**LAUNCH OF THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

**ON DATA FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

**Call for Submissions—Disability data stories**

**INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

Realizing the rights of persons with disabilities is becoming a prominent feature of the global development agenda, recognized through its inclusion in the Sustainable Development Goals and with clear obligations under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Data are critical to building on this momentum, informing policies and programmes, and holding governments accountable for progress.

To strengthen the availability and quality of data on children with disabilities, UNICEF has 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 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.

During the Centre’s official launch, UNICEF would like to highlight initiatives involving data for children with disabilities that will inspire, educate and raise awareness. UNICEF invites individuals and organizations to submit short videos highlighting innovations in a variety of areas. Possible themes could include:

* **Inclusive data collection**: Significant challenges are frequently encountered in attempting to include children with disabilities in data collection. Novel approaches to capturing data on these children are often needed to ensure their representation. Stories that highlight inclusive methodologies to data collection, or the impact that such methodologies can have on children with disabilities, are encouraged.
* **Accessibility of data:** Even once data are collected, the findings they yield are often not disseminated in ways that are accessible to persons with disabilities. Stories that demonstrate inventive ways to ensure that data gathered and knowledge generated reach persons with disabilities are welcomed.
* **Innovative use of data:** Once gathered, data can be leveraged to influence advocacy and policy. Initiatives that make innovative use of data on children with disabilities to promote advocacy efforts and inclusive policies are encouraged.
* **Other:** Other topics on ground-breaking ways to generate or use data for children with disabilities will also be considered.

Selected videos will be shared during the launch to stimulate further innovations. Those who submitted the selected videos will be invited to attend the launch event.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

**The team coordinating the launch will consider the following when evaluating the videos:**

* **Relevance**—Is the video aligned with the topics outlined, contributing to the overall discussion of accessible data on children with disabilities?
* **Clarity**—Does it communicate key messages clearly and effectively?
* **Innovation**—Does it present, in an engaging way, innovations in data and statistics for children with disabilities, either in terms of data production, dissemination or use?
* **Impact**—Does it show the impact of data and statistics on improving policy decisions or the lives of children with disabilities?

**Submissions from persons with disabilities and organizations of persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged.**

**Format for submission:** Share your video in MP4 format along with the other required information to disabilitydatacentre@unicef.org.

**DEADLINE: 24 October 2021**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED**

In your submission email, please include the following information:

* Focal point to be contacted (name, affiliation and email)
* Relevance to the selected topics listed above
* Data story title
* Submission description—Short description of the submission, including focus, scope and objectives (no more than 200 words)
* Submission format:
	+ Expected duration of each video is up to 2 minutes
	+ Please submit files in MP4 format.

**Please note, incomplete submissions will not be considered.**