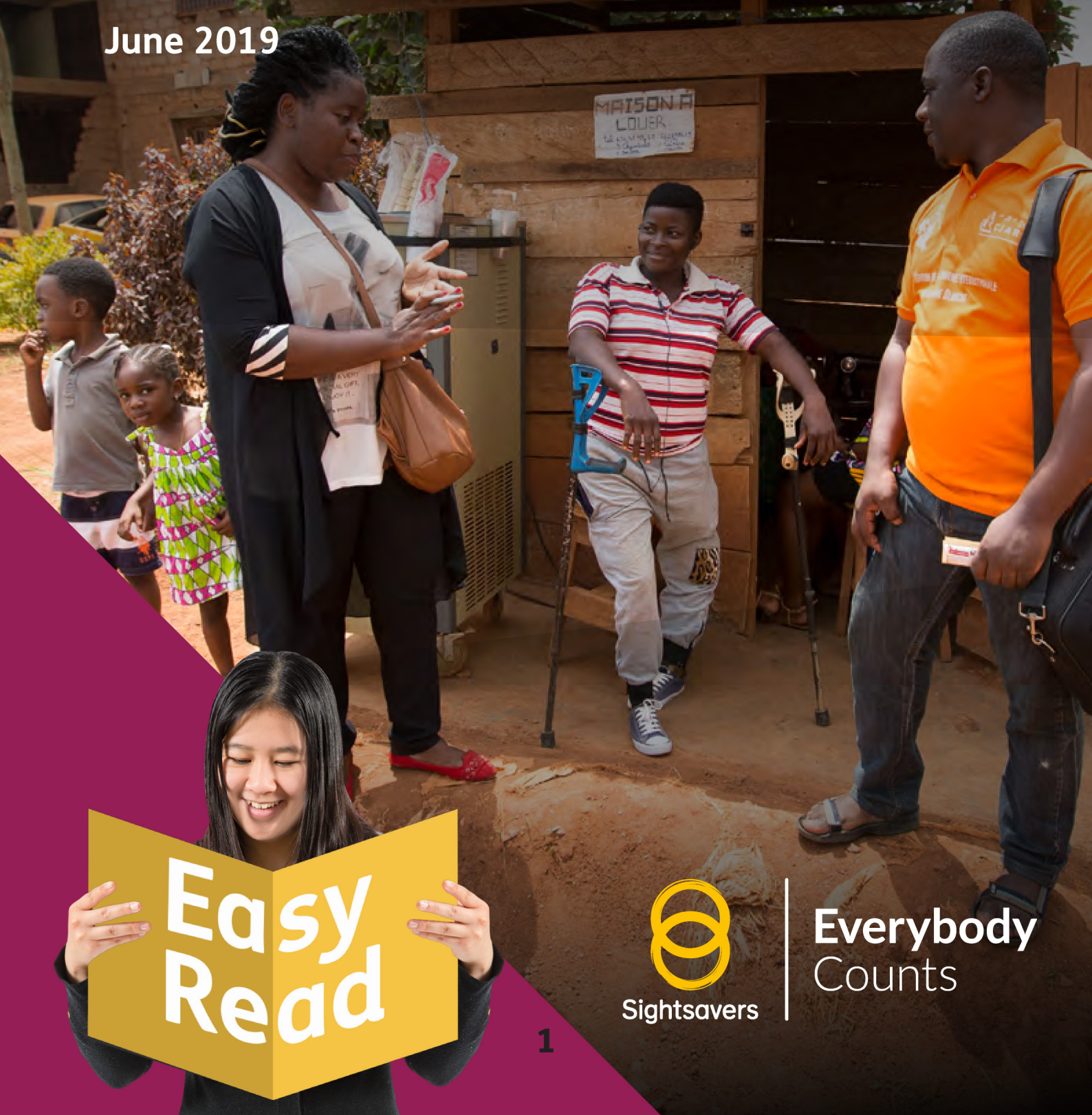


Collecting information about people with disabilities in our projects so that we can work better

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Introduction



This report is about how we collect information about the people involved in our projects.



Sightsavers supports projects that work with poor people in many of the poorest countries in the world.



We need information from these projects so that we know if the project is working well, or having difficulties.



Sightsavers wants to focus on helping people with disabilities in the poorest countries.



We need to make sure we are collecting useful information about people with disabilities which includes things like sex, age and type of disability.



This report explains:

- How we are collecting this information in different countries
- What we are learning from the information
- What governments and other organisations should do to help people with disabilities in poor countries



People with disabilities around the world



There are about 1 billion people with disabilities in the world.



About 8 out of every 10 of these live in the poorest countries.



In 2015 all the countries in the world agreed together that no one should be left behind.



We must make sure that people with disabilities are not left behind.



To do this we must have good information about the lives of people with disabilities in every country.

What we have done so far



We have been using a new way of collecting information about disability in our projects.



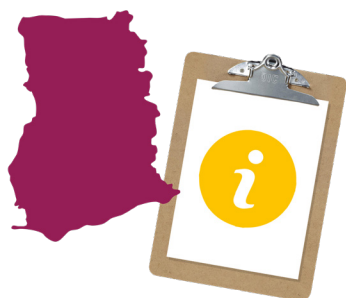
We are using a set of questions called the Washington Group Questions.



These questions ask about the types of difficulties that people have when trying to live their lives.



This gives us much better information than just asking someone if they have a disability.



We have been using this new way to collect information from a lot of people getting treatment in Ghana.



We have been collecting information from people in our project about eyesight problems in Cameroon, India, Mozambique, Pakistan and Tanzania.



By focussing on people with disabilities we have found that:

- We must make it easier for more people to get help for eye problems in India



- We must make it easier for more people to get health care in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Mozambique



- We can see if people with disabilities are getting involved in the way their country is run in Senegal and Cameroon



- We can see if children with disabilities are getting more involved in schools in Malawi

What we have learned so far



By collecting information about people with disabilities in poor countries we have found that:



- In Ghana, people with disabilities had a better chance of getting the medication they needed



- Training the people who collect information means that they understand people with disabilities more



- Many more people have been getting an operation that helps them to see in Mozambique



- Men are more likely to get an operation that helps them to see than women in some countries



- Women were more likely to say they have a disability than men in a project in India



- Women and people with disabilities were more likely to use a local health service than men. Men were more likely to go to the hospital



This means that it might be difficult for women and people with disabilities to get into hospital.

How we are using the information



We now understand more about collecting information about people with disabilities in poorer countries.



We are using what we have learned to:

- Get more information about people with disabilities in other countries



- Find new ways to get even better at collecting information



We are using the information to think about how we can:

- Make other projects more suitable for people with disabilities



- Involve people with disabilities more in running our projects

Next steps



Next we want to look at:

- How we can use the information we collect to make sure we are being fair to everyone
- Ways to improve how we collect information
- Ways to get better information about people who don't get a fair chance to be involved in projects
- Ways to see if people are feeling more confident about getting involved in organising things
- Better ways to use the information we have to make the lives of people with disabilities better



What other organisations should do



We know that it is useful to collect information about people with disabilities.



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We think that other organisations should learn from what we are doing.



Other organisations should:

- Start to collect better information about people in projects in poorer countries
- Work out the best ways for collecting information in their own organisations
- Train their staff to collect information about people with disabilities





- Talk about disability in better ways

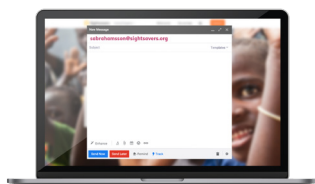


- Decide how they are going to use their own information about people with disabilities in their projects



- Share information with other organisations so that everyone understands more about people with disabilities in poor countries

For other information



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