

Improvement of disability measurement and statistics

in support of
the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action
and the Regional Census Programme

Statistics Division
ESCAP

Under new strategy for technical cooperation in statistics development

- **Development of international standards**
- **Policy relevant initiatives**
- **Integrated approach**
- **Partnership with key players**
- **“Spill-over” effect**

Respond to policy initiatives

- **Call for better disability statistics**
 - Biwako Millennium Framework
(2003-2012 Decade)
 - UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with
Disability (2006)
- **Need for unifying regional approach**
 - No regular data collections
 - Underestimation of prevalence and needs
 - Lack of comparability

Address Country Needs for Support

- Further promote the ICF approach among all stakeholders
- Promote data collection through 2010 Round of Censuses
- Need to develop standards for survey-based data collection
- Targeted training, technical assistance and advisory services
- Knowledge-sharing; regional network of experts

In Close Partnership with

- **SDD & SIAP (ESCAP)**
- **UNSD & ECE**
- **Washington Group**
- **WHO**
- **Budapest Initiative**
- **NSOs (Australia, Philippines & others)**

Strategic mix of activities

Raising awareness: workshops (regional to in-country)

Developing standards: workshops; pilot testing of questionnaire & results analyses (from regional to global; census to surveys)

Improving national capacity: workshops; pilot studies; training (SIAP); advisory services

Knowledge management: Training Manual; website; online working group; regional network of experts (South-South cooperation)

Key activities of the project

- Regional workshop on census data collection
- Develop standard survey question sets
- Pilot test in 6 countries
- Joint result analysis and formulation of recommendations
- In-country advocacy & advisory services
- Targeted Training
- Knowledge management tools

Project management

- **ESCEP - responsible agency**
- **Partnership/synergy - joint work programme**
- **Steering Committee overseeing design & implementation**
- **Work through Task Teams led by leading experts**