

First regional meeting Washington Group on Disability Statistics June 20-22, 2005: Nairobi, Kenya

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) held its first regional meeting during June 20-22, 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya. At the regional meeting in Kenya, the short set of Washington Group questions on disability was introduced and the rationale for the question set explained. In addition, testing protocols were presented which outline: the objectives of the test and evaluation plan; the plans for cognitive and field testing; translation protocols; enumerator training; sample design; and specifications for tabulation, analysis and report writing. We also spoke with country representatives about the approach of the Washington Group on measuring disability worldwide, to determine what countries are prepared to do in terms of testing and implementation of the Washington Group questions, to get feedback relative to testing plans, and to understand more about the context in which the questions will be asked as well as specifics about the field work. We also discussed possible sources of funding.

During the workshop:

- 1) the work of the Washington Group, introduce the set of questions on disability, and explain the rationale for the question set was reviewed;
- 2) the implementation protocols and the plans for testing (cognitive, field tests, etc.) were presented
- 3) the implementation methods including practical sessions were reviewed, in depth;
- 4) the UNSD questionnaire on the collection of national data on disability was completed;
- 5) lessons learned from the participating countries and plan next steps were reviewed.