



TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT STATISTICS SA TO DEVELOP AND PILOT A MODULE TO MEASURE DISAGGREGATED DATA ON DISABILITY AMONGST CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YEARS OF AGE FOR FUTURE INCLUSION IN GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS AS WELL AS NATIONAL CENSUS

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Introduction

The South African Government of South Africa is aware of the importance of disaggregated appropriate information, including statistical and research data, in formulation of policies to give effect to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the particular challenge posed by lack of a final definition of disability in all national legislation.

StatsSA, as the state agency responsible for the collection, production and dissemination of official and other statistics, including conducting of population census, and for co-ordination among producers of statistics, is fully compliant with internationally-accepted norms to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and ethical principles in collection and use of statistics.

StatsSA has significantly remodelled its approach towards mainstreaming disability in its operations following ratification of the Convention and has aligned its annual household survey as well as census questionnaires with the Washington Group on Disability Statistics framework. However, the analysis is confined to individuals aged 5 years or older as the quality of information for children below the age of five years is usually very poor. Children are often mistakenly categorised as being unable to walk, remember, communicate or care for themselves when it is due to their level of development rather than any innate disabilities they might have. As a result, no data has been available on children aged 0-4 years from the census or StatsSA household surveys since the Washington group questions were introduced.

The UN Country Team in South Africa, in partnership with the Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities, successfully applied for funding from the United Nations Partnership to promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Multi-Party Fund.

The project is aimed at achieving three complementary outcomes; namely to:

- 1) strengthen M&E capacity for effective oversight and advocacy for promotion of rights of persons with disabilities (UNDP-DWCPD-StatsSA);
- 2) establish a CRPD compliant legal and policy framework to implement provisions of the Convention in South Africa (OHCHR-DWCPD); and
- 3) reduce economic vulnerability of persons with disabilities (UNICEF-DWCPD).

The programme implementation is envisaged to take approximately 18 months (July 2013 – December 2014).

Project scope

- To strengthen the capacity of Statistics SA on disability sensitive sample and questionnaire design, data collection, entry and analysis to fill data/evidence gap on disability in national surveys;
- To support Statistics SA to develop and pilot a modular to measure disability amongst children aged 0-4 years of age for future inclusion in general household surveys as well as national census.

Project deliverables

- A 3 – 4 days training workshop report of approximately 25 statisticians on disability sensitive sample and questionnaire design, data collection, entry and analysis to fill data/evidence gap on disability in national surveys
- One module of questions to measure disability amongst children aged 0 -4 years of age in a household survey by February 2014
- Comparative study of reliability and application of local surveys using the WHO ICF-CY Handbook data collection methods with census and household outcomes
- One two day stakeholder workshop report with the national disability machinery (key national departments, provincial disability focal points and M&E coordinators, SALGA as well as disability organisations and institutions of higher education) on disability disaggregated data collection and analysis.

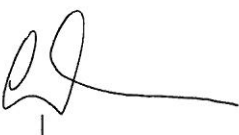

Competency and expertise

- A minimum of an honours or master degree in either statistical sciences
- Knowledge and at least 2 years' experience of disability sensitive sample and questionnaire design, data collection, entry and analysis to fill data/evidence gap on disability in national surveys within the context of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Knowledge and experience of the measurement of disability, particularly amongst children
- Knowledge and at least 2 years' expertise of questionnaire design, particularly concerning child disability.


Duration of the assignment

This is a 25 working days assignment, which will commence on 15 March 2014 and will be completed by 30 April 2014.

The deadline for submission of applications is by close of business on Friday 25 February 2014.

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