

What is wrong with Disability Statistics?

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ICF provides the common framework for measuring health and disability. Its model and operationalisation in disability statistics revealed various shortcomings in the traditional approach of disability measurement, such as exclusive focus on prototypical groups, underreporting of disability prevalence, no linkage to health statistics, limited policy utility because of a categorical approach and weak indicator of need. ICF can overcome these problems when it is correctly applied. This presentation will elaborate on the shortcomings of traditional disability statistics and discuss best practice in using the ICF as framework and tool for improving disability statistics.