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Robust data and statistical systems influence financing outcomes. When they capture gendered and intersecting inequalities, scarce public resources can be directed to those most in need.

Open data strengthens public financial management by enabling transparent budgeting, sustainable procurement, and effective oversight by institutions and civil society. In addition to shaping domestic resource mobilization, open data and statistical systems that manage data sharing with non-state actors also drive innovation, economic growth, and efficient service delivery while exposing discriminatory tax and spending patterns.

National statistical offices with other national stakeholders have worked to increase the availability of timely and reliable information, but many are challenged by severe funding shortfalls, lack of capacity to effectively gather disaggregated data by intersectionality, and shortcomings in technical infrastructure.

Thus, Member States should affirm that data is a crosscutting issue and that strengthening national data systems is a critical means for FFD reform and for implementation of the SDGs.

We reiterate the importance of disaggregating data by intersectionality, including gender, disability, age, including older age, ethnicity, and others and that citizen-generated data are recognized as a complement to traditional data sources.