

Second regional workshop Washington Group on Disability Statistics September 19-20, 2005: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) held its second regional workshop during September 19-20, 2005 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The regional workshop preceded the 5th annual meeting of the Washington Group which was held on September 21-23, 2005 in Rio de Janeiro.

The Rio regional workshop was primarily directed toward countries in Latin America and the Caribbean who are interested in including disability questions in their national censuses. The program included an introduction to the short set of Washington Group questions on disability and an explanation of the rationale for the question set. 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 engaged country representatives in a discussion about the approach of the Washington Group on measuring disability worldwide and the applicability of the test protocols in their country. In addition, we determined what countries are prepared to do in terms of testing and implementation of the Washington Group questions and to get feedback relative to testing plans.

During the regional 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.