

This manual provides information on the development of the ICD-10 multiaxial system and describes its structure and use. The system has three axes: Axis I – Clinical diagnoses; Axis II – Disabilities; Axis III – Contextual factors, and is intended for use in clinical, educational and research activities. It has been prepared by an international team of experts and field tested in 20 countries. The system was shown to be easy to use and applicable in a wide range of cultures and settings. The manual is accompanied by the ICD-10 Multiaxial Diagnostic Formulation Form, WHO Short Disability Assessment Schedule (WHO DAS-S) and Axis I and Axis III glossaries.

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