Virtual Expert peer exchange for VNR 2023 countries: best practices in data disaggregation for VNR reporting

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What is Data Disaggregation and Aggregation?

• Disaggregation refers to the breaking down of gender data into smaller groupings, based on variables such as sex, age, marital status, education, ethnicity or disability.

• Data disaggregation bring up:
  • separating data into parts
  • drilling down data

• Data aggregation is:
  • Summing up data
  • Rolling up data
Gender Disaggregated Data

• Gender disaggregated data is sub-categorised into a typically binary distinction of female and male;
• This GDD provides visibility into how programming targets and impacts women and girls; and
• Without GDD women and girls are effectively invisible.

*Note: This the best practice for VNR Reporting because it helps evaluate how specific groups are performing in the various SDGs, *Leaving No One Behind* (LNOB).
Importance of Gender Disaggregated Data in VNR Reporting

• It helps to expose hidden trends that can be concealed by aggregate (combined) data;

• it can enable the identification of vulnerable populations (PWD, poor people);

• it helps establish the scope of the problem so that appropriate interventions (human or financial resources) is done more equitably and accurately;

• It makes vulnerable groups more visible to policy makers; and

• It provides for monitoring equity in gender resources and outcomes.
National Status of SDGs Data Availability, VNR 2020

- Reported: 34
- Missing Data: 51
- No Metadata: 15

The chart illustrates the distribution of data availability for SDGs, with a significant portion reported, a large number of missing data, and a smaller number of no metadata entries.
What to see in Zambia’s VNR this year 2023

• To include SDG #5, among the key focus for this year’s VNR;

• VNR to be underpinned by gender disaggregated data which should be evidence based across SGDs; and

• Inclusion of gender disaggregated data and progress assessment to be envisaged to help improve and strengthen the SDGs monitoring frameworks.
Recommendation on the incorporation of Gender Disaggregated Data

• Surveys to be conducted with a gender perspective;

• To work with Cooperating and Development partners, Civil Society Organisations and other Non-state Actors for SDGs implementation to be engaged for collection of gender data based on the Key focus SDGs, including, SDG #5 (Zambia).