Background

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Educational context:
refers to the wide variety of methods or tools that educators use to evaluate, measure, and document the academic readiness, learning progress, skill acquisition, or educational needs of students.

Clinical context:
A clinical assessment, sometimes also referred to as a health assessment, is a documented process that is used to evaluate and diagnose individuals’ overall well-being, whether mental, physical, or both. Evaluators tend to use standard rubrics and checklists for quantifying health, wellness, and fitness.
- Persons with disabilities Act of 2012
- Disability certification (ZAPD)
- National Disability Survey (NDS) of 2015 7.2%
- National census statistics
Disability assessment

- A few formalized centers
  - ZAMISE (Zambia Institute of Special Education)
  - UTH University Teaching Hospital
  - UNZA University of Zambia School of Education
  - Monze (NGO)

- These centers will have a bias to either the health/clinical or medical assessment or the educational
Entry points

- benefit (Tax, Compensation)
- Community
- Teachers
- Health workers (specialist)
- Family Members
- Formal Disability Evaluation Assessment
Disability Assessment Centers

- These have been in operational for number of years
- It can be done in the GRZ or the private run clinics
- Competent and qualified Medical Doctor
Components of the Disability Assessment

- Bio data
- Neurological / mental state examination
- Physical limitation
- Limb examination
- Eye examination
- Hearing examination
- Speech / speaking limitation
- Medical condition
Disability Evaluation points

1. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

2. EDUCATION SYSTEM
Health care system

- concerned with the medical assessment of individuals in order to determine an individual’s body functioning capacity.
- The diagnosis and disability grading is based on medical personnel’s opinion through the standardized medical assessment forms.
Public Health Care System

- Primary: Rural Health Centers, Zonal Health Centers
- Tertiary: University Teaching Hospital, General Hospitals

Private Health Care System

- Primary: Private clinics
- Tertiary: Private Hospitals
Supplementary services

• The disability assessment at the health centre ascertains how a person is affected by his or her disease or disability.

• Medical Social Workers/ Community Health Workers counsel persons with disabilities and help with the reintegration in society.

* The Disability Assessment forms are available at Social Welfare Department and ZAPD
Disability Assessment Tools

Health;

1. Disability Medical Assessment form
2. Health Screening tool
3. Interviews and Observations

Education

1. Basic Numerical and Calculation Abilities (BANUCA)
2. Tests, observations and Informal assessments
3. Standardised adaptive behavior scale like Basic Assessment Tool
Challenges

- Disability grading is tiled to a social cash transfers
- persons who have profound disability they get a double transfer
Recommendations

- There assessment forms have limitations; activity participation and environmental factors play a role in disability.
- The lack of coordination between the medical officers and social workers.
- There is no grievance mechanism laid out.
- Comprehensive Disability assessment centers need to be rolled out throughout the country.
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