Extended sets – draft proposal

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Principles

One or more sets

- feasible
- cross country comparability
- ICF framework holistic description (ultimate aim)
- Use of ICF terms
 - Functioning and Disability = Umbrella terms
 - Body structure + function, activity, participation and
 - Context: Environmental barriers and facilitators + Personal factors
- Review of existing sets
- Congruency and coherence between short and extended sets

ICF Framework

- Disability = outcome of an interaction (Health condition + context)
- Three levels of outcomes
 - body (impairments)
 - Person (activity)
 - Societal (participation)
- Starting point = basic activities (consensus)
- Extended sets = to include complex activities or not? (no clear consensus)
- Activity domains with and without assistance (technical and personal) (consensus)
- Environment = seen as essential but no clear consensus on how to incorporate

Purpose of extended sets

- Equalisation of opportunities and Prevalence of disability (same as for short set)
- Other purposes?
- Data use
 - individual country needs e.g. policy development, advocacy, monitoring and evaluation of interventions
 - International reporting e.g. population health and functioning
 - Summary measures or individual impairment types? Or both?
 - Other data uses?

Identifying population of interest

- Population at risk vs population with disability – same or different popⁿ?
- Are Qs on basic activities sufficient to identify population?
- Are Qs on complex activities required to identify population?
- What evidence do we have for each?
- What are cross cultural comparability issues?

Proposal 1: 2 types of sets

Type 1: functioning (within ICF)

Type 2: complementary (background?) questions (not ICF)

Type 1: functioning (within ICF)

- a) Parsimonious set for summary measure? (existing work – WHO/ UNESCAP, WHS, ??)
- b) More detailed set with additional domains including complex ones (e.g. upper body mobility, learning, domestic tasks, interpersonal interactions, work/education, social and community life) + with and without assistance (micro E) + a couple of 'broader' E questions (meso and macro E)
- c) same as for b) with more detailed meso and macro EFs. e.g. CHIEF questions

Type 2: Complementary Qs

- Age of onset and cause of Activity limitations
- Duration, frequency and intensity Activity limitations
- Impact of pain on activity limitations/ participation
- □ Level of distress (?)
- Other personal factors age, sex, educational achievement, employment status, health condition(s) (problematic for self report), etc. (already always included? – background Qs)

Proposal 2: Suggestions for sets

- Short set + some domains = parsimonious set (Which additional domains?)
- Measure of disability status (Summary measure?) using:
 - Short set
 - Extended sets
- Individual domain information using:
 - Extended sets
- More domains? or More questions on same domain? Or both?

Proposal 2: continued

- Measure disability status (identifying popⁿ) and compare inclusion rates (employment and education as outcomes)
 - Compare 'disabled' in terms of effect of assistive devices (with AD and no difficulty, with AD but still difficulty, and without AD)
- Add Qs on nature of functioning (onset, frequency, duration, etc.) within domains covered – to explain interaction
- New (?) purpose = assessment of E (not domain specific)
- New purpose = fulfillment of societal roles problem of cross cultural comparability (?) (Still within ICF framework?)

Proposal 1 and 2 compared

Proposal 1

- A = 'within the skin' and includes basic and complex Activities
- P = with effect of E and includes basic and complex Activities
- E measured as a way to differentiate A from P
- Employment, education and leisure etc. as complementary to A and P measures on these domains

Proposal 2

- A = basic activities
- P = complex activities
- E used as an independent measure
- Outcome i.t.o education, employment and leisure as separate from P (?)

Outstanding issues

What do we mean by

- cross country comparability?
- Equalisation of opportunities and how do we ensure this purpose is met?
- Wording of Qs: 'Do you have....' vs 'How much do you have....?' Does it make a difference?
- Response options: 4 or 5? Does it make a difference?
- Measuring Environment different levels
- Choice and desire an issue or not?
- What makes up the 'identified' population?

Cross country comparability

- Basic activities same measure but different frame for responding – is this comparable? (e.g. walking in rural area with no transport compared to urban area with transport)
- Interpersonal interactions, working, attending school, etc.: Generic vs specific
- What are we comparing?

Equalisation of opportunities

□ What is the measure?

- How do we ensure that the correct Qs are asked to allow for analysis?
- How do prevalence of disability and equalisation of opportunities differ (if they differ) in terms of measurement requirements?

Wording of Qs and number of response options

Does the wording make a difference?

□ What is the effect of 4 vs 5 response options?

- 'does not make a difference and there are techniques to link the two'
- 'Makes a difference in summary measure and continuum - get bunching of responses between two anchor points with reduced options
- What is easiest in terms of self-report and translations?
- What does the evidence say?

Measuring Environment

- Basic activities: With and without = micro E ('goes with the person')
- Complex activities: meso and macro E and not clear link for each domain
 - Community and national levels
 - Affects all not just an individual

Choice and desire

□ Is this an issue?

□ How are these dealt with?

Add a phrase indicating

'difficulties doing activities that want and/or need to do'

Way forward

- Deciding on proposed sets: Purpose, Nature/structure and number of sets
- Compiling the sets
- Building an evidence base
 - Cognitive testing
 - Statistical analysis of existing data (e.g. IRT and factor analysis of existing data sets to evaluate extended sets) to determine
 - What domains including only basic or also complex?
 - Cross cultural comparability
 - How different sets work i.r.t intended purpose?

Analysis and reporting

Summary measure(s)?

- Composite of responses on extended set (or short set) or weighted score (based on IRT or similar)?
- Individual question responses?
- How is prevalence estimated (once data has been collected)?
- □ How do we decide on cut off point?

Strengths of WG

- Country involvement
- Link to statistical offices and Censuses
- Initial cognitive and field testing
- Strong proposal for Censuses Short set

But need to work on:

- Further statistical analysis on existing data and with other groups (e.g. UNESCAP) to build evidence
- Clarification of concepts

Possible assistance

- ICF Research Branch of WHO Collaborating Center for the Family of International Classifications, Germany (G Stucki, A Cieza)
- □ UNESCAP new project and existing data and analyses
- Other collaborations? Eurostat, Budapest Initiative
- Use of existing data set out analysis required to determine what domains are important/work for identifying the population
 - WG field and cognitive tests (e.g. Vietnam and Latin America)
 - South Africa
 - Tanzania (?)
 - Kenya (?)
 - Others

Next steps – how do we achieve them?

- Analysis plan
- Putting evidence into coherent framework
- Compile sets from existing and/or new Qs
- Tasks for Workgroup and reporting for Phillipines meeting
- Funding
- □ ??

Discussion

Purpose of extended sets

- Is there agreement on 2 purposes: Equalisation of Opportunities and Prevalence?
- Are there additional purposes of expansion of the two?
- Number and nature/content of sets
 - 'relaxing' short set into longer set basic activities
 - More complex activities
 - Participation
 - Environment at different levels
- Comprehensiveness in terms of ICF chapters and components
 - Any 'no go' domains? If yes, why?

Discussion (Contd)

- Coherence and congruence of extended sets
 - Between themselves
 - With WG short set
 - With other international initiatives
- Implementation issues
 - Screening Qs
 - Post censal surveys
 - Modules in surveys
 - Links with other information systems (?)
- Sets for children
- Next steps