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Process of selecting indicators

Critical issues: The case of disability



INDICATORS TO ADDRESS INEQUALITY AND THE NEEDS OF SPECIFIC GROUPS

SPECIAL FOCUS: THE CASE OF DISABILITY

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INEQUALITY IN THE PROPOSAL OF THE OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SDGs

Preamble

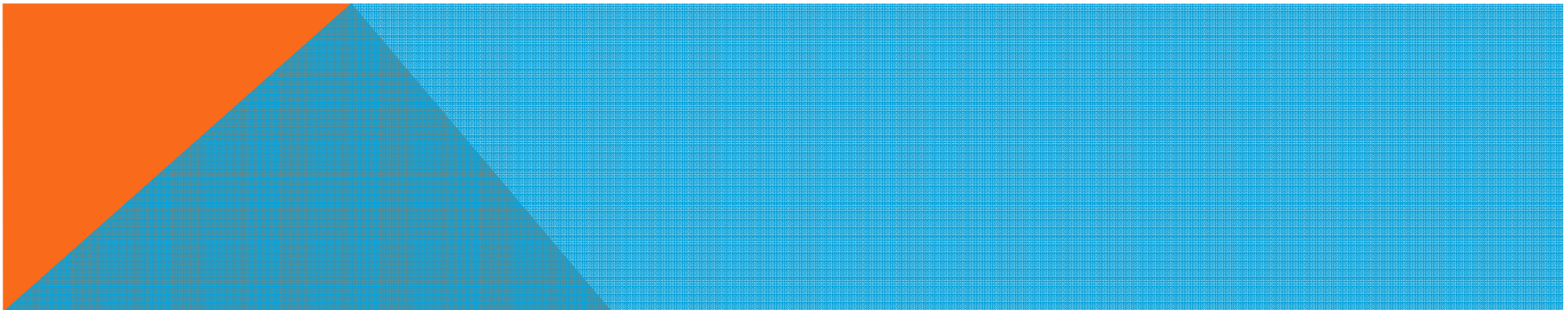
- **Importance of human rights** (para 7)
- **Leave no one behind** (para 17)
 - *“data and statistics disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts to support the support the monitoring of the implementation of the SDGs.”*

Goals

- **Goal 10 on inequality**

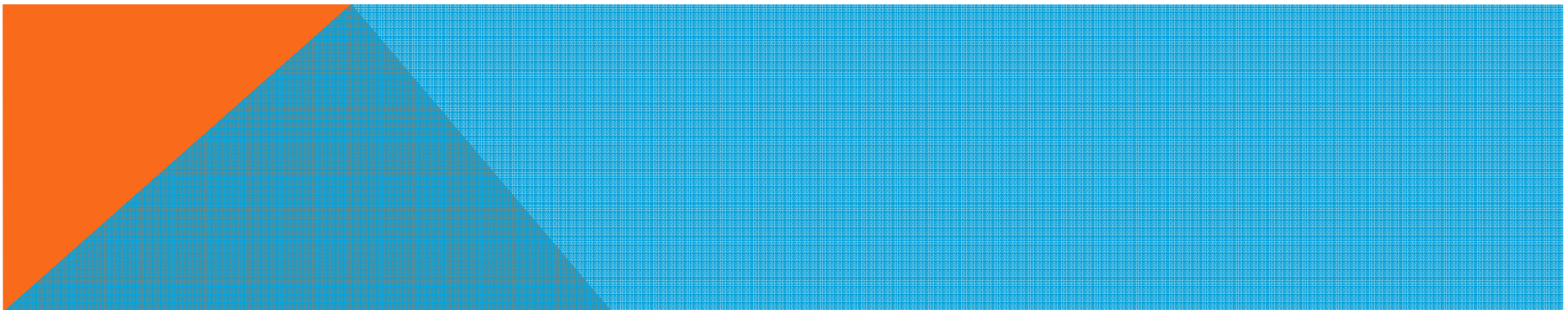
Targets

- **Targets focusing on specific groups** (women, PwD)
 - *“ensure **women’s** full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership”* (target 5.a)
 - *“achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all (...) including for **persons with disabilities**”* (target 8.5)
- **Targets mentioning vulnerable groups**
 - *“build the resilience of the poor and **those in vulnerable situations**”* (target 1.5)
- **Universal targets**
 - *“eradicate extreme poverty for **all** people”* (target 1.1)



IN WHAT WAY CAN INDICATORS ADDRESS INEQUALITY?

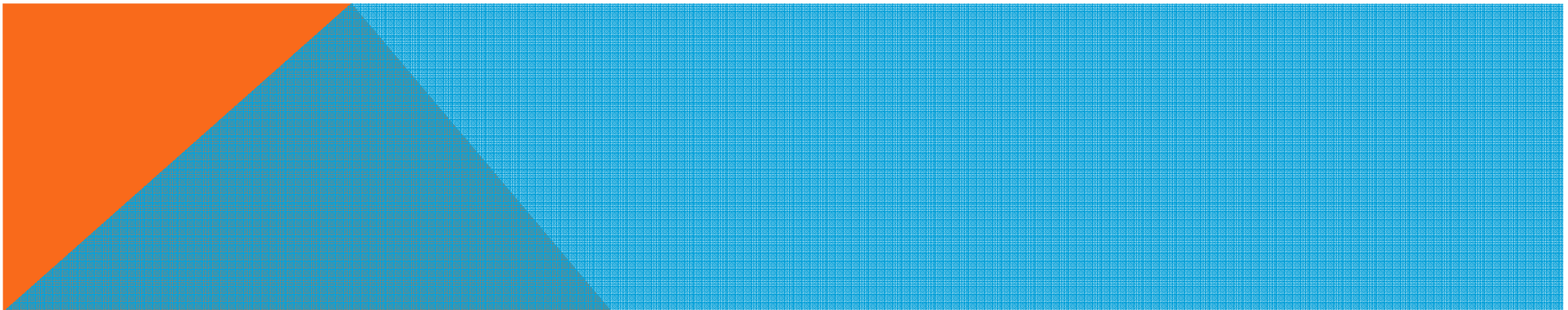
1. **Disaggregating data on indicators for specific/vulnerable groups**
 - By income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts
2. **Defining indicators on the needs faced by specific groups**
 - Women: maternal mortality, VAW
 - PwD: environmental barriers for PwD (accessible green and public spaces; accessible transport as mentioned in the SDG)
3. **Aligning indicators with existing international human rights standards (development without discrimination)**
 - UN Charter, Convention on Rights of PwD (CRPD)
 - CRPD: inclusive education, universal design



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 - ✗ only one indicator includes disaggregation by disability
- o Other 100+ targets
 - ✗ one indicator reflects disability

There is a mismatch between the targets and the indicators on disability



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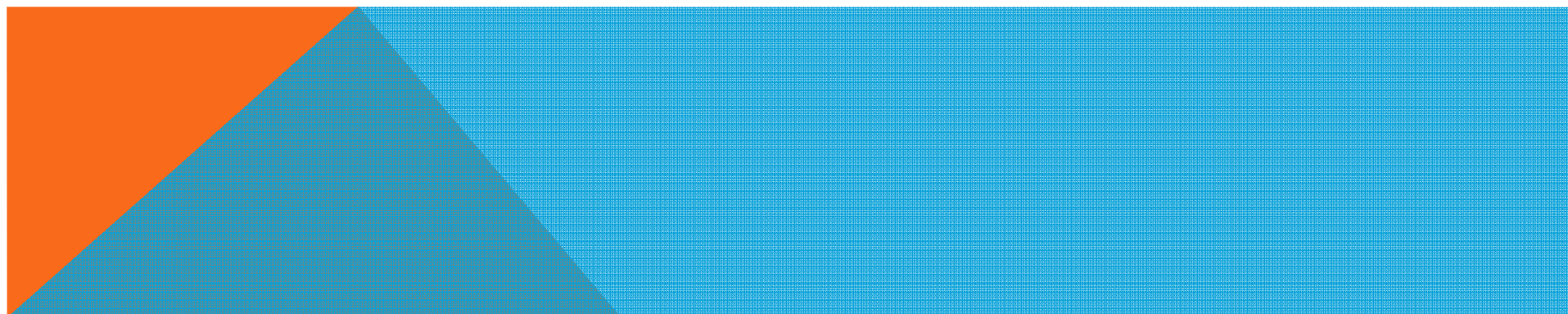
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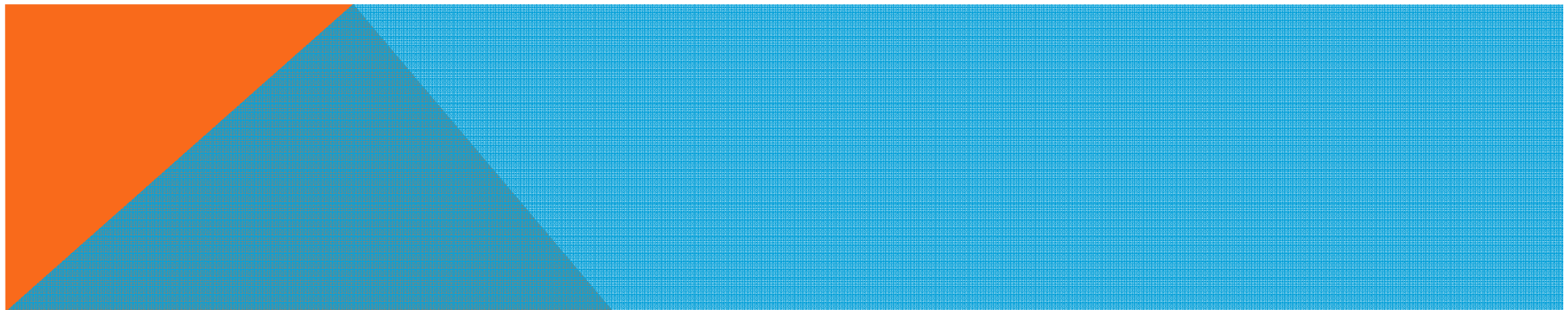
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More disability inclusive SDG monitoring framework

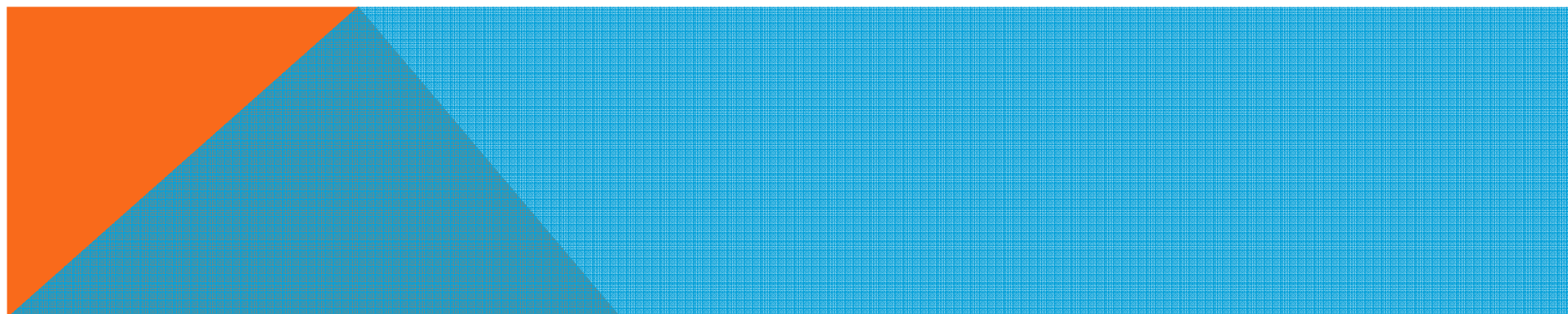


PROCESS OF SELECTING SDG DISABILITY INDICATORS

There is currently no dedicated group

- Inter-agency Support Group on Disability and Development shared their suggestions on SDG indicators last Friday
- SCRPD is making efforts to establish a new and strengthened network for a disability-inclusive monitoring and evaluation of post-2015 development agenda and SDGs (to inform post-2015 and the UN Flagship Report on Disability and Development) – mix of policy and monitoring experts

- ➔ Include relevant stakeholder in the development of disability indicators for the SDGs (e.g. PwD organizations)
- ➔ Create a working group under the IAEG-SDG indicators to focus on indicators of inequality, disaggregation and needs of specific groups



SDG DISABILITY INDICATORS – DATA & SOURCES

- Define indicators on accessible educational facilities, transport and green/public spaces for PwD – administrative data.
- Promote the inclusion of disability modules in LFS, education, ICT surveys, DHS, MICS
 - The WG has developed a module to be included in census/surveys (+40 countries) and this module is part of WHO disability surveys
 - Unicef is developing a module for monitoring children with disabilities
- For data collected at HH level in surveys (e.g. food consumption surveys, LSMS for data on poverty)
 - Use techniques to link census data on disability with survey data on poverty/food security (Hoogeveen 2004)
- Data revolution
 - Explore alternative data sources: surveys from NGOs, research institutes
 - Big data?

