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**VALIDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF
FUNCTIONING (ICF) CORE SET FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN
BANGLADESH**

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ABSTRACT

Access to work for people with disabilities is very limited in Bangladesh. Prevalence of people with disabilities in Bangladesh is ranging from 0.5% to 14.04%. Vocational rehabilitation is must needed for this large number of people to reintegrate into the society. The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health, known more commonly as ICF that a classification of health and health-related domains. ICF Core Set for Vocational Rehabilitation is a useful tool to facilitate social reintegration and rehabilitation of person with disabilities. The objective of the study is to add evidence to the extended ICF core set for vocational rehabilitation from the perspective of patients using focus groups to explore the aspects of functioning and health that are important to disabled person in a developing country like Bangladesh. A qualitative study with persons with disabilities will perform using focus groups and an established methodology for the validation of ICF Core Sets for vocational rehabilitation from the patient perspective. A total of 326 relevant concepts were identified in the focus groups. These concepts were linked to a total of 106 different 2nd-level ICF categories. Sixty two concepts could not be linked to ICF categories (e.g. quality of life in general, aspects of coping, disease management, and variability of functioning). One hundred and fifty eight could be allotted to the component Personal Factors, which has not yet been classified. In total 65 out of the 90 (72%) 2nd-level categories included in the Comprehensive ICF Core Set for Vocational Rehabilitation were confirmed by the focus groups and 12 out of 13 (99%) 2nd-level categories included in the brief version of the core sets for VR were confirmed in our PWD.

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