

FOREWORD

In many parts of the world today, governments see the fundamental need to identify people with functional difficulty so that plans and programmes for the rehabilitation, education, and development of these individuals can be provided. The challenge to the Philippines National Statistics Office (PNSO), therefore, is in collecting statistics to be able to provide comprehensive and accurate data on persons with functional difficulty that are essential in the formulation of these plans and programmes. These statistics are also an important tool to rationalize the establishment of more government-subsidized institutions for the promotion of physical, emotional, and psycho-social well-being of persons with functional difficulty.

After the successful conduct of the WHO/UNESCAP Disability Question Set Testing in the Philippines in 2005, the PNSO is once again privileged to be a testing area for the conduct of the Cognitive Test for the Washington Group General Measure on Disability. The test is another landmark in disability statistics, involving the six core questions that can be utilized to gather data on functional difficulty. Furthermore, the conduct of interviews involved a set of respondents, one for self-report and another one for proxy, in order to determine who the appropriate respondents will be in the actual census/survey.

This report documents all aspects of the test from preparation to the analysis of data collected in the field.

Worthy of attention similar to that for other areas of statistics, this collaborative effort aims to bring fruition to the challenges raised by the global demand for reliable, accurate and internationally comparable data on persons with functional difficulty.


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