

Possibilities to further WG Objectives through EU's 7th Framework Programme

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7th Framework Programme

- Main financial tools through which the European Union supports research and development activities covering almost all scientific disciplines
- Seventh Programme (2007-2013)
- Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
 - Relevant to Official Statistics

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Article 31 - Statistics and data collection

States Parties undertake to collect appropriate information, including statistical and research data, to enable them to formulate and implement policies to give effect to the present Convention.



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Fostering International Cooperation

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- The WG has worked to promote a unified approach to disability measurement.
 - Several World Bank data instruments have been heavily influenced by the work of the WG (India and Uzbekistan)
 - SINTEF (Norway) has been working in Africa to conduct independent surveys using WG questions.
 - ESCAP and WHO, in partnership with the Australian Bureau of Statistics, conducted pilot studies on the WG short set of questions and the longer WHO set of questions.
 - The WG short set of questions has been pre-tested or added to surveys in at least 11 countries

Current Call (To be repeated!)

- Area 8.6.3. Provision of underlying official statistics
- Objective: The overall objective of this research area is to contribute to improving the availability, quality and relevance of official statistics for use in policy. Research is needed on official statistics in order to guarantee that there are the best possible foundations on which to build indicators for use in all aspects of policy. This research may look at problems associated with existing official statistics as well as addressing needs for new official statistics.
- Expected impact: Projects will improve significantly the cost-effectiveness of surveys.

Potential Benefits

- Sustain the scientific progress of disability statistics
 - Country specific training and human resources development (cognitive testing; field testing)
 - Development of extended questions (cognitive testing; field testing)
- Upscale the scientific progress of disability statistics
 - Scale of funding would allow for multiple countries to advance disability statistics at one given time period

Participation Potential

- Allows for participation of high income countries outside of EU/EEA
- Allows for participation of international cooperation partner countries from all parts of the world;
- Allows for participation of international agencies;
- Need five partner countries;
 - Two European Union (including Associated Countries)
 - Three from each of the other regions (Asia Pacific; Latin America; Africa)

Participation Potential

- Number of partner countries is not limited
- Each partner could facilitate work in a number of different countries in their respective region (regional nodes);
- One partner would coordinate the overall project (EU/EEA/International Cooperation Partner Country)

Report to the General Secretary (63rd General Assembly 2008 October: A63/183)

- A continuing challenge in collecting and analysing disability data is a lack of trained national personnel and inadequate capacity of institutions
 - Framework Programme 7 offers the opportunity to address this challenge and WG's collective experience can make this happen!!!!

Role of the WG

- As an existing United Nations City Group with a broad membership in all regions of the world and established network, the WG could act as a catalyst to country inclusion and the co-ordination of the project