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**Improvement of coherence and comparability of data on children with disabilities**

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# Overview

- Production of disaggregated statistical data on childhood disability in the Republic of Belarus
- On the road to inclusion: a survey on schools and students with disabilities in Italy
  - An overview of an annual survey on elements of school inclusion
- Social inclusion: a new survey on children with disabilities and their families
  - Development & design of a new survey targeting youth under 18 years with disabilities - 2024



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- Measuring disability among children for forcibly displaced and stateless people: lessons learnt from Results Monitoring Surveys of UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency)
  - Review of the efficacy of RMS in capturing information on children with disabilities and the challenges encountered
- Understanding how responses to social and medical models differ by socio-economic characteristics: results from a comprehensive survey (SESRIC)
  - Exploration of the associations between: Self-reported functional limitations WG/UNICEF CFM and objectively screened clinical impairments
- Child functioning and social participation in Canada using the Washington Group/ United Nations Children's Fund Child Functioning Module (Statistics Canada)
  - Provide descriptions of Canadian children with or without functioning difficulties, examine associations with social participation and the use of CFM as a means of disaggregating SDG indicators





# Data Issues/Needs

- Various data gaps on children with disabilities
  - Prevalence rates
  - Disaggregated data
  - Definitions/comparability on age ranges in surveys
- Sampling:
  - Sampling frames
  - Nationally representative samples/sufficiently large sample sizes
- Comparative measures – UNECEF/WG-CFM, GALI



# Data Issues/Needs



- Disability as a disaggregator on National surveys – how much of a driver (policy requirement/allocation of resources) is this for data collection?
- Is there a sufficient administrative data infrastructure in place to support the use of administrative data for analytical purposes?
- Are there conceptual challenges to moving from a medical model to a social model in measuring disability? How are these challenges being met?





# Challenges?

- One key challenge with collecting this data is consistent reporting – how is this challenge being met?
- How do we balance the data and stakeholder requirements with the need to manage respondent burden?
- What is the most appropriate approach to disaggregation – is a coordinated approach to identifying priorities required?

