

Developing a Standalone Disability Survey



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Washington Group Objective

- Develop question sets that would be added to existing data collection platforms rather than develop a stand alone disability survey
 - Advantages:
 - Mainstream the collection of disability data as part of core statistical systems
 - Minimize data collection costs
 - Harmonize data collections within countries
 - Produce comparable data across countries
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WG Data Collection Goals (1)

- Develop a short set of questions that could be added to any existing data collection platform
 - Develop longer set(s) of questions that could be added to appropriate data collection platform
 - That would:
 - Describe the functional status of the population
 - Identify the population with disabilities
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Resulting WG Products

- WG Short Set on Functioning (WG-SS)
 - WG Short Set - Enhanced (WG-SS Enhanced)
 - WG Extended Set on Functioning (WG-ES)
 - WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module (CFM)
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WG Data Collection Goals (2)

- Develop question sets that could be added to appropriate surveys to:
 - Address how environmental barriers and facilitators impact participation
 - Associated Products:
 - Washington Group Extended Set – use of mobility assistive devices
 - Washington Group/ILO Labor Force Module
 - Washington Group/UNICEF Inclusive Education Module (under development)
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Modular Approach

- Question sets are related, but separate modules
 - WG-SS are embedded in the WG-SS Enhanced and WG-ES
 - WG-SS and WG-ES and CFM overlap, as appropriate
 - Labor Force Module and Inclusive Education Module are designed to be used in conjunction with WG-SS, WG-SS Enhanced, or CFM
 - Modules could be combined as needed
 - Additional modules would be developed as needed
 - Taken together, they would form the core of a disability survey
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WG Modules to be Developed

	Questionnaire Topic/Type	Basic Activity Domains										Complex Activity Domains			
		Vision	Hearing	Mobility	Communication	Cognition/remembering	Upper Body	Learning/understanding	Affect	Pain	Fatigue	ADL/IADL	Getting Along with People	Major Life Activities	Participation in Society
Capacity	Short Set Single Questions (1)						d	a				d			
	Extended Set Multiple Questions (1)					c	c		e	e	c	b			
Performance	Use of Assistive Devices Micro-E (2)				Sign language										
	Functioning with Assistance, Micro-E								e						
5	Age at Onset														
6	Cause	Questions cognitively tested but not included on ESCAP field test													
7	Duration														
8	Impact (limit ability to carry out daily activities)	→										-----?	-----?	-----?→	
9	Meso-Environment (3)	Question Set currently under development													
10	Macro-Environment (4)	To be obtained through other sources, not personal survey data collections													

Requests for Standalone Disability Surveys

- Need for more detailed information on topics covered by WG tools
 - Need for additional modules to address the full range of information under the disability statistics umbrella
 - Preference for using a standard survey rather than having the additional costs associated with developing and testing a new survey
 - A standard survey would enhance comparability
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WG Response to Requests for a Standalone Survey

- Collaborate with those developing standalone surveys
 - Act as a clearing house for information on survey development and testing
 - Investigate the range of topics that could be included
 - Identify tools addressing these topics that could be incorporated
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Work to Date

- Review of a convenience sample of five existing or under-development disability surveys
 - Compared the topics covered in these surveys
 - Developed a composite listing of topics covered by the surveys (not the actual questions used)
 - Results:
 - Considerable consistency in topics covered
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Topics Covered

- Socio-demographic characteristics and employment
 - Functional status and limitations (including functioning with and without assistive devices in a complete set of domains, age of onset, and cause)
 - Assistive Devices – both use of and need for
 - Personal, household and support assistance – both received and need for
 - Health Care – received
 - Rehabilitation Services – received
 - Access to information
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Topics Covered, continued

- Physical Environment – characteristics, barriers, facilitators
 - Barriers and facilitators by sector
 - Service and environmental needs and priorities
 - Attitudes and legal environment
 - Health Conditions
 - Wellbeing
 - Empowerment
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Next Steps

- Work to date is being reviewed by the informal WG interest group on this topic
 - Next steps will be determined at the 2022 Washington Group annual meeting
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All Resources...

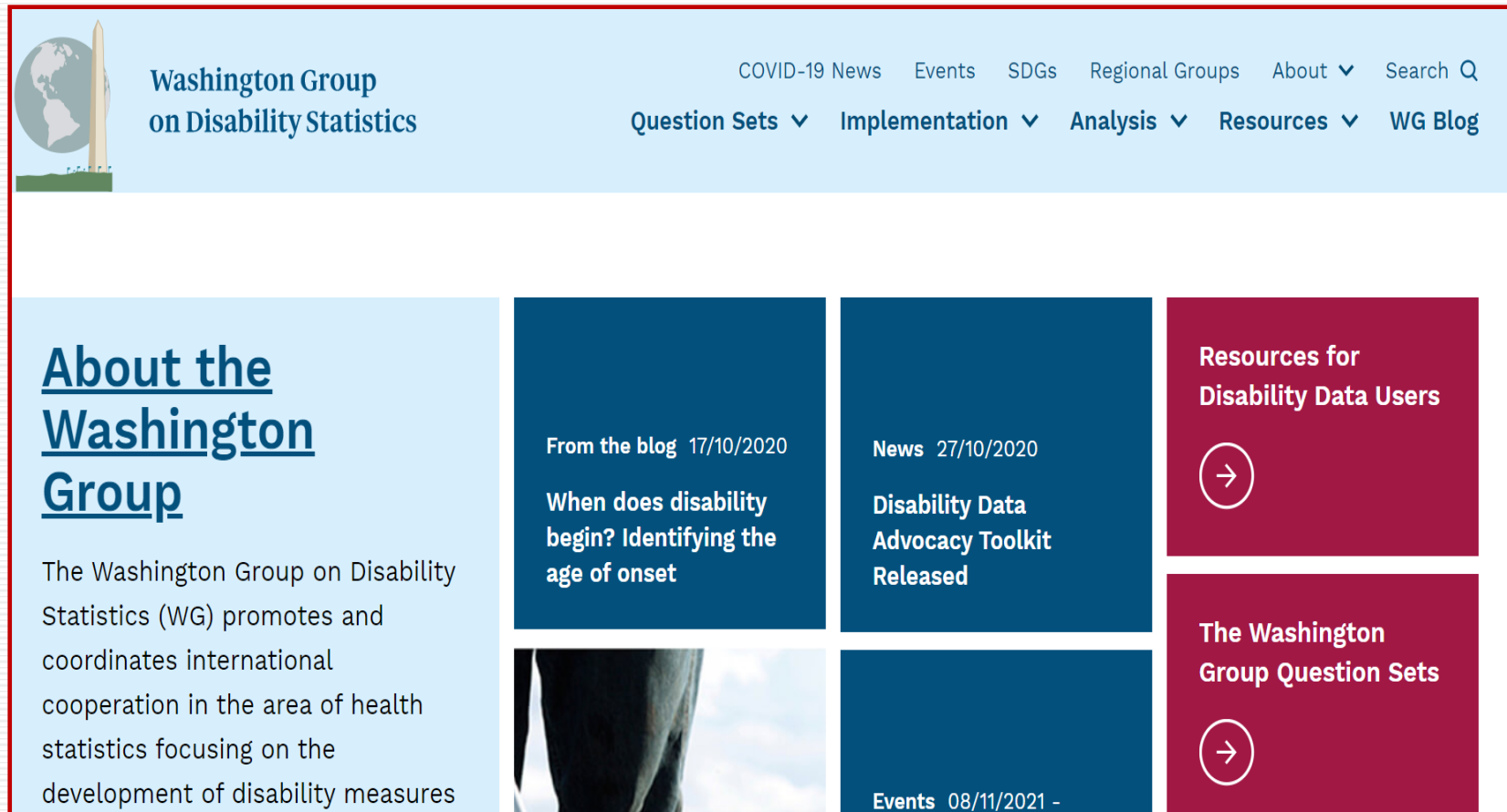
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The Washington Group Website



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