Let’s eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities and ensure no one is left behind

Ageing
Recognizing the potential of older persons as a powerful basis for future development

Civil Society
Engaging people for their voice to be heard and included in decision making

Cooperatives
Cooperatives empower their members and strengthen communities

Disability
Realizing inclusive and accessible societies for all

Family
Advancing family-oriented policies for sustainable development

Indigenous Peoples
Empowering indigenous peoples to strengthen their identity and determine their lives

Sport for Peace and Development
Using sport to foster peace and sustainable development

Youth
Investing in youth being the leaders of the present and future
Who we are?

The Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) is part of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations Secretariat.

What we do?

DISD has unique global mandates on groups of people that have traditionally been left behind (indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, older persons and youth), as well as issues (families, cooperatives and sports for peace and development) and themes (eradicating poverty, promoting employment and decent jobs, fostering inclusion and participation, and reducing inequalities).

DISD promotes socially inclusive development by translating relevant international norms into policy and practice at regional, national and sub-national levels through technical cooperation, capacity development and partnerships.

DISD is also contributing to acceleration of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a focus on the social dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Core Themes

Poverty Eradication
End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Reducing Inequalities
Promote equality and equity

Social Inclusion
Promote inclusive societies for all people of all ages and abilities

Employment Generation
Promote full and productive employment and decent work for all
UN DESA's Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) provides technical cooperation to Member States, at their request, to promote socially inclusive development by:

1. Building national capacities and developing partnerships to promote inclusion of social groups, such as persons with disabilities, older persons, family, youth, and indigenous peoples, and to advance issues, such as social protection, social cooperatives and sport/physical activities.

2. Developing and disseminating knowledge and expertise through advisory services, training workshops, guidelines and toolkits.

3. Providing platforms for the full participation of social groups in national development through an inclusive approach.

4. Engaging with the Resident Coordinator system and the UN Country Teams to translate relevant international norms into national policy and practice.
Intergovernmental Mechanisms and Processes


Thought Leadership

DISD continues to be a thought leader on critical social development topics through its cutting-edge research, analysis and policy guidance.
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