
LAUNCH EVENT

Global Report on Children with Disabilities

Centre of Excellence on Data for Children with Disabilities

Fostering Inclusion through Data

Date 10 November 2021 | **Time:** 8:00 – 9:30 am EST / 13:00 – 14:30 pm GMT

Location Virtual (Zoom) https://unicef.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kfnFHaleSI29YMJg8pRzSA



Millions of children with disabilities around the globe continue to be left behind, despite the near-universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the call for action embedded in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the clear mandate set by the Sustainable Development Goals. Often, this neglect is the result of limited data. When absent from official statistics, children and adults with disabilities remain politically and socially ‘invisible’, increasing their marginalization and exposure to rights violations.

Recent years have seen renewed interest in generating reliable and internationally comparable data on children with disabilities. This has led to the development of new tools for data collection, including the Child Functioning Module, released by UNICEF and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics in 2016.

It has also resulted in a substantial increase in the availability of data on children with disabilities over the last five years, fostering new data analyses and contributing to increased knowledge generation.

On 10 November 2021, UNICEF and its partners will host a virtual global event to launch two data initiatives.

Using the latest available data, UNICEF has put together a *Global Report on Children with Disabilities*. The publication covers more than 70 indicators of child well-being – from nutrition and health, to access to water and sanitation, protection from violence and exploitation, and education. The report also includes the first-ever global and regional estimates of children with disabilities.

With support from an external strategic advisory group, UNICEF has also established a *Centre of Excellence on Data for Children with Disabilities*. The aim is to promote the generation of robust and relevant statistics on such children for use in both decision-making and advocacy. In particular, the Centre will help fill data gaps, improve the accessibility of data and promote data use. It will also foster collaboration, standardization of approaches to data production and dissemination, and coordination of data activities. The initiative is meant to bring together international organizations, organizations of persons with disabilities, academics and national statistics offices around a shared commitment to strengthening the availability and quality of statistics on children with disabilities.

The launch event will feature keynote statements, presentations of the report's key findings and the Centre's activities and goals, along with a dialogue among stakeholders on promoting the rights of children with disabilities through inclusive data.

Agenda

- Welcoming remarks
- Pre-recorded keynote statements
- Data stories from around the world
- Presentation of the *Global Report on Children with Disabilities*
- Presentation of the *Centre of Excellence on Data for Children with Disabilities*
- Data portal demonstration
- Panel session
- Open discussion
- Closing remarks

Sign language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided