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- The data revolution can happen only if there are administrative data disaggregated by disability, as well as by gender and age. This a huge data gap in relation to investment and financing flows and their sustainable development impact.
- Without transparent and accessible disaggregated data we will not be able to know if the sustainable development goals are being reached for the most marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities. Disaggregated and accessible data on disability would allow, for example, for effective follow-up of expenditures allocated both to disability-specific services and to disability-inclusive mainstream services, including social protection measures, healthcare and education. Both types of budget allocation have to aim at the inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- This approach will ensure, as stated in precept number 9 of the “Strategic Approach” presented in the report of the ICESDF (Para 61), “transparency and accountability of financing at the national, regional and international levels”.
- Transparent and accessible data are needed by rights-holders, including persons with disabilities and representatives of other marginalized groups, to participate meaningfully in the design, implementation, and monitoring of decisions about budget allocation and fiscal policies. However, to make this possible, the capacity of rights-holders in the field of in the field of budget and development finance monitoring needs to be strengthened.
- Data on financial flows and other investments must be disaggregated, accessible, comparable and transparent for it to be possible to answer the question “Is the money spent to ensure that no one is left behind?”

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