

# Use of WG measures for Emergency Situations & Overview of current collaboration with the Washington Group



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# A) Overview of current collaboration with the Washington Group



# Who are we?



Washington  
Group on  
Disability  
Statistics



- 1982 HI's foundation in the Cambodian Refugee Camps in Thailand
- Where: Across +/- 60 countries
- What: Project initiatives implemented by Departments of Humanitarian Action, Arms Risk Reduction and Development, Technical Resource Division, and related advocacy
- With: UN agencies, local or national governments, universities, local or international NGOs, incl. Disabled People Organizations

# Changes in Contexts

**« Leave no one behind! » Principle of SDG and WHS  
Agenda**

**-> Inclusive approach to development and  
humanitarian action**

**Increasing demand** for quality disability data collection,  
use and comparability among development and  
humanitarian practitioners and donors

# Handicap International & the WG

13th Meeting  
of the WG in  
Amman:  
First HI  
participation

14th Meeting  
of the WG in  
Buenos Aires:  
Participation  
of HI

First Regional  
Workshop on the  
measurement of  
Child Disability:  
HI participates

HI Training  
by WG in  
Lyon

17th Meeting  
of the WG in  
Sydney

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2013

2014

2015- 2017

Early stage...

Promoting the SS in  
different projects : e.g.

- 2009: Cambodia  
support of DPO to  
advocate the national  
bureau of statistics
- 2011: Haïti, research  
on disability measure

- [Orientation  
Note about  
disability-  
related data  
in National  
Censuses](#) for HI  
and partners to  
improve  
understanding  
national census

- **Development of projects** in  
partnership with the WG 1/4 funded:  
**[HIEP project](#), started 07/2016**

- Mainstreaming the WG questions in  
**[Development of tools](#)**

- **Supporting WG SS in Laos Census**

- **[Online Learning tool on WG SS](#)**

- **Integration of the WG SS, extended set  
and child functioning questionnaire in  
+55 projects' data collection & surveys**

- **Capacity Development of DPOs &  
others, Support of testing of WG**

## B) Use of WG measures in Emergency Situations

*From evidence to action: Filling the data gap by enhancing the availability and use of quality disability data by humanitarian actors*

# Humanitarian policy framework

ABOUT

THE CHARTER

ENDORSE THE CHARTER

LIST OF ENDORSING STAKEHOLDERS

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## CHARTER ON INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



- International Humanitarian Law, mentions predominantly persons with physical and mental disabilities/ injuries
- Guidelines and humanitarian standards/ sector
- CRPD, especially Article 11
- World Humanitarian Summit, [Charta on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](#), 2016:
  - 150 + endorsers including states and UN agencies
  - Increased inter-agency work:
    - IASC Task Team on inclusion of persons with disabilities
    - IDA-CBM-HI joint global project on bringing forwards the implementation of the Charta

WORKING WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN FORCED DISPLACEMENT



# Disability data in Emergency Responses

- **Disability data key to ensure everybody at risk is identified, i.e. unequal/no access to protection, basic & specific needs identified**

Unmet access to services	Total	% of sample
Shelter	8.139	63.4
Specialized health services	3.754	29.3
Mental health service	926	7.2
Education, including vocational training	2.105	16.4
Livelihood	2.986	23.3
Non-food items: Clothing	1.512	11.8
Access to food rations	1.416	11.0
Protection services	811	6.3
Water and sanitation	332	2.6

Table 4: Unmet service needs across the sample and camps of Dadaab, HI 05/11





# Current Data Collection Challenges in Emergency situation

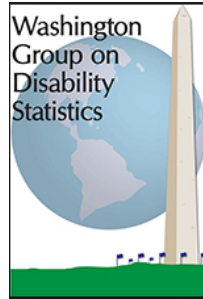
## Challenges collecting disability data in emergencies for humanitarian action:

- **Incoherent and unsystematic disability data collection and use**
- **Majority of Humanitarian actors lack sufficient knowledge and information on data collection on Persons with Disabilities for different reasons, incl.:**
  - Misunderstandings on time needed to collect disability data
  - Diverse Set of disability questions used or none
- If Data collected used, no disaggregation and /or reporting on the main needs at key global information hubs



# Project Overview

- 32 months project funded by DFID, start 07/2016
- In partnership with the Washington Group and the International Disability Alliance
- Engagement of wider set of actors through steering committee



Mar 2017 – Apr 2018

Phase 1  
Action-research on the use of the WG questions in humanitarian action

Jan – Sep 2018

Phase 2  
Development of learning materials based on the action-research

Feb 2018 – Mar 2019

Phase 3  
Advocacy, dissemination of learning materials and capacity-building



**Impact:** Contribute to the systematic collection and use of Washington Group questions by humanitarian actors to improve access, effectiveness and impartiality of humanitarian response



**Outcome:** Evidence generated will ensure key humanitarian actors have the knowledge, skills and tools to count and plan for people with disabilities in humanitarian programming



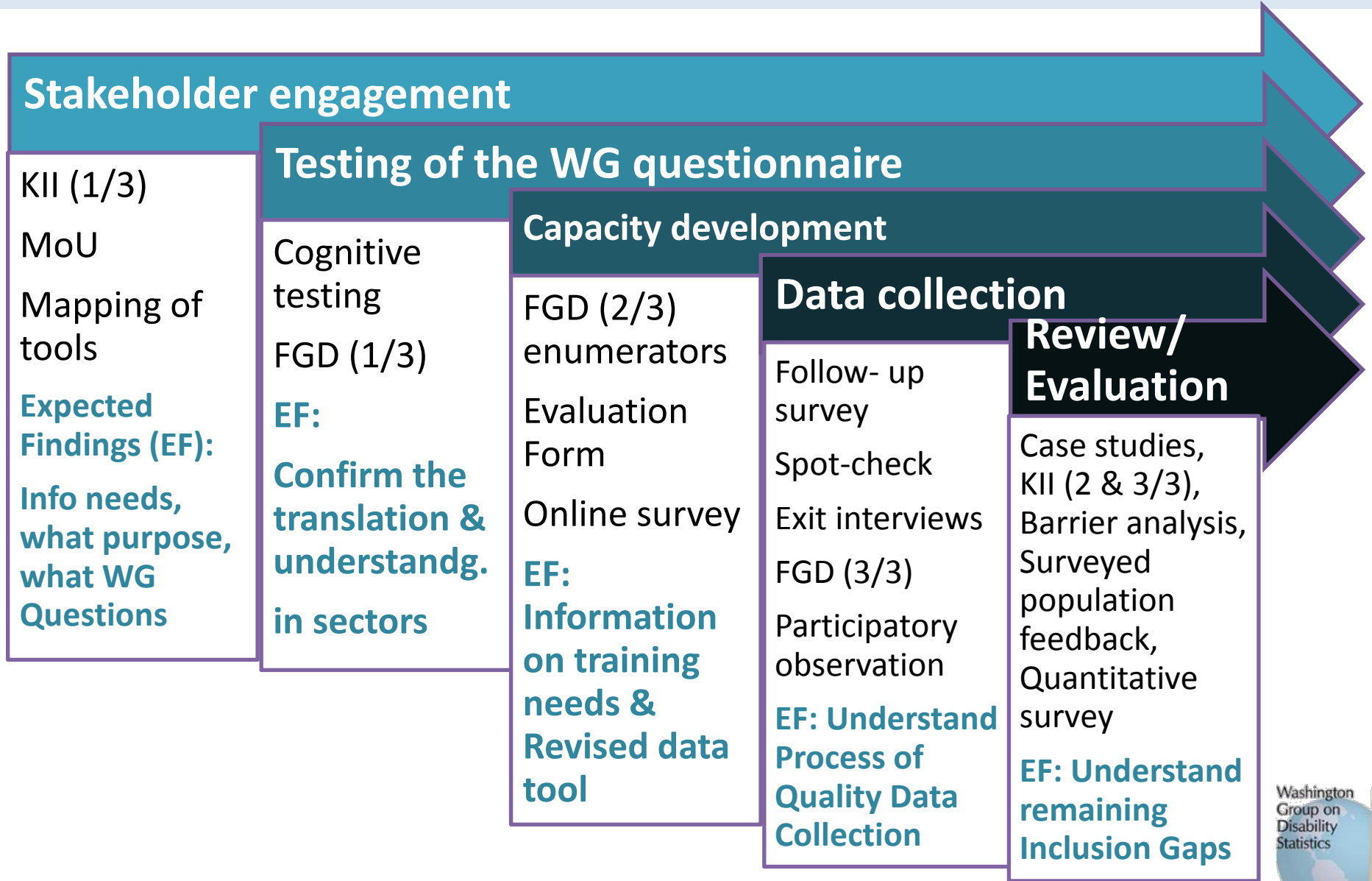
# Focus Phase 1: Action Research

-> A qualitative action-research among diverse set of humanitarian actors working in different contexts and sectors in 3 countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, the Philippines and Jordan

-> To test and assess the use of the WG questions in Humanitarian Action:

1. Exploring how the WG questions perform in different humanitarian settings / sectors of intervention to identify people with disabilities.
2. Determining the process necessary for humanitarian actors to collect useful and quality data using the WG questions.

# Focus Phase 1: Action Research, cont.



# Project Results so far

## Half-way through the action-research:

- Collaboration with 31 organisations (UN agencies, local and international humanitarian NGOs)
- 430 people trained on the use of the WG sets
- First analysis of data received by collaborating organizations

Interest globally and in-country for capacity-building and technical advise

Moving to data collection and analysis for the rest of the research

# Lessons Learned

## Planning phase takes time:

- Data sharing agreement / MoU take time to sign (confidentiality, data protection)
- Adapting tools and data management information system is not straightforward
- Aim of data collection is not always clear

Higher number of support request than expected

Flexibly required



# Next Steps

Research finalization & Sharing finding

Training and learning tools development

Development of an advocacy strategy with IDA

Link with IASC Task Team on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, and other global dynamics (CRRF, Grand Bargain, etc.)







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