Collecting data on persons with disabilities in humanitarian action

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The Washington Group Questions
Washington Group Questions

The Washington Group Questions were commissioned by the UN Statistical Commission to address the urgent need for internationally comparable data on persons with disabilities.

Its mandate is the promotion and co-ordination of international co-operation in the area of statistics focusing on disability data collection tools suitable for censuses and national surveys.

It has developed a selection of question sets designed to identify people who have difficulties in basic, universal activities and are at greater risk than persons without such difficulties of restricted social participation in an unaccommodating environment.
Washington Group Question Sets

- Short set of questions
- Enhanced short set of questions
- Extended set of questions
- Child functioning module
- More under development....
## Washington Group Question Sets

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Learning materials
Scoping the learning needs

Objectives of the survey: To understand what different types of organisations and level of humanitarian personnel require in terms of learning materials and guidance on the use of the WGQ in Humanitarian Action and complement the findings collected from the Action Research.

Survey audience:

• Champions and users of the WGQ at HI;
• Partners in the action research;
• Selected partners with particular relevance or inputs for the learnings;
• Technical workshop participants.

59 people responded from 29 different organisations working in 22 different countries.
Recommendations

- Mobile phone friendly (hard to reach locations)
- Accessible to persons with disabilities
- Target programme and technical staff at all levels
- Provide detailed guidance on the WGQs in humanitarian action
- Provide translations
- Preference for face to face trainings & coaching
Process

• Conducted a mapping of training materials available – to not reinvent the wheel

• Involvement of subject matter experts to develop the content

• The final version has been tested across 13 countries by 9 organisations
E-learning

- Available on DisasterReady.Org, and coming soon Kayaconnect.org
- 2 hours (total), in 4 modules
- Coming soon in French & Arabic
- Designed as an entry point on the WGQs in humanitarian action
- Available on desktop, mobile and tablet
- Accessible to screen-readers
Training package for enumerators

- Available on our project page
- French & Arabic coming soon
- Includes:
  - A trainer manual
  - A participants resource book
  - PowerPoints
  - Handouts
How to ask the WGQs – Do’s and Don’ts

- Available as part of e-learning and on our project page
- French & Arabic coming soon
- Designed for enumerators to use when out on data collections
How can I collect or access data on people with disabilities in humanitarian action?

Before learning more about using the Washington Group Questions in humanitarian action it is important to reflect on how to access data on persons with disabilities. Depending on the context, data may (or not) be available to use, and additional data collections will be informed by this. Take the following flow chart to see when you need to collect data, and if the WGQs are the right set of questions for you.

1. **Could there be existing data on persons with disabilities available?**
   - **Yes**
   - **No**

2. **Where are you in the Humanitarian Programme Cycle?**
   - **Emergency response preparedness**
   - **Needs assessment & analysis**

   Depending on your context, the following are examples of sources that may contain data on persons with disabilities.
   - **Example:** National census data
   - **Example:** Demographic and health survey data
   - **Example:** Multiple Indicator Cluster report
   - **Example:** National information systems

3. **Can you collect new data on persons with disabilities?**
   - **No**
   - **Yes**

   **I can't collect new data:**
   - It is sometimes not possible to collect new data. Don’t fret - check out the following steps to see how you can take action.
   - Where data cannot be collected, due to the urgency or limited time available, the earliest actions should be designed from the outset in an accessible way (Universal design) so as not to create barriers for people with disabilities.
   - The Washington Group Questions are a validated and endorsed tool developed to collect data on the functional difficulties of a person.

   **I can collect new data:**
   - When collecting new data, consider the following elements: What type of data do you want to collect?
   - Data to determine who is in need of medical services and what type of services those should be
   - Data to determine the barriers persons with disabilities face
   - Data to determine who is at risk of exclusion or restricted participation

   - This type of data is difficult to collect with non-specialised staff and tests. The WGQs cannot be used to collect this type of data.
   - Different tools and questions exist, but no standardized approach is available yet, limiting comparability.
Planning Checklist

- Available as part of e-learning and on project webpage
- Coming soon in French & Arabic
- Designed to support programme staff when planning for the use of the WGQs (links to Module 3)
Learning Toolkit

E-Learning: Collecting Data for the Inclusion of Persons with disabilities in Humanitarian Action – The Application of the WGQs (COMING SOON)

This 2-hour course has been designed to support humanitarian programme staff understand, plan for and use the WGQs to identify persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. With case studies, practical examples and a wealth of supporting resources, the e-learning is an essential entry point for all programme staff interested in understanding more about how to use the WGQs.

The e-learning will be available on disasterready.org and kayaconnect.org. Organisations interested to host the e-learning internally are welcome to contact us.

Training pack for enumerators using the WGQs in humanitarian action (zip, 16.6 MB)

Developed with RedR UK, this training pack provides guidance, session plans and activities to deliver training to enumerators on using the WGQs in humanitarian action. The package has been designed to be adapted to the audience as necessary.

Supporting resources

The following supporting resources have been developed to support the e-learning and training pack.

Flowchart - Planning the use of WGQs in Humanitarian Action (web version)

How to ask the WGQs - Do’s and Don’ts (pdf, 192 KB)

Planning checklist - Using the WGQs in Humanitarian Action (pdf, 154 KB)

WGQs - Frequently asked questions (pdf, 133 KB)
What’s next

English toolkit – launched Jan 2019
French & Arabic toolkit – Launching March 2019
All supporting resources hosted on project webpage:

Where will I find the e-learning

• Kaya connect - https://kayaconnect.org/
• DisasterReady - https://www.disasterready.org/
• Hilearnngo - https://hilearnngo.handicap-international.org/

If you are interested to host it on your internal platform please do get in touch