### TRANSLATION PROTOCOL

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### **OBJECTIVE**

- To come up with different language versions of the english questionnaire.
- To provide a questionnaire that is conceptually equivalent in each country/culture.
- To provide comparable health indicators across the whole world.

#### TRANSLATION PROCESS

- A finalised Questionnaire
- Preparation of translation cards
- Each card bears the six areas to be studied.
- Persons working in the field of health are chosen to be translators
- Translated cards are given to a checker
- Checker ensures compliance to concepts.



#### TRANSLATION PROCESS CON'D

- Checker indicates whether wording captures concepts correctly.
- Comments from checker are reviewed.
- Final version of the questionnaire.



 Once it is agreed that the final version of the english questionnaire is available the translation process can begin.

#### TRANSLATION CARDS

- There will be six translation cards to match the areas we have decided to examine.
- The areas are:
- Seeing even if wearing glasses
- Hearing, even if using a hearing aid
- Difficulty walking or climbing steps
- Difficulty remembering or concentrating
- Difficulty washing all over or dressing
- Difficulty communicating

# Seeing, even if wearing glasses

- Objective- identify persons with serious vision limitation problems that contribute to difficulty in doing their daily activities, for example handwork or reading
- Definition- Seeing is using eyes to perceive what is happening around.
- Instructions- ask individual respondent. If respondent is wearing glasses make sure that they answer to difficulties while they are wearing their glasses.

## Hearing, even if using a hearing aid

- Objective- identify persons with serious hearing limitation problems that contribute to difficulty in doing their daily activities, for example not hearing in one or both ears
- Definition- Hearing is using ears to know what is being said to them.
- Instructions- ask individual respondent. If respondent is wearing hearing aids make sure that they answer to difficulties while they are wearing their hearing aids.



- Objective- identify persons with serious limitation problems getting around on foot that contribute to difficulty in doing their daily activities, for example can't walk more than a block.
- Definition- Walking is using the legs to move from point A to point B.
- Instructions- ask individual respondent. If respondent is using an assistive device it is highly likely they have difficulty walking.

# Difficulty Remembering or Concentrating

- Objective- identify persons with serious problems with remembering or thinking that contribute to difficulty in doing their daily activities, for example they may forget where they are.
- Definition- Remembering is using memory capacity to recall what is happening around.
- Concentrating using mental ability to accomplish task such as learning something. It is associated with focusing on a task.
- Instructions- ask individual respondent. Occasionally a close family responds if respondent is has severe problems with remembering or concentrating.

# Difficulty washing all over or dressing

- Objective- identify persons with serious problems with taking care of themselves independently for example washing and dressing which represent daily tasks.
- Definition- Washing is using hands to clean clothes or body.
- Dressing is using hands to put on or take off clothes from the body.
- Instructions- ask individual respondent.

### Difficulty Communicating

- Objective- identify persons with serious problems in communicating that contribute to difficulty in doing their daily activities, for example speaking or gesticulating
- Definition- Communicating is using mouth or hands to send messages to persons around.
- Instructions- ask individual respondent. If respondent can't communicate a close family member may be asked to respond.

#### **Translators**

- Individuals working in the field of health are the best candidates for translating disability questionnaires.
- Characteristics of translators are:
  - Target language as mother tongue
  - English as working language
  - Understanding of health concepts used.



- To translate the concepts on cards
- To translate the health questionnaire
- Deliver completed translations to head office.

## What Head Office Does with Translation

 Head office passes on the translated cards and questionnaire to another person to check (a checker)

#### What Checker does

 Answers questionnaire on whether each question had been properly translated to tap the concepts.

- If not, why not.
- Provide reasons for alternative wording.
- Send comments to Head Office



- Review comments from checker
- Make final alterations to questionnaire
- Produce final translated questionnaire.

### End of presentation

Thanks for listening.