

Including persons with disabilities in National Statistics

This case study describes the cooperation between Ministries, Handicap International and the consultant agency CREDES which led to conducting a national survey. It exemplifies the support for Ministries to develop statistics on disability at a national level.

Area: Africa

Sector: Support to disability Stakeholders / all sectors

Phase of PCM illustrated: Programming and Support to disability stakeholders

Degree of relevance: -

Implementing organisation: Consultancy firm and NGO in partnership with the National ministry

Inclusion of statistics on persons with disabilities in National statistics

From august 2003 to January 2006, the consortium CREDES / Handicap International has provided technical assistance to the State Secretary in charge of the Family, the Childhood and the Persons with Disability for the implementation of a National Survey on Disability in Morocco. The summary report of the study has been published on the Ministry of Social Development website¹

To measure disability prevalence at national level

The aims of the national survey on disability were to measure disability prevalence at national level and to receive a detailed analysis of the impairment and its causes leading to disability. In addition, the study intended to research the impact of disability on life habits and socio-professional integration of affected people and its interaction with environmental factors facilitating or impeding the realisation of life habits and integration. A final study element represented the analysis of the existing schemes for integrating people with disabilities in different sectors.

To reach these goals, four specific surveys have been implemented: 1) A qualitative survey with an hundred of persons with disability, and also parents of persons with disability, professionals and representatives of organisations working on disability. 2) A



¹ (www.social.gov.ma/Famille_Enf_Han/FEH/index.htm) and is available in French, Arabic and English. (www.social.gov.ma/Famille_Enf_Han/FEH/pdf/ENH/ENH%20-Anglais.pdf for the English version)

quantitative survey with 9.674 households, regrouping more than 54.000 persons. 3) A qualitative survey with more than a hundred of actors such as ministries, public and private services etc. 4) A bibliographic study of the whole statistics and studies available on the causes of impairment.

To set a conceptual and statistical framework for disability understanding

In order to develop a common understanding of the disability problematic and a common terminology and language for the analysis, a conceptual framework has been elaborated including different stakeholders concerned. From this conceptual framework, the definitions used for the surveys, of the disability, the persons with disability and the deficiencies at the origin of the disability situations, have been elaborated. The different parts of the study have been implemented in cooperation with different organisations and services by taking into account the view of various stakeholders including people with disabilities. Several guidelines have been designed for guiding interviews and data collection.

The National Survey has allowed to produce more than 300 statistic tables on disabilities and a database that has been integrated into the State Secretary on Family, Childhood and Persons with Disabilities. It also resulted in a specific study on the pathologies and traumata at the origin of the disability situations in Morocco and an inventory of the resources and services available and provided recommendations for the formulation of a future National Plan of Action.

Lessons learned and how this is an example for disability inclusion

- The project resulted in the production of data on people with disabilities and in integrating these data in national statistics
- The approach is particular in the sense that starting from the programming level, stakeholders including people with disabilities and disabled peoples organisations have participated to develop a commonly understood and shared framework on disability
- The cooperation between disabled peoples' organisations, NGOs, government agencies and other stakeholders can help to endorse the collected data in sustainable way

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