

Handicap International Disability Statistics in Humanitarian Action Project

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics is a UN city group established under the United Nations Statistical Commission. Its goal is to develop and test tools to collect internationally comparable disability statistics, and to help actors better identify persons with disabilities.

World Disability Report



Above: Infographic showing 100 people, of which 15 are people with disabilities

People with disabilities (15%) People without disabilities (85%)

In humanitarian action



Above: illustration showing people with and without disabilities fleeing from a town being bombed.



Humanitarian actors lack **information** and **knowledge** about available or appropriate **tools** to collect data on persons with disabilities, and often use **binary yes/no** questions which leads to **underreporting**.

Illustrated above: an information symbol with a question mark.



Humanitarian actors do not know how many persons with disabilities are affected in a given crisis.

Illustrated above: various persons with disabilities underneath a large question mark.



Without knowing the number of persons with disabilities, humanitarian actors are **not equipped** to identify and address their needs and design / implement inclusive projects.

Illustrated above: person symbol with a question mark in each hand.

HI Project includes the following steps



Action - Research

Test and assess the use of the Washington Group questions in humanitarian action in **DRC, Jordan and the Philippines**.

Illustrated above: large magnifying glass

Year 1



Learning Materials

Use the learning gathered during the action-research to create learning materials and guidance designed specifically for humanitarian actors.

Illustrated above: open book and a key

Year 2



Dissemination & Advocacy

Dissemination of the learning materials, advocacy for the use of the Washington Group in humanitarian action, capacity building of humanitarian actors.

Illustrated above: a megaphone

Year 3

<http://www.washingtongroup-disability.com>

http://www.info.who.int/disabilities/world_report/2011/en/

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