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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	
<i>Statement:</i> OHCHR: CONGRATULATES the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) for their continued efforts on the implementation of the global indicators framework. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the dedicated work of the Expert Group on data disaggregation with a view to providing additional comprehensive guidelines and tools for countries, including improving data availability for vulnerable population groups. REAFFIRMS that it remains committed to actively engage with the IAEG-SDGs to ensure that data collection and disaggregation are guided by the Human Rights-Based Approach to Data (HRBAD), which altogether encapsulates the UN’s call to put people, especially those that are not recognized, invisible, or criminalized, at the center of how they are counted. This approach highlights the nexus between human rights standards and data-specific ethical and professional principles, particularly the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. It provides practical examples of implementing critical human rights principles, including participation, self-identification, data disaggregation, privacy, transparency, and accountability. REAFFIRMS that as part of its efforts to operationalize HRBA to Data, it remains committed to providing technical assistance to strengthen institutional linkages and collaboration between National Human Rights Institutions and National Statistical Offices as a tool for the formalization of collaborative working relationships. As of 2021, OHCHR has supported the signing of 11 such MoUs, where these national institutions have been assisting government and civil society organizations in sharing knowledge and expertise and collaborating on official data collection, dissemination and analysis valuable in implementing and measuring progress within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.	
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