Subject: Include questions about disability in future DHS surveys
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The DHS questionaire only includes limited information about disability. It is important to collect reliable information about the lives of disabled people and the UN Washington Group on Disability Statistics (led by the CDC) has developed and agreed six short questions on disability for use in surveys and the national census. Details can be found at

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/washington_group/wg_questions.htm

The six validated questons about adult disability are below - a similar short question set about child disability is under development by the Wasington Group.

Questions on Disability Endorsed by the Washington Group

Introductory phrase:
The next questions ask about difficulties you may have doing certain activities because of a HEALTH PROBLEM.

1. Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?
a. No - no difficulty
b. Yes some difficulty
c. Yes a lot of difficulty
d. Cannot do at all

2. Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?
a. No- no difficulty
b. Yes some difficulty
c. Yes a lot of difficulty
d. Cannot do at all

3. Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?
a. No- no difficulty
b. Yes some difficulty
c. Yes a lot of difficulty
d. Cannot do at all

4. Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?
a. No no difficulty
b. Yes some difficulty
c. Yes a lot of difficulty
d. Cannot do at all

5. Do you have difficulty (with self-care such as) washing all over or dressing?
a. No no difficulty
b. Yes some difficulty
c. Yes a lot of difficulty

d. Cannot do at all

6. Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?
a. No no difficulty
b. Yes some difficulty
c. Yes a lot of difficulty
d. Cannot do at all