



ACTIVATING AMBITION FOR AN INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT DATA FRAMEWORK

THE PROBLEM

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared roadmap to address some of the most pressing global issues, however, measuring progress toward these goals is complex.

A key strength of the measurement framework is its ability to provide standardised metrics for global comparison, providing governments, policymakers, and other decisionmakers with the information they need to assess progress, backslides, and identify areas for further attention.

However, the current framework has significant gaps and renders multiple groups of people invisible in the data, such as women and gender-diverse people, people with disabilities, older people and more. These issues stem from outdated statistical methods, like relying too much on household-level data and gender-biased measurement. This exclusion leads to an incomplete picture of progress and risks leaving behind those who are already most vulnerable.

THE ICOUNT! COALITION

The iCount! Coalition has formed as a new initiative aimed at promoting inclusion in development data and future measurement frameworks. This involves making better use of existing data while working to enhance the collection and accessibility of inclusive data.

We bring together members from government, civil society, academia, networks and associations that are driving data innovations and working to increase visibility and inclusion of marginalised groups in global development data.

Our goal is an inclusive global development data framework that effectively measures what truly matters for realising the right to development for all. We want a world where safe, high-quality, accessible, inclusive and intersectional data transform systems for equitable and rights-based development.

OUR COMMITMENT

When data excludes, so do policies. Without inclusive data, marginalised communities can be left behind. Inclusive data are key to a fairer, more just world.

We believe that data are more than just numbers. Data are a powerful tool for social transformation and positive change. Inclusive development data unlocks effective and targeted solutions that have real-world impacts in the daily lives of many.

We commit to championing inclusive data to increase visibility and inclusion of marginalised groups – in data and action, now, and in a post-2030 indicator framework.

OUR PATH FORWARD

Through our collective efforts, we are

- transforming the data landscape,
- addressing the limitations of legacy systems, and
- championing a future where global development data reflects the diverse experiences of all people – informing policies that promote equity and improve quality of life, especially for those historically underrepresented in data.

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