**Advocacy Brief**

**Disaggregation by Disability**

Sixth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

Recommendation by: International Disability Alliance and International Disability and Development Consortium

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| **We are calling on the IAEG-SDGs disaggregation work stream urgently to recommend the Short Set of Questions developed by the Washington Group to be the methodology for disaggregating SDG indicators by disability.**  |

Since the UN General Assembly agreed on the global indicator framework (A/RES/71/313) in June 2017, it is more urgent than ever that the IAEG-SDGs recommends a methodology on the disaggregation of data by disability. Otherwise there will be detrimental consequences to the implementation process of the SDGs, which will subsequently leave persons with disabilities uncounted and behind.

During the past year, at various UN events at least 105 Member States called for disaggregation of data by disability and recommended the Short Set of Questions developed by the Washington Group to be the methodology used for disaggregating SDG indicators.

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| **Rationale and Facts from 2017** |

**In 2017 June,** at the UN Headquarters **during the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**, 25 Member States delivered a joint statement to call for “the Washington Group Short Set of Questions to be used as the tool to disaggregate data by disability.”

**In 2017 May,** the **Report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development 2017**, stated that “There is much work going on to improve the disaggregation of data, but challenges remain…there is a notable lack of disaggregated statistics on persons with disabilities.” The Report also highlights the work of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics.

**In 2017 March,** at the **fifth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Ottawa**, Canada a joint statement by the UK Department for International Development, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in addition 6 UN agencies as well as the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Disability Alliance and the International Disability and Development Consortium call “for taking immediate action and clearly recommend national statistical offices to move forward with the disaggregation of data by disability.” Additionally, sharing the “unanimous position…we recommend the use of the short set of questions developed by the Washington Group.”

**In 2017 March,** at the 48th session of the **UN Statistical Commission**, 24 Member States and groups expressed support for disability statistics of which many explicitly referenced the Washington Group Short Set of Questions.

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| As of October 2017, 105 Member States support the Short Set of Questions developed by the Washington Group on Disability Statistics.  |

Member States that support the Short Set of Questions developed by the Washington Group include:

Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, China, China (Hong Kong SAR), Costa Rica, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Maarten, St. Vincent and the Grenadine, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tanzania, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago,Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Yemen, and Zambia.

The listed countries support the Short Set of Questions by: (1) explicit support during the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the UN Headquarters in June 2017, (2) explicit support at the 48th session of the UN Statistical Commission at the UN Headquarters in March 2017, or (3) are using the Short Set of Questions in censuses, surveys, disability modules or pre-tests.