

ESCAP work to improve disability measurement and statistics

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Background

- First Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (1993-2002) => Biwako Millennium Framework;
- Establishment of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics (2001);
- Second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012);
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Previous work on disability statistics

ESCAP/WHO Project on Improving Disability Statistics and Measurement 2004-06

- Objective: Improve national technical capacity to collect & disseminate ICF-based disability data through censuses in support of BMF.
- Target group: national statisticians and health experts.
- Partners: WHO, Washington Group, Australian Bureau of Statistics, UNSD, SIAP, project countries.

Current work on disability statistics

ESCAP Project on Improvement of Disability Measurement and Statistics through surveys 2008-2009.

- Objective: Target countries integrate ICF-based data collection on disability into their regular national statistical systems.
- Target group: national statisticians, health experts and DPOs.
- Partners: WHO, Washington Group, UNSD, UNECE, SIAP, project countries.

Timeline

- First draft of the WG/ESCAP/BI Extended Question Set (EQS) and selection of project countries in Asia-Pacific region (July 2008);
- 8th WG meeting (second draft of EQS) and first joint meeting of the project Task-team (October 2008);
- Training on cognitive and pilot test on disability (February 2009);
- Cognitive test (March/April 2008);

Timeline

- Analysis of cognitive test results => revised EQS (May 2009);
- In-country trainings and implementation of pilot test (July-September 2009);
- 9th WG meeting – review of cognitive test and preliminary field test results (October 2009);
- Final regional workshop presenting results and recommendations (December 2009).

Thank you

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