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.

In humanitarian action

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

http://www.washingtongroup-disability.com
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Illustrated above: various persons with disabilities underneath a large question mark.
Illustrated above: person symbol with a question mark in each hand.
Illustrated above: a megaphone
Illustrated above: a key
Illustrated above: a book and a key
Illustrated above: a large magnifying glass
Illustrated above: various persons with disabilities
Illustrated above: an information symbol with a question mark.