

# Innovative Applications of the WG Questions

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## **Innovative Applications of the WG Questions**

\_ The Disability Data Portal

\_ The Leonard Cheshire Working Group on Disability Data:  
How NGOs are Implementing the WG questions

# Disability Data Portal

- Leonard Cheshire/ DFID collaboration
- Prepared for UK Global Disability Summit - July 2018
- Open Source 40 country review of disability related data

<https://www.disabilitydataportal.com>

## Disability Data Portal: Background & Objectives

- Amount of data growing but ability to bring together – particularly of those with little in-depth knowledge of disability statistics - difficult and time consuming
- Range of data sources – WG and non-WG scattered throughout a number of sources
- Objective – **Framework** to show how data from range of source could provide start to provide useful insights into disabled populations

## Methodology

- To maintained defined scope, a sample of 40 countries to provide overview of data available and identify emerging gaps
- 4 SDG related themes (16 indicators)– in line with Global Disability Summit:
  - Education
  - Economic Empowerment
  - Technology and Innovation
  - Stigma and Discrimination
- Datasets only included if representative of a country or sub-population
- Majority - 2006 (CRPD) onwards – (where significant gaps –older sources – (i.e. World Health Survey 2002-2004.
- Limitations: Availability data/ ability to compare – data sets used not directly comparable (census/ survey) - range of quality

## Results

### 2 Outputs

- Collected and analyzed data from 40 countries uploaded as disaggregated statistics with interactive visualizations on an online portal [www.disabilitydataportal.com](http://www.disabilitydataportal.com)
- Portal provides 'snapshot' of what data is available and examples of how to analyze this information in an SDG format
- Summary and full report – also available on Portal, set out data collation progress and provide detailed analysis, limitations and gaps in current disability data collection

## Disability Data Portal – Current Status & Next Steps

- \* Launched July 24<sup>th</sup>
- \* Joins small group – UN SD, Washington Group – specifically at WG data
- \* Currently cover 40 countries – hope to expand to cover all countries
- \* DFID role –(Daryl Lloyd)

## II. Use of Washington Group Questions by Development Actors

- WG Questions developed to be used by NSO
- Increasingly used by NGOs, DPOs, as well as advocates and researchers
- Experience of civil society organizations using WG Questions?



## Methodology

- Established WG INGO Working Group - 20 NGOs, DPOs for a series of discussions and meetings in London
- Based on discussion, developed in-depth set of interview questions– in person/ Skype
  - What motivated interviewees organization to use the WGQ?
  - How has the organization used the WGQ and what were the results?
  - What would your recommendations be to other INGOs/ civil society organizations considering using the WG
- Interviewed 20 representatives from 12 originations, recruited both from WG INGO Working Group and representatives from key donor agencies
- Interviewed in-person or via Skype - recorded transcribed, analyzed

## Findings

- > Overall supportive/ enthusiastic – but a PROCESS
- Opting to use WG - top down/ field initiated/ donor initiated
- Impact –
  - Organizational culture change as a result of training and using questions – even before WG questions used regularly
  - Understanding of Disability
  - Understanding scope of WG – what can/ can't do
    - Prevalence vs diagnosis
    - Understanding entry points for use – depending on sector – why being used

## Further findings

- Some organizations reported internal disagreements about need to use - especially non-disabled NGO
- Having inclusion advisor at headquarters or in field found critically helpful
- Training at all levels important
- Language around disability and translation
- Raising of expectations
  - Need for a REFERRAL PATHWAY – (Sightsavers – but a small already established eye health scheme)
- Data analysis

## Findings & Next Steps

- Where donor driven – need for **in-house clarity from donors** of what they want expect
- **Need for new frameworks/ models** for how FINDINGS from WG can be fed back into policy and practice – and these changes monitored over time

## Next Steps

- 2 reports – 1 in conjunction with HI; a longer second one is been circulated now to participants to be finalized
- INGO WG Working Group will continue to meet

## Partners and Advisors

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II. Washington Group INGO Working Group Project:

[https://leonardcheshire.org/sites/default/files/disability\\_data\\_collection\\_digi.pdf](https://leonardcheshire.org/sites/default/files/disability_data_collection_digi.pdf)

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