



UN Development Account Project on Improvement of Disability Statistics

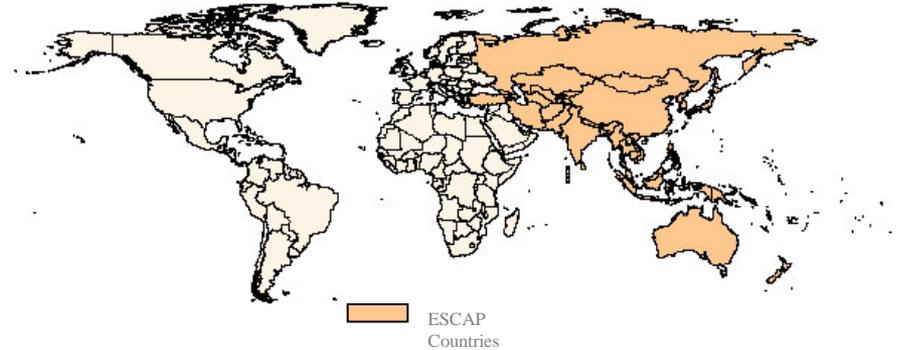
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About ESCAP

- One of the 5 regional commissions of UN
- Membership: 62 in Asia and the Pacific
- Total population: 3.5 billion (around 60 per cent of the world population)
- Poverty: 600 million people in the region live on less than one dollar a day (World Bank)
- Disability: 400 million in the region live with any type of disabilities (WHO)





Background for project

- Biwako Millennium Framework for Action (BMF) Principle 6 to “Strengthen national capacity in data collection and analysis concerning disability statistics”
- UN Convention on Disability
- But, many disability data issues within ESCAP region



Urgent Needs ...

- Further promote the ICF approach among all stakeholders
- Urgency to fully develop regional standards for implementing ICF-based data collection and dissemination and support to global efforts
- Targeted training, technical assistance and advisory service
- Promote data collection through 2010 round of censuses



UN Development Account project

- Improvement of Disability Measurement and Statistics in Support of the Biwako Millennium Framework and Regional Census Programme
- 2007-2009
- Target: ESCAP priority countries
- It is the follow-up project of the 2004-06 joint ESCAP/WHO disability project.



The project (cont.)

- **Overall objective:** target countries have integrated ICF-based data collection on disability into their regular national statistical systems
- **Expected outcomes:** 1) advocating ICF among more stakeholders; 2) developing survey-based standard question sets; 3) sharing knowledge.



Expected Outcome 1 (EO1)

- Improve understanding of the ICF approach to disability measurement by NSOs, health professionals and policy makers in the region.



E01. Main Activities

- Six in-country workshops on the ICF and its implementation for disability data collection and analysis
- Small-scale regional workshop on census-based disability data collection
- Self-learning tool: interactive CD-ROM
- Develop a project website on disability measurement and data collection/analysis.



Expected Outcome 2 (EO2)

- Increased national technical capacity for collecting disability statistics in accordance with ICF standards and regional guidelines for national censuses and surveys.



EO2. Main Activities

- Developing an extended set of questions for survey-based collection;
- Standard protocols for country pilot tests and subsequent data analysis plan;
- Pre-pilot study workshop
- Pilot testing in 6 ESCAP countries
- Joint analysis by key project partners
- Post-pilot study workshop



Expected Outcome 3 (EO3)

- Increased knowledge-sharing and joint activities among ESCAP members in the field of disability statistics.



EO3. Main Activities

- Establish a regional network of national experts on ICF-based approach
- Advisory missions to provide assistance to countries with data collection design in accordance with ICF standards and conduct pilot study data analysis.



Strategy

- Build upon lessons learned from the previous project
- Focus on developing survey-based standard measurement
- Rely on close partnership
- From project preparatory phase to implementation
- South-south technical cooperation



Management structure

- ESCAP is responsible in implementing the project
- Steering Committee overseeing the overall project design and implementation
- Members of SC include UNSD, WHO, WG, UNECE, the Budapest Initiative and a couple of NSO experts



Currently, at Project Preparatory Phase

- Jointly map out a detailed project design and implementation plan
- Develop a proper set of standard instruments and related technical guidelines for the pilot test



Thank you!