

**Expert Group Meeting on Effective Data Generation
for the Incheon Strategy Indicators
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Country Brief

Country name: **Kazakhstan**

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1. On the availability of national baseline data for the Incheon Strategy Indicators as reported in the ESCAP survey

Please provide a summary of key findings from country-level work on the ESCAP survey (max. 500 words):

Unfortunately, currently we have no information about this work of ESCAP survey, so using a core set of questions given in Guidelines for Country Briefs, and Incheon strategy indicators, note the following.

- 1) Most of the Incheon Strategy Indicators are not currently collected, but for some of them in the future implementation of the collection is possible. This requires a lot of work to add the Incheon Strategy Indicators to the relevant existing surveys, and resolve issues with the collection of indicators which are within the competence of other government agencies.
- 2) The data gaps are sufficient, but they are all practically connected with the implementation of the National Action Plan to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities, which was developed in our country for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 3) The need for implementation of the National Plan, and the lack of data collection instruments.
- 4) Institutional mechanisms for the collection and validation of data for monitoring Incheon Strategy currently are not available.
- 5) When developing measures for the near future, it is necessary to include the question of defining the mechanism of data collection.

2. Country practices of data collection

Please select 1 to 3 indicators for which data are being collected and describe briefly key aspects of your country's good practices (max. 500 words):

Data on the Indicator 5.3 "The number of children with disabilities in secondary education" is being collected through the years and is included as one of the national indicators that characterize the achievement of the MDGs in the country. Data on this indicator (as well as all the MDG indicators) is placed in the dynamics since 2000 and is available on the Internet site of our statistical office.

3. Achievements and lessons learnt

Please describe briefly major achievements in disability data collection in recent years, and the lessons learnt (max. 500 words):

Currently all available information on persons with disabilities is going in the administrative account by the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection.

The Agency on Statistics has undertaken several steps for the implementation of disability statistics, but they are basically limited to pilot projects.

1) In 2005, a pilot survey was conducted together with the Swedish Statistical Office on the living conditions of people with disabilities in the Almaty region (one of the regions of Kazakhstan) in which 450 persons were interviewed.

2) The Agency participated in a joint project of UNECE and ESCAP "Improvement of measurement and statistics of people with disabilities in countries of Asia and Pacific" and conducted pilot survey on statistics of persons with disabilities in four regions of the Republic in 2009. 1000 persons took part in the survey.

It was a pilot project and its main aim was to test the questionnaire on disability, i.e. determine the degree of perception of the issues by people. Based on the pilot questionnaire, the national statistical agencies can develop questionnaires for providing full statistical surveys in their countries.

3) As a member of the Washington Group, Agency has used the Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses of the UN and included questions on disability in the program of the National Population Census 2009.

However, unfortunately, due to the presence of a large set of questions in the census form, recommended questions on 4 major categories of disability (vision, hearing, walking, speech) were combined into one question, which was: "Do you have difficulty with walking, hearing, vision and speech?". The response options were: "Yes", "Yes, often" and "No".

Consequently, we could not get correct data on health status of population based on the results of the National Population Census 2009. We look forward in the next population census to correct this.

On the whole, on the results of previous activities we can draw conclusions that it is necessary to:

- 1) ensure the continuation of the pilot projects to be implemented in full;
- 2) collect data on the ICF need in the national population census to gather a good database for the use in the future during various surveys.

4. Major challenges to improve the availability and quality of data

Please highlight the institutional, financial and technical constraints in collecting data for the Incheon Strategy Indicators (max. 500 words):

1) Please note that our country has not yet made the transition to ICF.

2) The need for a thorough analysis of the Incheon Strategy Indicators on the possibility of the implementation in view of features of the country.

3) Inter-agency coordination, the various sources of data and use of different definitions of disability.

4) Determination of the responsible government agency for the collection of relevant indicators.

5) The relevant financing and methodological support for ensuring the collection of data.

5. National capacity-building needs

Please identify critical capacity-building needs in your office (max. 500 words):

Assistance to develop methodologies that are applicable at the country level;

Studying the experience of other countries about implementation of the Incheon Strategy Indicators;

Discussion with the stakeholders of questions about the possibility of implementation of the Incheon Strategy Indicators in the country;

One of the important questions for our country - all the activities and the information are needed to be carried out and provided with the translation into the Russian language for precise understanding of the information, provided competency in English of our staff is not enough.

6. Action plans to improve the availability and quality of disability data

If an action plan exists, please provide a summary of the plan. Otherwise, please describe the modalities you envisage in the development of a national action plan (max. 500 words):

Currently, there is no such plan, but in considering this question at the meeting maybe we will understand how to do it or at least think over a mechanism to collect data for Incheon Strategy Indicators.

At the same time, we inform that due to accession of Kazakhstan to the Convention for the Protection of Rights of the Disabled people the Government of Kazakhstan has developed a long term National Action Plan (hereinafter - Plan) to ensure the rights and improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in 2012-2018.

Agency, as the public authority which is responsible for official statistics, is included in the Action Plan for conducting sample survey on the quality of life of persons with disabilities, including gender specific, in 2014.

It is currently under preparation stage, including the development of tools.

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