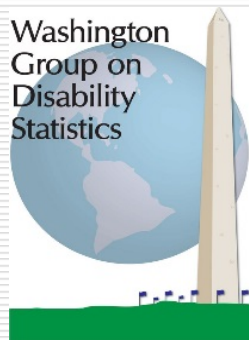


17th Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Overview and Accomplishments



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WG – laying the foundation:

1. Development of short and extended sets of internationally comparable disability measures for censuses and surveys
2. Using the ICF as a framework
3. Equalization of opportunities selected as purpose of measurement
4. Development of a comparable testing methodology

WG Tools:

1. WG Short set - adopted 2006
2. WG Extended set on functioning for adults - adopted 2010
3. WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module – adopted 2016
4. WG/UNICEF Module on Inclusive Education – cognitive testing commenced
5. Module for use in Labor Force Surveys (with ILO) – cognitive testing commenced
6. Module on Mental Health - under development
7. Additional extended set on the environment and participation currently under consideration

Summary of annual meetings

1. Washington, DC 2/2002

2. Canada 1/2003

3. Belgium 2/2004

4. Thailand 9/2004

5. Brazil 9/2005

6. Uganda 10/2006

7. Ireland 9/2007

8. Philippines 10/2008

9. Tanzania 10/2009

10. Luxembourg 11/2010

11. Bermuda 11/2011

12. Thailand 10/2012

13. Jordan 10/2013

14. Argentina 10/2014

15. Denmark 10/2015

16. South Africa 12/2016

17. **Australia 10/2017**

WG: Workgroups / Leaders

- Analysis of the Extended Set on Functioning / NCHS
- Child Functioning / NCHS
- Environmental Factors and Participation / NCHS
- Mental Health / Margie Schneider, South Africa; Elena De Palma, Italy
- Disability Module for Labor Force Surveys / Daniel Mont, UCL
- Administrative data/?

Regional Workshops:

UNSD: on Disability Measurement and Statistics focusing on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses

Bangkok, Thailand (SE Asia)*

Bridgetown, Barbados
(Caribbean)

Kampala, Uganda (Africa)

Muscat, Oman (Western Asia)

Santiago, Chile (Latin America)

Almaty, Kazakhstan (Central Asia)

* No WG representation

UNICEF: on Disability Measurement with a focus on Child Functioning and Disability

Tunis, Tunisia (National)

Geneva, Switzerland
(Central Asia)

Westchester, NY (Latin America)

Westchester, NY (SE Asia+)

Dakar, Senegal (Africa)

WG: on Disability Measurement with a focus on the Implementation of WG tools in National Statistical Systems

Nadi, Fiji (South Pacific)

Casablanca, Morocco
(Western Asia)

Rome, Italy (non-regional)

Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago (Caribbean)

Mexico City, Mexico (Latin America)

SE Asia (planned 2018)

Africa (planned 2018)

Central Asia (planned 2018)

The New WG Website:

<http://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/>

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WASHINGTON GROUP ON DISABILITY STATISTICS

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) is a UN city group established under the United Nations Statistical Commission. The WG was constituted to address the urgent need for cross-nationally comparable population based measures of disability. Its mandate is the promotion and co-ordination of international co-operation in the area of health statistics focusing on disability data collection tools suitable for censuses and national surveys.

The WG has sought to foster international collaboration, and in particular, to insure that its efforts are broad-based and inclusive of voices from developing countries from every region of the world. Representatives of National Statistical Offices around the world, as well as Disabled People's Organizations (DPO), and other international organizations are encouraged to participate in the WG.

With funding from the **Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** the Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) is launching this new website, with the support of the **Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre** at University College London.

New Blog "Training on How to Ask "Disability" Questions on Censuses a

[Search the Washington Group Website](#)

News

Training has taken place in Trinidad and Tobago and Mexico City for the Caribbean and South/Central American regions

A new blog post from Daniel Mont is now available, "[Training on How to Ask "Disability" Questions on Censuses and Surveys](#)"

"[Disability Statistics in Humanitarian Action](#)" – Handicap International has released a webpage detailing how they are using the WG Qs in their humanitarian work.

The Washington Group presented their first training for Non-Government Organisations in London (March 16 2017) – the event is now available to watch online, closed captioning is available. [Webinar of NGO training in London](#)

Methodology



Question Sets



Examples



Digital Training



Guidelines and documentation:

- Conceptualization and Measurement of Disability (outlining WG Tools)
- WG Question set Implementation Guidelines
- WG Question by Question Specifications
- Translation Protocol
- Interviewer Guidelines (under revision)
- Analytic Guidelines including SPSS syntax
- Regional guide to improve disability data collection and analysis in Arab speaking countries (with ESCWA)

Use of the WG Short Set: in censuses, surveys, disability modules or pre-tests (n=78)

Afghanistan	Egypt	Malawi	Philippines	Uganda
Argentina	Estonia	Malta	Poland	United Arab Emirates
Armenia	Fiji	Mexico	Qatar	United States
Aruba	France	Moldova	Romania	Vietnam
Bangladesh	India	Mongolia	Rwanda	Yemen
Bermuda	Iran	Montenegro	Samoa	Zambia
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Ireland	Montserrat	St. Maarten	
Botswana	Israel	Mozambique	Serbia	
Brazil	Italy	Namibia	Sierra Leone	
Burundi	Ivory Coast	Nepal	South Africa	
Cambodia	Jamaica	Netherlands	Sri Lanka	
Canada	Japan	Netherlands Antilles	Sudan	
Chad	Jordan	Oman	Swaziland	
Croatia	Kazakhstan	Pakistan	Tanzania	
China	Kenya	Palestine	Taiwan	
China (Hong Kong SAR)	Kosovo	Panama	Thailand	
Dominican Republic	Latvia	Paraguay	Tunisia	
D.R. Congo	Lesotho	Peru	Turkey	

Recent adoption of the WG-SS:

UNICEF:

- deployment of the Child Functioning Module (CFM) in the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS)

US AID:

- development of a disability module to include the WG SS in the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

World Bank:

- discussing inclusion of the WG-SS into the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS)

DHS applications of WG disability modules

Country	Year	Questions
Cambodia DHS	2014	Adaption of WG Short Set
Egypt DHS	2018**	DHS-7 Module
Ghana Maternal Health Survey	2017*	Adaptation of DHS-7 Module
Haiti DHS	2016*	DHS-7 Module
Malawi DHS	2015-16	MICS questions
Mali DHS	2018**	DHS-7 Module
South Africa DHS	2016*	Adaption of WG Short Set
Timor-Leste DHS	2016*	Adaption of WG Short Set
Uganda DHS	2006	Adaption of WG Short Set
Uganda DHS	2011	Adaption of WG Short Set
Uganda DHS	2016*	DHS-7 Module

* data not yet released

** survey still in planning stages, questionnaire not yet final

Recent adoption of WG tools:

- Handicap International (WG-SS, e-learning tools)
- Sightsavers (WG-SS)
- Syria Relief UK (CFM)
- HBSC – Finland: Health Behavior in School-aged Children (CFM)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- CBM International

Endorsement of WG SS in International Initiatives

Adoption in International aid programs:

- UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- US Agency for International Development (USAID)

The 2020 round of censuses:

- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Recommendations for monitoring:

- UN DESA/UNESCO Expert Group Meeting, Paris, July '14
- Follow-up conference on disability data, London, Oct '14

Endorsement of WG SS: Recommendations for Disaggregation

Joint Statement by the Disability Sector:

- 4th Meeting of the IAEG-SDG's: Geneva, Nov 2016
- 5th Meeting of the IAEG-SDG's: Ottawa, March 2017

UN Statistical Commission:

- Report on the 48th session: United Nations, NYC, 7-10 March 2017

Transcript from the 10th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD United Nations:

- 21 signatories, NYC, 13 to 15 June 2017

Disability Data Disaggregation: Joint Statement by the Disability Sector

Fifth meeting of the IAEG-SDG's: Ottawa, March 2017



"...to ensure international comparability and comparability over time for the purposes of SDG data disaggregation for adults, we recommend the use of the Washington Group short set of questions. For disaggregation by disability among children the recommended tool is the UNICEF/ Washington Group module on Child Functioning. Both instruments can be easily and cost effectively inserted in all national data collection efforts."

UN Statistical Commission: Report on the 48th session

United Nations, NYC, 7-10 March 2017

The Statistical Commission Report regarding the UNSD presentation on Social Statistics:

- acknowledgment of the work of the Statistics Division in disability statistics
- statements by countries endorsing the WG tools for disaggregation
- supported the use of the short set of questions on disability status developed by the Washington Group for the purposes of disaggregation for the Goals.

Transcript from the 10th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD

United Nations, NYC, 13 to 15 June 2017

Excerpt from statement by the New Zealand representative on behalf of: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Finland, Iceland, Jamaica, Jordan, Norway, Panama, Poland, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, and New Zealand.

- We strongly recommend the Washington Group questions to be used as a tool to disaggregate data by disability, particularly in household surveys and national agendas.
 - We urge the United Nations Statistical Division to utilize the Washington Group's short set of questions and recommend this tool to national statistical officers and the IAEG-SDG.
 - Delays in doing so could have detrimental consequences to the implementation processes of the SDGs which will leave persons with disabilities uncounted and behind.
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- Massey M. The Role of Cognitive Interviewing Methods in the Development of Questions to Identify Children with Disabilities, II: Question Evaluation
- Cappa C, et al. The Development and Testing of a Module on Child Functioning for Identifying Children with Disabilities in Surveys, III: Field testing

Capacity Building: Regional Implementation Workshops

Region	Location	Date	Countries
Pacific Island	Nadi, Fiji	13-15 07 2017	10
Western Asia	Casablanca, Morocco	17-20 04 2017	9
Non-regional	Rome, Italy	08-10 08 2017	14
Caribbean	Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago	06-08 09 2017	8
Latin America	Mexico City, Mexico	11-13 09 2017	13
SE Asia	TBD	1 st quarter 2018	
Africa	TBD	1 st quarter 2018	
Central Asia	TBD	2 nd quarter 2018	

The Road Ahead

- Question development in mental health, environment & participation
- Capacity building and training & technical assistance
 - Implementation
 - Analysis
 - Dissemination