

Inclusive Data Charter monitoring form

Annual Champion progress survey – 2021

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Section 1: 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 considerable progress over the last year. For example: In our IDC action plan, we referenced our commitment to supporting the work of the Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Age-related Statistics (TGCA). Age is a key disaggregation of the Sustainable Development Goals global indicator framework. The ONS (Office for National Statistics) now publishes age breakdowns for 50 SDG indicators.</p> <p>We participated in this year's TCGA Technical Group meeting in July, highlighting Indicator 17.8.1 which can be broken down by age, or by age and ethnicity, or by age and sex. These data can be explored on our website https://sdgdata.gov.uk/17-8-1/ and help to illustrate how older groups, particularly older women, are at risk of digital exclusion.</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>It was our intention to update our IDC Action Plan this year, and to shift the focus away from the Sustainable Development Goals to a broader, cross-organisation focus on inclusive data. This was for two reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firstly, we have achieved most of our ambitions set out in our existing plan and, even though we still have data gaps to fill, this is now an established programme of work. • The second reason was because of an initiative launched by the National Statistician called the Inclusive Data Taskforce, whose aim was to broaden the UK's inclusive data holdings in a range of areas. This is in support of the 'inclusive' principle of the UK Statistics Authority's strategy, Statistics for the Public Good. <p>We have postponed the update of the IDC action plan so that we can incorporate the findings of the task force, and work with the IDTF to reflect the goals of their workplan in our IDC action plan.</p>
1.3	Have there been any changes to your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan objectives in the last year?	(Yes, No) <i>If yes, please give details of any changes</i>	<p>Yes, our priorities have changed following the outcome of the review of the Inclusive Data Taskforce (IDTF). This will influence a new IDC action plan to be published in spring 2021. The IDTF have agreed a set of 8 recommendations. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an environment of trust and trustworthiness which allows and encourages everyone to count and be counted in UK data and evidence.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a whole system approach, working in partnership with others to improve the inclusiveness of UK data and evidence. • Ensure that all groups are robustly captured across key areas of life in UK data and review practices regularly. • Improve the UK data infrastructure to enable robust and reliable disaggregation and intersectional analysis across the full range of relevant groups and populations, and at differing levels of geography. • Ensure appropriateness and clarity over the concepts being measured across all data collected. • Broaden the range of methods that are routinely used and create new approaches to understanding experiences across the population of the UK . • Harmonised standards for relevant groups and populations should be reviewed at least every five years and updated and expanded where necessary, in line with changing social norms and respondent and user needs. • Ensure UK data and evidence are equally accessible to all, while protecting the identity and confidentiality of those sharing their data. <p>The full report can be read on the UK Statistics Authority website: https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publication/inclusive-data-taskforce-recommendations-report-leaving-no-one-behind-how-can-we-be-more-inclusive-in-our-data/pages/1/</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	<p><i>Checklist – tick all that apply:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased visibility and awareness on inclusive data • Broader engagement and action being taken on inclusive data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased visibility and awareness on inclusive data (internally and externally) • Broader engagement and action being taken on inclusive data (internally and externally)

	following areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased capacity to collect, analyze and make use of inclusive data • Strengthened coordination and collaboration with others to advance inclusive data objectives • Strengthened knowledge exchange & learning • Other (please specify) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened coordination and collaboration with others to advance inclusive data objectives (internally and externally) • Strengthened knowledge exchange & learning (externally)
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Section 2: 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) <i>If yes, please give details, including any examples</i>	Yes, we have spoken about the IDC at various events, including in meetings with other government departments. We presented ONS' IDC commitment to the Government Statistical Service International Committee. The committee composes statisticians from across the GSS, housed within other government departments. This was part of a series of presentations aiming to mainstream inclusive statistics across the GSS. We also presented at a meeting on SDG data organised by the UN RCO in Azerbaijan for the government/NSO. We participated in a panel event co-hosted by the IDC, where we highlighted our IDC commitments whilst outlining the initiative.
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) <i>If yes, please give details, including any examples.</i>	Yes, we took part in an IDC project to unpack intersectional approaches to data, contributing to a suite of knowledge products including a case study showing the UK approach along with the Colombian approach. These products are available at https://www.data4sdgs.org/resources/unpacking-intersectional-approaches-data
2.3	In the last 12 months, have you shared learning with other countries/organizations on the	(Yes, No) <i>If yes, please give details, including examples.</i>	Yes. We shared much of our inclusive data work around COVID-19 analysis at various forums

	actions you are taking on inclusive data?		
2.4	Which of the offerings below have you found to be the most valuable to you as a member of the IDC network in the last 12 months?	<p><i>Checklist – tick all that apply:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication opportunities e.g. blogs, data stories • Participating in external events • Participating in knowledge exchange & learning sessions e.g. Champion calls • Resources and materials shared through the network • Collaborating with other Champions on shared challenges or topics of interest • Being part of a network coming together on a common vision / goal • Receiving support from the IDC Secretariat • Other/ please specify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in external events • Participating in knowledge exchange & learning sessions e.g. Champion calls • Collaborating with other Champions on shared challenges or topics of interest