



Title: The Proposal of the WG tested in three Latin American countries and its application in the 2010 Census Round.

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On the occasion of the 2nd Regional Workshop and 5th Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2005, representatives of the NSO's of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay agreed on the need to carry out a joint project to harmonize the measurement of disability. The overall objective of the pilot was testing the questions on disability proposed by the Washington Group, in order to adapt them to be included in the forms of the 2010 round of censuses, advancing towards the conceptual and operational harmonization between different countries. The specific objectives were to determine if the central questions posed by the WG were interpreted as intended; and if the key questions produced comparable data for different countries. The joint pilot test was conducted between October and November 2006 in Posadas and Puerto Iguazú (Argentina), Foz do Iguazú (Brazil) and Ciudad del Este (Paraguay). After the implementation of the joint pilot test, the three countries agreed that the questions were proven generally satisfactory. Addressing the need for comparability of the disability measurement among the countries, the recommendation was to retain the first four questions and leave the option open regarding including the other questions according to the specific characteristics of each country. Comparisons of the tests with the actual results of the 2010 round of censuses are presented and discussed.