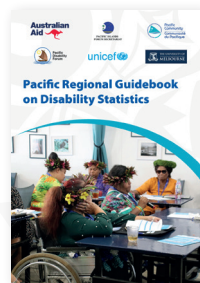


Pacific Regional Guidebook on Disability Statistics

Summary



Overview

The *Pacific Regional Guidebook on Disability Statistics* is a practical resource designed to strengthen the collection, analysis, and use of disability data across Pacific Island countries and territories. It supports national statistical offices, government agencies, and partners to produce high-quality, comparable disability statistics that align with international standards while reflecting Pacific specificities.

Why Pacific Disability Statistics Matter

Accurate and reliable data on disability:

- enables persons with disabilities to be represented, counted and included;
- helps governments plan and design services that meet the needs of persons with disabilities;
- supports Pacific Island countries and territories to track progress on commitments to disability inclusion in national policies, regional standards, and global frameworks, especially “leaving no one behind”: Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PRFPD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- informs gaps and priorities for resourcing to ensure policies and programmes are efficient and effective in including persons with disabilities;
- provides evidence to inform decisions on budgets, social protection systems, and service coverage to ensure equity for persons with disabilities;
- ensures disaster preparedness and response strategies include persons with disabilities, a key priority in Pacific resilience planning;
- improves community understanding and education about the rights and needs of persons with disabilities; and
- enables data and numbers to translate into meaningful action within communities across the Pacific.



Purpose of the Guidebook

- Provide clear guidance on generating reliable, accurate, and culturally appropriate disability data.
- Promote the use of harmonised methods across the Pacific region to enable comparability.
- Support governments to use robust disability data for policy, service planning and monitoring.
- Connect Pacific practice to global standards, including the CRPD, the SDGs, and the Washington Group (WG) recommendations.



Key highlights on the guidebook

- **Guidance on data collection:**
 - ensure informed consent and confidentiality in all data collection;
 - test questions through semi-structured interviews with a sample covering different ages, impairment types, and socio-demographic backgrounds; and
 - use of the Washington Group question sets and other validated tools.
- **Tools provided for implementation:**
 - WG Extended Set for adults (18 years and older);
 - WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module for youth (2–17 years);
 - enumerator training; and
 - statistical code for data analysis.
- **Cultural and linguistic considerations:**
 - use approved wording and translations, following cultural adaptation protocols to ensure comparability.
- **Data disaggregation and intersectionality:** break down of data by sex, age, location, type of disability, and other relevant characteristics.

Primary users of the guidebook

- National statistical offices
- Line ministries of Pacific Island governments
- Disability focal points and coordination mechanisms
- Organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs)
- Development partners, donors, and researchers

Benefits to Pacific Island Countries

- Stronger national and regional capacity to measure disability
- Comparable regional data for advocacy and collective actions
- More inclusive and evidence-based policies
- Greater regional coordination for disability-inclusive development

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