Inclusive Data Charter

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The Leave No One Behind Agenda requires everyone, everywhere to be counted

We cannot achieve, or even measure progress towards, the 2030 Agenda without inclusive and disaggregated data
Schools, hospitals, and roads aren’t built for people that we don’t know exist.

Developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and programs to improve marginalized people’s lives requires accurate, inclusive data.
The Inclusive Data Charter is a unique multi-stakeholder initiative working to advance inclusive data globally.

The Inclusive Data Charter (IDC) is the only global coordination and collaboration mechanism focused on inclusive and disaggregated data.

Launched in 2017, the IDC engages and supports governments, international organizations, and civil society organizations as Champions to accelerate action on inclusive data.
Current Champions

**Statistical Offices:**
Colombia, Ghana, Philippines, UK, Zanzibar

**Ministries:**
Kenya – Dept of Labour
Sierra Leone – Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education
UK – Department for International Development/UK Aid

**Non-Government Actors:**
Christian Aid; Consortium for Street Children; Data2X; Development Initiatives; HelpAge International; Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre; SightSavers; The World Bank; Unicef; UNFPA
Governance of the IDC

- The IDC approach, principles, and vision were developed by a task team consisting of representatives from governments (across four continents), UN Agencies, and civil society organizations. The Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) facilitated the process.

- The IDC is co-facilitated by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Sightsavers, and GPSDD. The co-facilitators guide the strategic vision and delivery of the IDC by devoting senior leadership time and seconding staff members to the IDC secretariat.

- The IDC secretariat is made up of an Outreach Manager, two Technical Advisors, and a Project Manager, and is hosted by GPSDD to maximize the connections and interlinkages with the broader data ecosystem.

- The IDC is primarily demand-led and is responsive to the changing needs and requirements of Champions.
The IDC approach

Build awareness
We advocate for political and development actors to prioritize inclusive data as part of their commitment to the SDGs and the Leave No One Behind agenda.

Increase accountability
We support political and development actors to publicly commit to improving inclusive data by signing up to the charter and committing to the principles of the IDC.

Catalyze action
We catalyze action by supporting IDC champions to develop, and publicly share, an individual action plan outlining concrete priorities, activities and timelines.

Accelerate impact
We advise on implementation of the action plans and connect champions with resources to help them achieve their goals.

Foster collaboration
We nurture collaboration, knowledge sharing and coordination across IDC Champions and beyond.

Amplify learning
We elevate emerging best practices and rigorously evaluate our impact and learnings to improve our approach and inform others.
Components of the IDC

Commitment to the inclusive data principles

Each Champion commits to the five Inclusive Data Charter principles:

1. All populations must be included in the data.
2. All data should, wherever possible, be disaggregated in order to accurately describe all populations.
3. Data should be drawn from all available sources.
4. Those responsible for the collection of data and production of statistics must be accountable.
5. Human and technical capacity to collect, analyze, and use disaggregated data must be improved, including through adequate and sustainable financing.

Development of a tailored action plan

Each actor that joins the charter develops an action plan which outlines their priorities and activities on inclusive data. The IDC provides strategic technical advice on the action plan development and implementation.

Action plans are publicly available to increase champion accountability and transparency and to facilitate opportunities for collaboration around shared priorities and activities.

Implementation, learning & collaboration

The IDC unites a broad range of political and development actors to work individually and collectively toward improved collection, analysis, sharing, and use of inclusive data.

The partnership model fosters collaboration on technical challenges and sharing of knowledge and emerging best practices across sectors and geographies.
Impact of the IDC

The IDC has supported Champions to advance their skills and knowledge, mobilize resources, and influence policy and programs. View their action plans on our website.

Colombia’s National Administrative Department of Statistics launched a Differential and Intersectional Approach Group based on the IDC principles which is developing internal capacity on data disaggregation and advising across government departments on inclusive data practices.

The United Nations Population Fund produced national estimates of the population in Nigeria by sex and age, with direct applications for health sector planning by the Ministry of Health, which resulted in a new surgical plan.

Sightsavers has been able to elevate the significance of inclusive data internally through their IDC commitment and action plan. Over the past year they have strengthened their work on disability disaggregated data and systematically integrated data collection in all programmatic work.
Why become part of the IDC?

• By signing up to the IDC principles and developing an action plan, organizations put their commitment to advancing the Leaving No One Behind into action

• With strategic support from the IDC secretariat, organizations can develop further capacity to collect, analyze, and use disaggregated data

• Organizations can build global awareness of their work on inclusive and disaggregated data by speaking at IDC events and contributing to reports, blogs, and articles

• Learning, collaborating, and sharing knowledge with other Champions can support organizations to strengthen approaches, overcome challenges, and promote their best practices

• Organizations can benefit from the advice, support, and assistance of other Champions and their expertise in areas of data disaggregation, such as disability, income, and age

• Through the development of the action plan, organizations can increase internal coordination, awareness, and buy-in on inclusive data
Get in touch for more information

View all the action plans on the IDC website
http://www.data4sdgs.org/initiatives/inclusive-data-charter

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