



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.	<p>We have made notable advancements on each of the four objectives outlined in the current Sightsavers Inclusive Data Charter Action Plan, as detailed in the following sections.</p> <p>IDC action plan Objective 1: Improve internal knowledge and practice to strengthen evidence and our learning on how we collect, analyse, and use inclusive data.</p> <p>In November 2023, Sightsavers launched two inclusive data documents - Sightsavers vision and approach to inclusive data and an updated Sightsavers IDC action plan (2024-2027). These two documents complement</p>

			<p>each other, and bring together our broader organisation vision, approach and objectives on inclusive data.</p> <p>The Vision and Approach document looks at our organisational vision for inclusive data, linking that to the people and communities we work with and why inclusive data is key to understanding who is being left behind in order to inform more targeted interventions. It also situates our vision on inclusive data within the broader context of Sightsavers organisational vision as well as the wider global external operating environment such as the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and Leave No One Behind agenda. The document also defines what inclusive data means to Sightsavers, and how Sightsavers Inclusion and health programmes advance inclusive data work under the programme areas of implementation, evidence and influencing</p> <p>The Sightsavers Inclusive Data Charter (IDC) Action Plan was launched in November 2023 after a series of consultations with inclusive data stakeholders across Sightsavers. The current action plan which will run from 2024-2027, looks at four objectives and key areas of work that contribute towards achieving what is outlined in the vision and approach document. It looks at what progress has been made on the commitments we set out in our first IDC action plan developed in 2018 and where we are now organisationally, including some of the key trends and issues impacting the inclusive data agenda now for the wider development sector. The Sightsavers IDC action plan sets out how Sightsavers aims to strengthen its knowledge on inclusive data and</p>
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			<p>collaborate with partners, to increase awareness, improve accountability and advocate for stronger inclusive data policies, systems and processes.</p> <p>We have established an internal inclusive data workplan that provides a framework for monitoring progress towards our collective organizational commitments on inclusive data. This workplan outlines key areas of work across our thematic areas of health and inclusion. We have released the first mid-year progress report of the workplan and are preparing to release an end-of-year report, which will be shared externally</p> <p>IDC action plan objective 2: We will work with local, national, and global partners to increase awareness and capacity to collect, analyse and use inclusive data to improve service delivery.</p> <p>We have launched the Sightsavers Inclusive Data Network (SIDN), a new support mechanism designed to enhance accountability, learning, and collaboration on inclusive data within Sightsavers and with our partners. The SIDN working group leads the implementation of our IDC action plan objectives through an internal inclusive data workplan and organizes knowledge-sharing events to boost awareness and capacity on inclusive data.</p> <p>In Sierra Leone, Sightsavers has collaborated with the Ministry of Basic Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) to establish a national body dedicated to promoting sustainable, high-quality inclusive education for</p>
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			<p>children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This body supports the Secondary School Improved Education Programme (SSEIP II) to ensure disability inclusion, including the collection of inclusive data.</p> <p>IDC action plan objective 3: We will diversify resource mobilisation, engage new supporters, and strengthen Sightsavers reporting and accountability mechanisms to meet our commitments on inclusive data</p> <p>Sightsavers has reviewed its Project Design Process (PDP) to incorporate inclusive data guidelines into the PDP checklists and project concept notes. This integration ensures that project design teams will now address inclusive data requirements during the planning of new projects.</p> <p>In Sightsavers India, the Program Performance Research and Learning Division has integrated inclusive indicators into their ongoing eye health, social inclusion, and inclusive education programs. These updated indicators allow partners to disaggregate data into categories such as transgender.</p> <p>Our newly launched Reaching the Last Mile Fund (RLMF), implemented by Sightsavers in Congo (Brazzaville), Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, and Zambia, now includes a Leave No One Behind (LNOB) segment. This LNOB segment is part of the project's system strengthening committee, which ensures continuous data collection,</p>
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1.2	<p>What areas of your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan have you made the least progress on, in the past year?</p>	<p>Include any challenges or barriers faced.</p>	<p>Despite our progress with organizational priorities on inclusive data, we have encountered and learned from several challenges. These challenges include changes in government in the countries where we operate and difficulties in inclusive data collection by our partners.</p> <p>Political elections and changes in government staff have posed difficulties in advancing inclusive data work in west Africa. For instance, in Sierra Leone, we struggled to re-engage the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) to advance its IDC action plan following political elections and leadership changes. However, with the support and collaboration of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and other in-country strategic partners, our continued efforts have led to the appointment of a new IDC focal person at MBSSE and a renewed commitment by the ministry to advance discussions in the coming months.</p>

			<p>In India, we have encountered challenges in collecting disability-disaggregated data in our inclusive eye health program. Our partner facilities are struggling to collect this data because patients are unable to provide the required disability certificate issued by the government, which is necessary for recording disability status in the current Management Information System.</p> <p>Whilst we have made strides in enhancing internal collaboration and coordination on inclusive data through mechanisms like the SIDN and our shared internal workplan, this area continues to be one of ongoing learning and improvement for Sightsavers. Additionally, we recognize the need to further strengthen our reporting and accountability mechanisms for inclusive data.</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	<p>Yes:</p> <p>In the last year, we updated our commitments on inclusive data and launched a new Sightsavers IDC action plan for 2024 -27</p>
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"> ● Increased visibility and awareness on inclusive data ● Broader engagement and action being taken on inclusive data ● Increased capacity to collect, analyze and make use of inclusive data ● Strengthened coordination and collaboration with others to advance inclusive data objectives 	<p>Both(internal and external)</p> <p>Both(internal and external)</p> <p>Internal change</p> <p>Both(internal and external)</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened knowledge exchange & learning Use of inclusive data to inform policy change or impacts for marginalised groups 	Both(internal and external)
IDC network engagement			
No .	Question	Guidance	Champion response
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	<p>Yes:</p> <p>Over the past 12 months, we have engaged with our government partners about the IDC during events in Liberia, Cameroon, and Côte d'Ivoire. In Liberia, we held a workshop with our government eye health partners in August 2024 to introduce the IDC. Supported by the IDC secretariat, Sightsavers organized a two-day IDC engagement workshop from August 12-13 in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County. This workshop brought together key county and national stakeholders to discuss the role of inclusive data in improving eye health initiatives. Participants were introduced to the concept of inclusive data and the IDC, and its significance in their work. They also explored the relevance of inclusive data to policies and data systems, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Health Management Information Systems (HMIS), and Education Management Information Systems (EMIS), and discussed opportunities to influence national commitment to the IDC. Additionally, the IDC was discussed during our Social Inclusion programme partner planning meeting in the first quarter of 2024 In Cameroon. During the meeting, a film was projected showcasing how the inclusive</p>

			<p>data localisation work we carried out in Cameroon from 2021 led to the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development (MINDDEVEL) officially becoming an IDC champion.</p> <p>MINDDEVEL concluded the session with a roadmap for developing its IDC action plan, including opportunities for collaboration with other government ministries. Sightsavers and Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Employment and Social Protection organized a workshop on disability data and discussed opportunities for engaging with the IDC to strengthen current systems and processes. The ministry has drafted a plan to sign up for the IDC.</p>
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.	<p>Yes:</p> <p>The Inclusive Data team represented Sightsavers at an IDC champions network meeting in April 2024 to share learnings on developing and implementing action plans with governments and organisations. Additionally, we co- delivered a training session for Data Values Advocates in coloration with CBN Global. The training session focused on Engaging + mobilizing communities and other stakeholders on inclusive data. Additionally, In October 2024, we collaborated alongside GPSDD, to deliver an internal webinar focused on introducing the Data Values Project to Sightsavers, in which the whole organisation was invited to join. In April 2024, we supported a regional meeting hosted by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, bringing together</p>

			statistical offices from East & Southern Africa to improve disability statistics. Sightsavers Kenya office shared insights on engaging non-state actors and marginalised groups in advancing inclusive data.
2.3	In the last 12 months, have you shared practice and learning with other countries/organizations on the actions you are taking on inclusive data?	(Yes, No) If yes, please give details, including examples.	<p>Yes:</p> <p>We have collaborated with our inclusive data partners on a series of events aimed at enhancing knowledge sharing with partners. In June 2024, the Sightsavers Inclusive Data Network hosted a webinar titled “Sightsavers and Inclusive Data: Learnings from Our Work and Introducing the New Sightsavers Inclusive Data Charter Action Plan for 2024-27.” This webinar was delivered alongside CBM Global and the International Disability Alliance (IDA). The webinar, open to the entire organisation and external partners, featured case studies on data collection in the UK Aid Match East Africa Eye Health project in Malawi & Uganda, influencing inclusive data collection in national census and elections in Zambia, and collaboration with organisations of people with disabilities (OPDs). External partners made up 27% of the attendees, including governments, civil society organisations (CSOs) and OPDs across Cameroon, Kenya, France and the UK. Based on the post-webinar survey, all of the respondents felt that the webinar enhanced their understanding of inclusive data and the IDC. Additionally, we shared examples of successful IDC action plan development in Senegal and Sierra Leone during meetings and workshops aimed at supporting Cameroon’s ministry of local</p>

			development in joining the IDC by exploring various approaches, areas of focus, and key learnings from these examples.
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"> ● Communication, advocacy & engagement opportunities e.g. blogs, data stories, events ● Participating in knowledge exchange & learning sessions e.g. Champion network calls ● Sharing resources and materials with the IDC network ● Collaborating with other Champions on shared challenges, topics of interest or inclusive data projects ● Receiving support from the IDC Secretariat to advance your work on inclusive data ● None of the above 	<p>Communications and advocacy opportunities e.g. blogs, data stories, events</p> <p>Participating in knowledge exchange & learning sessions e.g. Champion network calls</p> <p>Sharing resources and materials with the IDC network, Collaborating with other Champions on shared challenges, topics of interest or inclusive data projects</p> <p>Receiving support from the IDC Secretariat to advance your work on inclusive data</p>
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"> ● I feel that my organization's voice is heard within the network. 		<p>Strongly agree</p> <p>Strongly agree</p> <p>Strongly agree</p> <p>Somewhat agree</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I feel pride in being part of the IDC when thinking about my organization's membership in the network. ● 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. ● I feel well informed about opportunities to participate in IDC coordinated activities. ● I feel that my organization is getting value from being engaged in the IDC and being part of this network is helping us to advance work that we could not otherwise do alone. 		Strongly agree
Looking ahead			
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3.1	What are your priorities for your IDC action plan / inclusive data work in the next 12 months?		Yes