

Inclusive Data Charter: Action Plan

Introduction

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all world leaders, made the commitment to 'Leave No One Behind'. In order to ensure this commitment is being met, there is an acknowledgement that the data used to measure progress will be most effective if it is disaggregated.

This document outlines Development Initiatives' commitment to the Inclusive Data Charter, and in recognition of this commitment it summarises a number of actions we are working hard to achieve in order to fulfil the vision and principles of the charter.

To support the Inclusive Data Charter, we will use disaggregated data where available to increase information on the world's most marginalised people. We will work in partnership with others to identify where and how data can be better disaggregated. We will also strive to provide technical support to organisations, governments and subnational offices to help them improve their systems of data collection and increase the production of more disaggregated data. Finally, we will advocate for the release of suitably anonymised census microdata and demonstrate the benefits of properly aggregated microdata.

Given that our vision is a world free from poverty where everyone can benefit from opportunity and growth, Development Initiatives welcomes the Inclusive Data Charter as an essential tool in the advancement of data to ensure that no one is left behind.

Development Initiatives

Development Initiatives (DI) is an independent international development organisation working on the use of data to drive poverty eradication and sustainable development.

Our vision is a world without poverty that invests in human security and where everyone shares the benefits of opportunity and growth.

We work to ensure that decisions about the allocation of finance and resources result in an end to poverty, increase the resilience of the world's most vulnerable people, and ensure no one is left behind. We want these decisions to be underpinned by good quality, transparent data and evidence on poverty and resources, and lead to increased accountability and sustainable long-term outcomes.

Our work

We believe there are enough resources in the world to consign extreme poverty to history, but poor or inaccurate information means these resources are not reaching those who most need them. While data alone will not end poverty, it is a vital catalyst for increasing knowledge, providing clarity and improving decision-making at local, national, regional and global levels.

Our work focuses on three key areas:

1. Measuring the progress of people out of poverty
 - Our work on poverty is about driving commitments and investment towards improving poverty data, and drawing on existing data to start building a clearer and more accurate picture of poverty
2. Investments to end poverty and build resilience
 - Our work on resources is about informing national, regional and international actors on how to mobilise, track and improve the targeting and effectiveness of the many different resources that can address poverty, vulnerability and crisis
3. Data use of sustainable development
 - Our work on data use is about breaking down barriers to data use, improving data availability and usability, and helping people use data effectively in order to drive efforts to end poverty and build resilience

In addition to the areas of focus listed above, DI will be working to achieve four objectives that we believe align with the work of the Inclusive Data Charter. We have captured these in the table below.

Action plan

Objective	Actions	Responsible	Timeframe	IDC Principle
1: Improve the supply of fully disaggregated data by advocating for long-term investment in administrative and registry data, as well as calling for all suitably anonymised microdata to be made openly accessible by national statistics offices	Undertake data audits at subnational level to increase awareness of the data that is available, as well as any gaps	DI country teams	Ongoing	Principles one and five
	Use findings to advocate for opening up available microdata and increased investment to fill data gaps	Data revolution project team		
2: Use the disaggregated data that is available to its fullest extent in our own research and analysis to increase information on the world's most marginalised people	Through the P20 project we will use disaggregated data in our analysis and promote the importance of greater investment in data that is disaggregated by income quintile, gender, geographic location, age and disability in order to increase information on the progress of people out of poverty	P20 project team	Ongoing	Principles one and two

	Through our data visualisation platforms such as the Development Data Hub, we will provide visualised data and deeper analysis of people who are living in poverty or vulnerable to crisis	Development Data Hub project team	2019–2020	
3: Work in partnership with other organisations and expert groups to identify where and how data can be better disaggregated	Promote and contribute to the work of the UN Statistical Commission’s Washington Group on Disability Statistics and Titchfield Group on Ageing Statistics	P20 team, country teams	Ongoing	Principle two
	Contribute to the data-related work of the Disability Inclusion consortium led by Sightsavers and funded by DFID Aid Connect	Aid Connect project team	July 2018–2020	
4: Promote the inclusion of populations frequently excluded from official statistics including those outside birth registration systems, displaced populations, and those living outside household	Identify partners who work with groups and individuals excluded from official statistics (people living outside households, in institutions etc) and use non-official data to increase understanding of their needs and help make them visible	DI country teams	Ongoing	Principles one and three