Cognitive test results and Finalization of the Module on Child Functioning and Disability

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Describe the population at risk – to inform policy.

Classify the population to monitor disparities in participation by disability status (also provides a prevalence rate). Identify a population for 2nd stage

assessment. (Improve our understanding of population data.)

To provide services to children identified.

Cognitive Training/Testing:

Sites:

•September 2012, Mumbai, India

•January 2013, Belmopan, Belize

•April 2013, Muscat, Oman

•July 2013, Podgorica, Montenegro

Analysis:

Individual country reports

•Larger, unified analysis (N=224)

Overview of Primary Findings

- Child disability questions perform differently than adult disability questions
- Primarily in 2 ways:
 - Parental proxy
 - Parent's knowledge of "what is normal" - comparing to other children the same age

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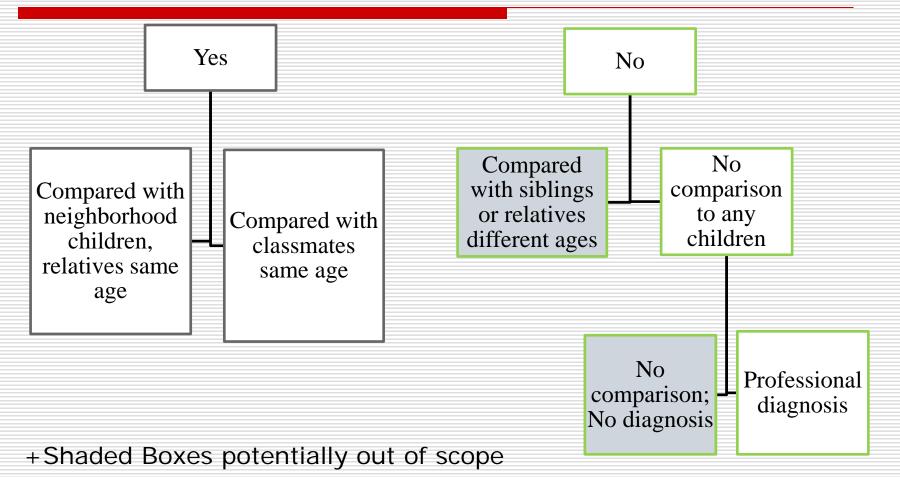
• Parent proxy reports:

- Parent expectations
- Relationship between parent and child
- Potential for False Positives
- Domains most effected: those that generate parent frustration (Learning/remembering, communication, Attention/completing a task)

Overview of Primary Findings

- Comparing with children the same age
 - Respondents do not always make this comparison
 - Domains most effected: those that children do without other children; those that are isolated or internal activities (Self-care, Emotions, Attention)

Compared to Same Age



Directions/Plans

• Cannot eliminate the parental proxy dynamic

• However, can...

- Restructure some questions
- Examine the degree to which error occurs
- Revised field questionnaire with structured probe questions
 - cognitively tested, winter 2013/14 in US
 - field tested 2014

Preamble

The next questions ask about difficulties your child may have in doing certain activities...

Response options:

Unless noted otherwise, all response categories are:

- 1) No difficulty
- 2) Some difficulty
- 3) A lot of difficulty
- 4) Cannot do at all
- 7) Refused9) Don't know

Notes on changes to previous versions:

Changes in question wording and response options are denoted in red.

÷ denotes that the phrase "Compared to children of the same age" has been removed.

 denotes that the phrase "and using his/her usual language" has been removed.

^ denotes that the phrase "with toys or household objects" has been removed.



Children aged 2-17 years 1a) Does [name] wear glasses? Yes/No

[*If child wears glasses*] 1b) When wearing [his/her] glasses, does [name] have difficulty seeing? Would you say... [*Read response categories*]

[*If child does NOT wear glasses*] 1b) Does [name] have difficulty seeing? Would you say... [*Read response categories*]



Children aged 2-17 years 2a) Does [name] use a hearing aid? Yes/No

[*If child uses a hearing aid*] 2b) When using [his/her] hearing aid(s), does [name] have difficulty hearing? Would you say... [*Read response categories*]

[*If child does NOT use a hearing aid*] 2b) Does [name] have difficulty hearing? Would you say... [*Read response categories*]

Children aged 2-17 years

Does [name] use any equipment or receive help for walking?

Yes/No

Children aged 2-4 years

[If child uses equipment or receives help]

3a1) ÷ Without the use of any equipment or assistance, does [name] have difficulty walking?
Would you say... [*Read response categories; do not include No difficulty*]

[If child does NOT use equipment or receives help]

3a2) Compared with children of the same age, does [name] have difficulty walking?

Children aged 5-17 years

[If child uses equipment or receives help]

3b1) ÷ Without the use of any equipment or assistance, does [name] have difficulty walking 100 yards/ meters on level ground? That would be about the length of 1 football field. [Or insert country specific example].

Would you say... [*Read response categories do not include No difficulty*]

If Cannot do at all, skip to Self-care

Children aged 5-17 years

[If child uses equipment or receives help]

3c1) ÷ Without the use of any equipment or assistance, does [name] have difficulty walking 500 yards/ meters on level ground? That would be about the length of 5 football fields. [*Or insert country specific example*].

Would you say... [*Read response categories do not include No difficulty*]

Children aged 5-17 years

[If child does not use equipment or receives help]

3b2) Compared with children of the same age, does [name] have difficulty walking 100 yards/meters on level ground? That would be about the length of 1 football field. [Or insert country specific example].

Would you say... [Read response categories]

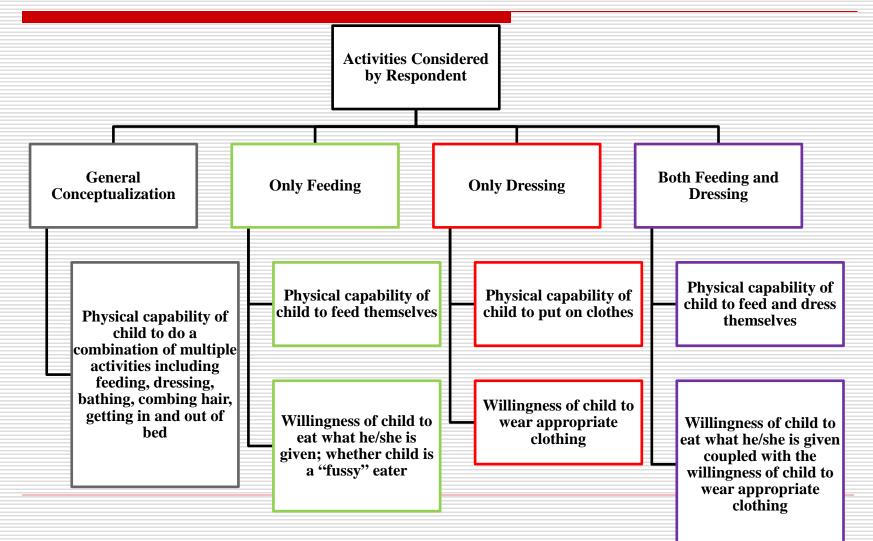
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Visual Representation of Thematic Schema Compared with children of the same age, does [name] have difficulty with self-care such as feeding or dressing him/herself?



Self-care

Children aged 5 - 17 years

4) ÷ Does [name] have difficulty with self-care such as feeding or dressing [him/herself]?
 Would you say... [*Read response categories*]

Self-care: Probe Question

If Yes:

4a) Did you answer Yes because (choose all that apply):

- Your child has physical difficulty eating by [him/herself]
- You child has physical difficulty dressing
- Your child does not always eat the food that [he/she] is given
- Your child has difficulty choosing what clothes [he/she] should wear
- Something else (please specify): _____

Communication/Comprehension

Children aged 2-4 years

5a) Does [name] have difficulty understanding you?Would you say... [*Read response categories*]

6a) Do you have difficulty understanding your child?

Communication/Comprehension

Children aged 5-17 years

5b) Compared with children of the same age ~, does [name] have difficulty understanding other people?

Would you say... [Read response categories]

 6b) Compared with children of the same age ~, does [name] have difficulty being understood by other people?
 Would you say... [*Read response categories*]

Learning

Children aged 2-3 years

7a) Compared with children of the same age, does [name] have difficulty learning the names of common objects?

Learning

Children aged 2-17 years

7b) Compared with children of the same age, does [name] have difficulty learning new things?

Learning

Children aged 5-17 years

8) Compared with children of the same age, does [name] have difficulty remembering things?

Learning: Probe Questions

If Yes:

8a) How much concern do you have about this difficulty?

- No concern
- A little
- A lot
- Somewhere in between a little and a lot

8b) In regard to his/her difficulty remembering, do you...

- Take your child to a professional for help?
- Wonder if you should take your child to a professional for help?
- Believe that this difficulty is normal and that he or she will grow out of it?

Emotions

Children aged 5-17 years

- 9) ÷ How much does [name] worry or feel sad?
 - Would you say... [Read response categories]
 - 1) Not at all
 - 2) A little
 - 3) A lot
 - 4) Somewhere in between a little and a lot

Behavior

Children aged 2-4 years

10) Compared with children of the same age, how much does [name] kick, bite or hit other children or adults?

Would you say... [Read response categories]

1) Not at all

- 2) The same or less
- 3) More
- 4) A lot more

Behavior

Children aged 5-17 years

10) Compared with children of the same age, how much difficulty does [name] have controlling his/her behaviour?
Would you say... [*Read response categories*]
1) None
2) The same or less

- 3) More
- 4) A lot more

Attention

Children aged 5-17

11) ÷ Does [name] have difficulty focussing on an activity that [he/she] enjoys doing?

Attention: Probe Questions

If Yes:

11a) How much concern do you have about this difficulty?

- No concern
- A little
- A lot
- Somewhere in between a little and a lot

11b) In regard to [his/her] difficulty focussing on an activity, do you...

- Take your child to a professional for help?
- Wonder if you should take your child to a professional for help?
- Believe that this difficulty is normal and that he or she will grow out of it?

Coping with change

Children aged 5-17 years

12) ÷ Does [name] have difficulty accepting changes in [his/her] routine?

Coping with change: Probe Questions

If Yes:

12a) How much concern do you have about this difficulty?

- No concern
- A little
- A lot
- Somewhere in between a little and a lot

12b) In regard to [his/her] difficulty coping with change, do you...

- Take your child to a professional for help?
- Wonder if you should take your child to a professional for help?
- Believe that this difficulty is normal and that he or she will grow out of it?

Playing

Children aged 2-4 years

13) Compared to children of the same age, does [name] have difficulty playing ^?

Playing: Probe Questions

If Yes:

13a) Did you answer Yes because (choose all that apply):

- your child is shy
- your child has a communication problem
- there are no other children to play with
- other children don't want to play with [him/her]
- Something else (please specify): _

Relationships

Children aged 5-17 years 14) Does [name] have difficulty making friends?