



Guidance Note: Correctly Configuring Indicators in the Development Information Solution (DIS) for Sex Disaggregation

An Additional Help for ADS Chapter 201

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The collection of sex-disaggregated performance information is critical for many aspects of USAID decision-making and reporting. [ADS 201.3.5.6.G](#), dealing with performance data disaggregation, is clear: “Sex: Performance indicators must be disaggregated by sex when measuring person-level data (see [ADS 205](#)).”

The Development Information Solution (DIS) includes the capability to disaggregate sex data. However indicators, whether standard foreign assistance or custom indicators, must first be configured correctly in the system in order to allow for the correct aggregation of sex-disaggregated data. This additional help document provides examples for DIS users establishing indicators to configure them correctly. The DIS training team has step-by-step instructions for doing this in the system.

Sex Disaggregate Selections Available

This document applies to *reporting* sex disaggregates in the DIS but should *not* be used for data collection. Recognizing that in some countries where USAID works, a third sex is recognized, and a formula summing the sex disaggregates would lead to undercounting participants, the Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Hub (GenDev), in consultation with the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, and Sexual Characteristics (SOGIESC) working group, suggested including both ‘Neither’ and ‘Disaggregates Not Available’ as system options for all person-level standard Foreign Assistance (FA) and custom indicators in the DIS. ¹The disaggregates that can be captured in the system are:

1. Male
2. Female
3. Neither– Use this disaggregate for reporting only if the Operating Unit (OU) already collects information that does not fit into either the Male or Female categories
4. Disaggregates Not Available

DIS Capacity to Collect Sex-Disaggregated Data

The following examples demonstrate the existing capability using a fictitious indicator, “*Number of people trained*,” with disaggregated data collected under:

- Example A: “Sex” and “Type of Industry,” and

¹ Recognizing that sex disaggregation does not capture the range of gender identities, the USAID SOGIEISC data working group is determining disaggregates that more accurately track who is being reached and benefits from USAID programming.

- Example B: Nested disaggregate data for "Sex" collected for each "Type of Industry."

Each data collection line is either manually entered or calculated using a formula (with totals being derived from a formula).

Example A: Sex disaggregation is enforced through validation rules. The rule forces a number equal to or greater than zero (or not null).

<u>Indicator/ Disaggregate Number</u>		<u>Formula</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Validation Rule (Example)</u>
5	Number of people trained	5.2	40	
5.1	Sex	5.1.1+5.1.2+5.1.3+5.1.4	40	>=0
5.1.1	Male	Manual	20	
5.1.2	Female	Manual	20	
5.1.3	Neither	Manual		
5.1.4	Disaggregates Not Available	Manual		
5.2	Type of Industry	5.2.1+5.2.2+5.2.3+5.2.4	40	5.2 = 5.1
5.2.1	Industry 1	Manual	20	
5.2.2	Industry 2	Manual	20	
5.2.3	Other	Manual		
5.2.4	Disaggregates Not Available	Manual		

Example B: In the following "nested disaggregate" example, sex-disaggregated data is collected for each Industry Type. The data collection is again enforced with a validation rule.

<u>UDN</u>		<u>Formula</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Validation Rule</u>
5	Number of people trained	5.1	100	
5.1	Type of Industry	5.1.1+5.1.2	100	

5.1.1	Industry 1	5.1.1.1	40	
5.1.1.1	Sex	5.1.1.1.1+5.1.1.1.2 +5.1.1.1.3+5.1.1.1.4	40	>=0
5.1.1.1.1	Male	Manual	18	
5.1.1.1.2	Female	Manual	20	
5.1.1.1.3	Neither	Manual	2	
5.1.1.1.4	Disaggregates Not Available	Manual		
5.1.2	Industry 2	5.1.2.1	60	
5.1.2.1	Sex	5.1.2.1.1+5.1.2.1.2 +5.1.2.1.3+5.1.2.1.4	60	>=0
5.1.2.1.1	Male	Manual	30	
5.1.2.1.2	Female	Manual	30	
5.1.2.1.3	Neither	Manual		
5.1.2.1.4	Disaggregates Not Available	Manual		

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