Activity 2

Handout 7 - UNHCR Specific Needs Codes – Disability

Spot the adaptations!

You can find below a table with the Specific Needs Codes available in proGres V4 to identify persons with disabilities. Using the Washington Group Questions available in **Handout 4** of this module, identify at least three adaptations that were made to integrate these questions, and answer the following questions on why these adaptations were made.

- 1. The Washington Group Short Set has 6 questions, while there are 8 codes for Disability. Which are the additional two codes, and why do you think they were necessary?
- **2.** The Washington Group questions on Vision and Hearing have mentions to the use of assistive devices. Why do you think they were removed?
- 3. The Washington Group questions have four response categories (No difficulty; some difficulty; a lot of difficulty; cannot do at all), while the Disability codes have only 2 response categories (a lot of difficulty; cannot do at all). Why do you think this adaptation was made?
- **4.** Did you find any other adaptation?



SPN sub-category	SPN Code	Washington Group Question for adult individuals	Washington Group Question for children
Lower Body Mobility	DS-LBM	Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps? Would you say A lot of difficulty	Compared with children of the same age, does (name) have difficulty walking? Would you say
		Cannot do at all	A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all
Upper Body Mobility	DS-UBM	Do you have difficulty lifting objects or using your hands and fingers? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all	Compared with children of the same age, does (name) have difficulty picking up small objects with his/ her hand? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all
Vision	DS-V	Do you have difficulty seeing? Would you say A lot of difficulty	Does (name) have difficulty seeing? Would you say A lot of difficulty
		Cannot do at all	Cannot do at all
Hearing	DS-H	Do you have difficulty hearing? Would you say A lot of difficulty	Does (name) have difficulty hearing sounds like people's voices and music? Would you say
		Cannot do at all	A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all
Communication	DS-C	Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood by others? Would you say A lot of difficulty	(Children 5 years and older) When (name) speaks, does he/ she have difficulty being understood or understanding others? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all
		Cannot do at all	
Emotions and behavior	DS- EB	Do you have difficulty controlling your emotions? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all	(Children 5 years and older) Compared with children of the same age, does (name) have difficulty controlling his/her behaviour? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all
Remembering and concentrating	DS-RC	Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all	(Children 5 years and older) Does (name) have difficulty concentrating on an activity that he/she enjoys doing? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all
Self-Care	DS-SC	Do you have difficulty with self-care such as washing all over or dressing? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all	(Children 5 years and older) Does (name) have difficulty with self-care such as feeding or dressing him/herself? Would you say A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all

