



AHKGA Survey "Global Matrix 5.0 Planning: Disability Data and Para Report Cards"

Short summary of responses

From July 31 to August 21, 2023, the Active Healthy Kids Global Alliance (AHKGA) conducted a survey titled "Global Matrix 5.0 Planning: Disability Data and Para Report Cards". The purpose of the survey was to collect opinions of AHKGA network members regarding the integration/segregation of data on children and adolescents with a disability (CAWD) into/from the Global Matrix 5.0. The survey was distributed to all AHKGA e-newsletter subscribers (i.e., past and potential future Report Card team leaders and members, n=209) and was completed by 38% (n=79) of targeted respondents from 55 countries/regions.

Among the survey participants, the large majority (93.7%) responded that their country is "likely" or "very likely" to participate in the Global Matrix 5.0.

Three-quarters of respondents (74.7 %) indicated being "supportive" or "very supportive" of an *integrated* approach going forward (i.e., combining the AHKGA's Global Matrix with the Para Report Card initiative and inclusion of disability data in the Global Matrix 5.0 – where every country participating in the Global Matrix 5.0 will be invited to report the best available physical activity data for CAWD, if available), while 13.9% and 11.4% of survey participants felt "unsupportive"/"very unsupportive" and "neither supportive nor unsupportive" respectively.

Slightly less than half of respondents (46.8%) indicated being "supportive" or "very supportive" of a *segregated* approach (i.e., developing Para Report Cards separately from the Global Matrix 5.0 – where only volunteering countries/Para Report Card teams will participate and report and grade disability data), while 27.8% and 25.3 % felt "unsupportive"/"very unsupportive" and "neither supportive nor unsupportive" respectively.

Overall, the large majority of survey participants (87.3%) were "supportive" or "very supportive" of the inclusion of data on CAWD in the Report Card process. However, 41.7% were "unconfident"/"very unconfident" in the availability of any data related to Report Card indicators for CAWD in their country, while 38% and 20.3% of respondents indicated being "confident"/"very confident" and "neither confident nor unconfident" respectively.

Survey participants commented that the process of including data on CAWD in Report Cards can be a complex matter and that both integrated and segregated approaches have benefits and challenges. Commonly raised concerns included limited data on CAWD and unclear use of terminology (e.g., definition of disability). Several suggestions were made, including organizing training/webinars for participants on CAWD data collection/analysis/integration, giving each participating country the flexibility to decide whether to develop two kinds of Report Card simultaneously, involving a disability specialist in country Report Card teams, and recommending AHKGA to continue playing a leading role in this initiative in collaboration with the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity.