



DATA

A RELIABLE SOURCE OF DATA TO CLOSE GAPS IN NATIONAL STATISTICAL CAPACITY AND LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND (The Danish Institute for Human Rights)

In SDG monitoring processes, states are faced with challenges related to limited statistical capacity to generate data based on the 232 global SDG indicators. These limitations also include weak capacity for disaggregation of data. This leads to significant data gaps and requires collaborative efforts to develop creative, innovative, efficient and cost-effective approaches to supplement statistical data in SDG monitoring.

NHRIs have a significant potential to serve as credible data providers that can deliver context-specific analysis and advice, as well as information about vulnerable groups and sensitive issues that are hard to capture through statistical data. Among other things, NHRIs are well-placed to report on the status of discriminatory policies and legislation (indicators 10.3.1 and 16.b.1), on freedom of expression (indicator 16.10.1), and on human rights education (indicator 4.7.1).

The Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) is collaborating with Statistics Denmark (the national statistical office) to provide data and information for the country's monitoring and reporting on the SDGs.²¹ This is part of a collaborative initiative adopted by Statistics Denmark to monitor progress on the SDGs in partnership with a broad range of stakeholders. DIHR contributed actively to the discussions about this inclusive data partnership, seeking to enhance the human rights dimension of SDG monitoring, where appropriate and feasible.

DIHR provides data on the situation of persons with disabilities, adding substantial information to existing aggregated data on selected indicators under SDGs 8, 10, 11 and 16. DIHR also submits data on human rights education (SDG 4.7) and text for the Danish reporting on SDG indicator 16.a.1 (existence of an A-status NHRI). Such contributions add value to the work of the national statistical office and help close gaps in Denmark's report and monitoring efforts. Particularly, they have helped unveil the specific needs of persons with disabilities in regard to SDGs targets, paving the way for more inclusive SDG programming.

²¹ All currently available SDG-related data from Statistics Denmark is displayed at the SDG Data portal: <https://www.dst.dk/da/Statistik/Sdg>