- Improvement in collaboration and coordination between various initiatives to measure disability prevalence at global, regional and national levels

WRD and the WG:

- The WG has developed a short set of disability questions based on the ICF framework.
- By fostering international cooperation in the area of health and disability statistics, these questions will improve the comparability of data cross-nationally.
- In order to meet WR recommendations and improve national disability statistics it is important that the routine collection of disability data become incorporated into national statistics programs.

Main Objectives for 12th meeting

Present additional work on short set questions:

results from further analysis of data collected during the 2010 round of Censuses

Present additional work on extended set on functioning:

results from further analysis of data from the US NHIS

Present additional work on extended sets of questions on child disability:

proposed question set of child disability measures

Present additional work on extended sets of questions on environmental factors and participation:

proposed set (or sets) of questions measuring environmental factors and participation

WG-12: Session 1 Overview

- Opening Remarks
- Review of developments since the 11th meeting; review of objectives / agenda for the 12th meeting.

WG-12: Session 2 Overview

- This session will include presentations related to country experiences and results using the WG Short measure questions.
- Presentations of additional country experiences

WG-12: Session 3 Overview

3. This session will focus on the presentation of additional work on the WG Extended set of questions on Functioning (ES-F).

- Review of the development the ES-F
- Presentation of results from further analyses of data from the US National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
- Discussion on strategies and plans for expansion of cognitive and field testing of the ES-F to other regions

WG-12: Session 4-6 Overview

4. Methodological issues concerning surveys
 - Designing questions for the measurement of environmental barriers and facilitators
5. Methodological issues concerning surveys
 - Measuring disability and functioning among children and youth
6. Country reports
 - Summary of Country Reports
 - Country experiences

WG-12: Session 7 Overview

7. Discussion of next steps and objectives for the 13th meeting

- Overview of the Incheon Strategy
- Discussion providing updates on WG governance issues
- Updates on other WG and collaborative activities
- Potential funding opportunities
- Summarizing the accomplishments of the 12th meeting
- Outlining next steps
- Announcing the dates and location of the 13th meeting and determining objectives for this meeting
- Soliciting volunteers to host the 14th WG meeting
- Closing remarks.