

4. Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis (WHO (Headquarters))

4.2 Classifications

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WHO, in collaboration with national and international partners, has developed an integrated suite of health and health-related classifications. International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) are the two main reference classifications. WHO will enhance use of ICD in most high mortality countries and carry out revisions, updates and development of e-health applications.

- Health and mortality classifications: specific updates and tools to enhance dissemination and use, as electronic training, planning the revision strategy.
- Contribute to the improvement of the International Classification of Occupations for health related occupations in collaboration with the International Labour Organization.
- Consult process of classification of Traditional Medicine.
- Conduct the process for the International Classification of Patient Safety.
- Produce a strategy towards an International Classification of Health Interventions.
- Revision of the ICD-10 has begun with massive international collaboration in order to produce a revision over the next few years that will be informed by the best evidence.

4.3.3 Household surveys

WHO Study on Global Ageing and Adult Health (SAGE)

- WHO has launched a study of health and health-related outcomes and their determinants in older adults in six countries in nationally representative samples. The study has been designed as a longitudinal cohort study and includes health examinations and biomarkers. Field work is completed in 4 countries and will be completed in the remaining two countries by April 2010.
- Data sets from these studies will be made available in the public domain in 2010.
- The study will be extended to three additional countries in Europe in 2010. Possible extension to additional countries are continuing to be explored.

Other survey related activities

- WHO will work closely with the International Household Survey Network (IHSN) and international experts to develop a standard set of modules for use in health interview surveys for priority health outcomes. A meeting is planned in January 2010 to start the process.
- A set of health examination surveys are being undertaken in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries building on the World Health Survey. Five of the surveys have been completed. These surveys will also develop new measurement strategies.

4.3.5 Other administrative and non-survey sources

Data sources for population health measures

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Non-survey sources for health statistics

- Vital registration with causes of the death and other information: development and application of sample vital registration systems, validation studies for verbal autopsy, link with ICD.
- Sentinel clinics: work with countries to establish sentinel sites with small lab, investment in information and communication technology, and staff for health information; develop tools and protocols.