
Tenth Annual Meeting of the WG: Objectives and Agenda

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Summary of annual meetings/ regional workshops:

- 1st meeting - Washington, DC, Feb 2002
- 2nd meeting - Ottawa, Canada, Jan 2003
- 3rd meeting - Brussels, Belgium, Feb 2004
- 4th meeting - Bangkok, Thailand, Sept 2004
- Regional workshops:
 - Nairobi, Kenya, June, 2005
 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept 2005
- 5th meeting - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept 2005
- 6th meeting - Kampala, Uganda- Oct, 2006
- 7th meeting - Dublin, Ireland - Sept 2007
- 8th meeting – Manila, Philippines – October '08
- 9th meeting – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – October '09

Milestones:

1. Agreed to develop short and long sets of internationally comparable disability measures using the ICF as a framework; census questions a priority
2. Equalization of opportunities selected as purpose of short measure
3. Develop a comparable testing methodology
4. Questions tested, results analyzed and questions revised
5. Short set adopted.
6. Work started on the development of extended question sets.

From Dar to Luxembourg:

- 9th Annual Meeting (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - October, 2009):
- The meeting was attended by 64 persons:
 - 36 representing national statistical authorities from 18 countries
 - 10 representatives from national institutes of public health or other national research bodies or ministries
 - 2 representatives from UNESCAP / 2 from UNICEF / 1 from UNECE / 1 from European Disability Forum
 - 4 representatives from the NCHS
 - 8 representatives from local organizations

Major accomplishments in Dar

- Presented additional work on the development of extended set questions
- Presented UNESCAP Cognitive/Field test results and data analysis
- Discussed special methodological considerations:
 - Children with disabilities
 - Institutionalized populations

Major accomplishments since Dar (extended sets)

1. 18-20 February 2010: WG cognitive testing training workshop of the WG extended set questions held in Granada, Spain. (6 participating countries: France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Germany and Switzerland)
2. WG\BI Cognitive Test Project, The Granada Group: Rome Meeting, April 19-21, 2010
3. Analyses and presentation of results from UNESCAP project:
www.unescap.org/stat/disability/analysis

Major accomplishments since Dar (collaborations)

- UNESCAP: agreement to continue with a new round of cognitive testing of the extended question sets
- World Bank: the WG continues to seek the support of the World Bank in continuing the development of disability measures
- UN Dept. of Social & Economic Affairs: began collaboration with UN DESA on using the WG questions for the purpose of monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
- New contacts in the Middle-East:
 - Cognitive Training in Oman
 - Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics

Major accomplishments since Dar (reports)

- Reports completed:
 - Disability Information from Censuses, prepared for DPOs
 - Development of an Internationally Comparable Disability Measure for Censuses, prepared for NSOs
 - Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
 - Understanding and Interpreting Disability as Measured using the WG Short Set of Questions
- Draft report prepared:
 - The Measurement of Disability: Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Censuses

Plan for 10th meeting

- Present additional work on extended set:
 - results of data analyses from the completed Granada Group cognitive testing with ESCAP cognitive and field test results
 - update on expansion of cognitive and field testing of the extended set of questions to other regions and presentation of results
 - update on any revisions to extended set questions
- Present status reports from the work groups on measurement of child disability and environmental factors

WG-10: Session 1 Overview

- Updates on other Washington Group and collaborative activities
 - Recent developments on disability statistics in the European Union

WG-10: Session 2 Overview

- Cognitive and Field Testing of the Extended question sets
 - Review of the development of the extended question sets
 - Overview of the European cognitive testing of the Extended set of questions that took place in Europe in March/April 2010 in association with the Budapest Initiative and the Granada Group

Session 2 Structure

- Presentation of the results of the cognitive testing (Granada) and cognitive/field testing (ESCAP) by domain
- The results from each domain will be presented by a 'speaker' and followed by a 'discussant' who will attempt to summarize the results from the two sources

Session 2 Structure

- Aim is to review all domains
- Agenda allots times to each domain but we will need to be flexible
- It may be necessary to limit discussion in a domain -- but we should capture as much of the remaining issues as possible for future discussion
- We encourage continued discussions outside of the formal meeting

WG-10: Session 3 Overview

- Summary and Discussion of Final Decisions regarding the Extended questions sets

WG-10: Session 4-6 Overview

4. Methodological issues concerning surveys
 - Measuring disability and functioning among children and youth
 - Designing questions for the measurement of environmental barriers
5. Country reports
 - Summary of Country Reports
 - Country experiences
6. Presentation of WG Report: Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Censuses and discussion on defining disability prevalence using the WG Short Set questions

WG-10: Session 7 Overview

7. Discussion of next steps and objectives for the 11th meeting

The Steering Committee chair will lead a discussion providing updates on WG governance issues; summarizing the accomplishments of the 10th meeting; outlining next steps; announcing the dates and location of the 11th meeting and determining objectives for this meeting; soliciting volunteers to host the 12th WG meeting; and will provide closing remarks

Goals of WG-10

For each domain, we need to decide:

If there is sufficient evidence to

1. adopt the question assuming the test results confirms what has been observed or
2. adopt the question with revision conditional on further testing and evaluation

or

If there is insufficient evidence to make a definitive decision on the question, what next steps need to be taken to complete the domain