Background on Implementation Workshops Across Regions

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A DFAT grant was provided to the WG for the period 2015-2019.

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These funds have the objective of:

- Improving the WG website to provide easier accessibility and ability to track WG and WG-related activities;
- Supporting the development of guidance tools, background information and instruction on the use of WG methodologies for NSOs, UN agencies, NGOs, researchers and others interested in getting advice and guidance in use of WG tools;
- Planning a series of regional training workshops and other outreach efforts to improve knowledge and implementation of WG tools and methods, with particular attention to ensuring training for country statistical offices.

WG Regional Implementation Workshops:

- Pacific Island Region (Fiji) 2016
- Middle East (Morocco) with ESCWA, April 2017
- Non-regional (Rome, Italy) August, 2017
- Caribbean (Trinidad) with CARICOM, September 2017
- Latin America (Mexico City) September, 2017
- South East Asia and Africa early 2018
- Central Asia 2018
- Additional non-regional workshop as necessary, place and date to be determined

Associated workshops:

- UNSD: Regional 'stock-taking' Workshops S.E. Asia, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Central Asia, Latin America
- UNICEF: National/Regional Workshops on the Measurement of Disability – Tunisia, Central Asia, Latin America & Caribbean, Africa, S.E. Asia
- WG & UNICEF DPO workshops : (June, 2016/2017)
- WG NGO/DPO workshop: London (March, 2017)

Outcomes of the Pacific Island Implementation Workshop:

- Agreement on the formation of a Pacific Disability Statistics Working Group (referred to as **PDS-WG**).
- The core role of the PDS-WG shall be to provide technical support to NSOs and other agencies to improve collection and use of disability data.

Activities of the **PDS-WG** to include:

- Collect a summary of all of the existing and planned disability data collections across the region
- Collect all translations and cognitive testing results of the WG questions from all countries in a central Pacific repository
- Include the WG Short Set in all censuses
- Determine if additional domains (psychological functioning and upper body functioning) should be included and in which data collections.

Outcomes of the ESCWA Workshop:

Development of a <u>Regional Guidebook to Improve Disability Data</u> <u>Collection and Analysis in the Arab Countries</u>

Chapter 1: Disability Statistics for Policy

Chapter 2: Disability Concepts and Data Collection Strategies

Chapter 3: The Washington Group on Disability Statistics / Data Collection Tools

Chapter 4: Best Practices for Data Collection

Chapter 5: Measuring Prevalence of Disability

Chapter 6: Conclusions and Recommendations

The Road Ahead

Capacity building through 2019

- Completion of regional workshops
- Establishment of Regional Disability 'WGs'

Development of guidance documents

- Implementation protocols for data collection
- Data analysis
- Dissemination of results

For more information about the WG visit our new website: http://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/

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