

## Inclusive Data Charter monitoring form

Annual Champion progress survey – 2024			
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Progress on inclusive data priorities			
No	Question	Guidance	Champion response
1.1	What progress have you made on your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan priorities in the past year?	Include examples to accompany any highlights or achievements.	Significant strides have been made across all five principles of Inclusive Data Charter (IDC), demonstrating a commitment to improving data availability, accessibility, and usability nationwide. We have developed and published eight additional constituency profile reports. These include detailed profiles for Amansie Central, Tano South, Sekyere South, Ketu South, Fanteakwa North, and Akatsi North. These reports leverage administrative data collected at the district level, offering valuable insights for local decision-making.

			<p>We have utilized administrative data from the Ministry of Education to produce one national education report and 10 regional reports. These reports are currently undergoing final preparations and will soon be launched, published, and disseminated to stakeholders.</p> <p>To promote accessibility and transparency, an interactive web portal has been launched, enabling users to generate key economic, social, and demographic indicators from diverse sources, such as the 2021 Population and Housing Census (PHC), the Annual Household Income and Expenditure Survey (AHIES), and the 2017 Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS). The portal, GSS StatsBank, enhances public engagement with data.</p> <p>The District Development Data Platform (DDDP), designed as a centralized hub for district-level stakeholders and other users to access data, has been developed. Plans are underway to integrate this platform with district administrative data to create a unified, comprehensive system for managing and accessing district-level information. This integration will enhance data consistency, improve accessibility, and facilitate evidence-based decision-making across various sectors at the district level.</p> <p>In line with the goal of enhancing administrative data, all districts were tasked with updating their administrative records. These updates were subjected to rigorous validation to ensure data quality. With support from the Office for National Statistics (ONS),</p>
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			<p>officers from MDAs received training on identifying and addressing data quality issues. These officers subsequently trained counterparts in all districts.</p> <p>Efforts to expand current data availability for key sectors, including agriculture, food security, education, living conditions, business, income, and tourism, are ongoing. Current surveys include the Ghana Living Standards Survey 8 (GLSS8), AHIES, Integrated Business Establishment Survey (IBES), Tourism Surveys, and Agriculture Surveys.</p> <p>Mortality statistics, particularly on road traffic incidents, are being developed with support from the Ghana Police Service, National Road Safety Authority, and Ghana Prisons Service. Additionally, data on inmates are being compiled with assistance from the Ghana Prisons Service.</p> <p>All reports emphasize disaggregated data, including sex, age, and geographic location, such as the AHIES report on labor force participation. A Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report has also been developed at national, regional, and district levels.</p> <p>The Data Quality Assurance Framework (DQAF) has been finalized and will be launched soon. It will serve as a critical tool for MDAs, civil society, academia, and the private sector to ensure data quality. Additionally, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Data Sharing Policy have been developed to foster effective collaboration with 25 institutions.</p>
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1.2	What areas of your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan have you made the least progress on, in the past year?	Include any challenges or barriers faced.	<p>We have made significant progress across all priority areas. However, finalizing and signing all the MoUs with MDAs remains pending, with efforts underway to complete this process by the end of the year.</p> <p>Developing a unified template for data collection and indicators across MDAs has been particularly challenging. This initiative, which we hoped to begin earlier, has faced delays due to differences in concepts and definitions among MDAs. Addressing these inconsistencies is crucial for harmonized reporting and will require the development</p>

			<p>of comprehensive metadata for cross-cutting indicators to ensure clarity and consistency.</p> <p>In recent years, we have focused on producing data and indicators across all sectors of the economy and at various levels. However, a key challenge remains: ensuring that stakeholders, policymakers, researchers, academia, and the private sector actively use this data for informed decision-making and planning. There is a pressing need for more resources and support to enhance public education, promote statistical literacy, and raise awareness about data availability and its potential uses. Expanding these efforts will help bridge the gap between data production and effective utilization.</p>
1.3	Have there been any changes to your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan objectives in the last year?	(Yes, No) If yes, please give details of any changes	<b>No</b>
1.4	Has the progress on advancing your inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan led to any changes (internally or externally) in one or more of the following areas?	<p>Checklist – tick all that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increased visibility and awareness on inclusive data</li> <li>● Broader engagement and action being taken on inclusive data</li> <li>● Increased capacity to collect, analyze and make use of inclusive data</li> <li>● Strengthened coordination and collaboration with others to advance inclusive data objectives</li> <li>● Strengthened knowledge exchange &amp; learning</li> </ul>	<p><b>Both(internal and external)</b></p> <p><b>Both(internal and external)</b></p> <p><b>Both(internal and external)</b></p> <p><b>Both(internal and external)</b></p>

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IDC network engagement			
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2.1	In the last 12 months, have you engaged in any advocacy around the IDC, like encouraging other organizations to join or speaking about the IDC at events?	(Yes, No) If yes, please give details, including any examples	<b>No</b>
2.2	In the last 12 months, has being part of the IDC enabled you to collaborate with other Champions or partners to take forward your inclusive data priorities?	(Yes, No) If yes, please give details, including any examples.	<b>Yes:</b> The "Make Inclusive Data the Norm" project has fostered both international and local collaborations, significantly enhancing our efforts. Partnering with Kenya and Colombia facilitated effective knowledge sharing, allowing us to learn from diverse experiences and best practices. Additionally, engaging stakeholders on issues related to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) has strengthened collaboration with various institutions, creating a robust network for addressing data gaps and advancing inclusive data initiatives.
2.3	In the last 12 months, have you shared practice and learning with other countries/organizations on the	(Yes, No) If yes, please give details, including examples.	<b>Yes:</b> We have actively shared best practices and lessons learned with districts to enhance data quality.

	actions you are taking on inclusive data?		<p>Additionally, we provided ministries and departments with guidance on sampling techniques, survey methodologies, and data literacy, fostering improved capacity for data collection and analysis. National Statistical Offices (NSOs) from other African countries (Somalia for example) have visited us to learn from our experience in compiling and maintaining births and deaths data, a critical aspect of civil registration. Furthermore, other countries have engaged with our Economics Directorate to gain insights into economic data compilation and management practices, showcasing our role as a regional hub for statistical capacity building and knowledge exchange.</p>
2.4	Which of the offerings below have you engaged with as a member of the IDC network in the last 12 months?	<p>Checklist – tick all that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Communication, advocacy &amp; engagement opportunities e.g. blogs, data stories, events</li> <li>● Participating in knowledge exchange &amp; learning sessions e.g. Champion network calls</li> <li>● Sharing resources and materials with the IDC network</li> <li>● Collaborating with other Champions on shared challenges, topics of interest or inclusive data projects</li> <li>● Receiving support from the IDC Secretariat to advance your work on inclusive data</li> <li>● None of the above</li> </ul>	<p>We have actively engaged in knowledge sharing on citizen science, fostering collaborations and insights into its application for data generation and policy support. Our work has also included significant contributions to publications, such as the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report, which provides district-level analysis, and a comprehensive report on domestic violence against women, offering critical data at the district level and also reports generated from administrative data. In addition, we have strengthened international partnerships, particularly through collaboration with Colombia and Kenya, facilitating effective knowledge exchange and capacity building. These partnerships have enriched our methodologies and enhanced our ability to generate inclusive and actionable data. Ghana has also showcased some</p>

			of its works and innovations on international platforms.
2.5	<p>To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements based on your organization's engagement with the IDC? (strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I feel that my organization's voice is heard within the network.</li> <li>● I feel pride in being part of the IDC when thinking about my organization's membership in the network.</li> <li>● I feel that the IDC as a network is making a difference and contributing to external change and action towards more inclusive and equitable practices.</li> <li>● I feel well informed about opportunities to participate in IDC coordinated activities.</li> <li>● I feel that my organization is getting value from being engaged in the IDC</li> </ul>		<p><b>Strongly agree</b></p> <p><b>Strongly agree</b></p> <p><b>Somewhat agree</b></p> <p><b>Strongly agree</b></p> <p><b>Somewhat agree</b></p>



	and being part of this network is helping us to advance work that we could not otherwise do alone.		
Looking ahead			
No .	Question	Guidance	Champion response
3.1	What are your priorities for your IDC action plan / inclusive data work in the next 12 months?		<b>No</b>