



Implementing the Amman-Berlin Declaration on Global Disability Inclusion

Country briefing note: **Sao Tome and
Principe**

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What does the Amman-Berlin declaration say?

The purpose of the declaration is to foster the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), especially in the realm of international cooperation, particularly international development cooperation and humanitarian action.

The declaration sets out 2 specific targets, the second of which being:

We will strive to ensure that at least 15 percent of international development programs being implemented at the country level pursue disability inclusion as an objective (“15 percent for the 15 percent”).

The 15 percent target requires joint action to increase efforts by focusing current resources on disability inclusion and dedicating more resources to this purpose.

We will strive to achieve this target by 2028, the year in which the fourth and next Global Disability Summit is to be held.

To learn more about the reasons for the Declaration and the 2 specific targets you can read the [Technical Note](#) (chapters 1-3).

Highlights for Sao Tome and Principe

1. In Sao Tome and Principe, the share of ODA funded activities identified as having a disability inclusion objective stands at **0.3 %** (2023 data). The target of the Amman-Berlin Declaration is to achieve 15 % by 2028.
2. **There is no available data on disability inclusion for 66 % of ODA funded activities.** This is above average compared to other ODA recipient countries (61 %)
3. **3 out of the 20 most relevant donors already report on disability inclusion** (in 2024). 10 do not report yet but have endorsed the Amman-Berlin Declaration.
4. **In no sectors do more than 15 % of ODA funded activities target disability inclusion.**

How is the 15% target being measured?

The 15 percent target refers to the share of ODA-funded activities in a country that intentionally foster inclusion of persons with disabilities—not the value of aid. It highlights development partners' commitment to disability inclusion.

To set a baseline and track progress, governments need development partners to report whether their supported programs address disability inclusion, using systems like the OECD-DAC Creditor Reporting System or internal reporting mechanisms.

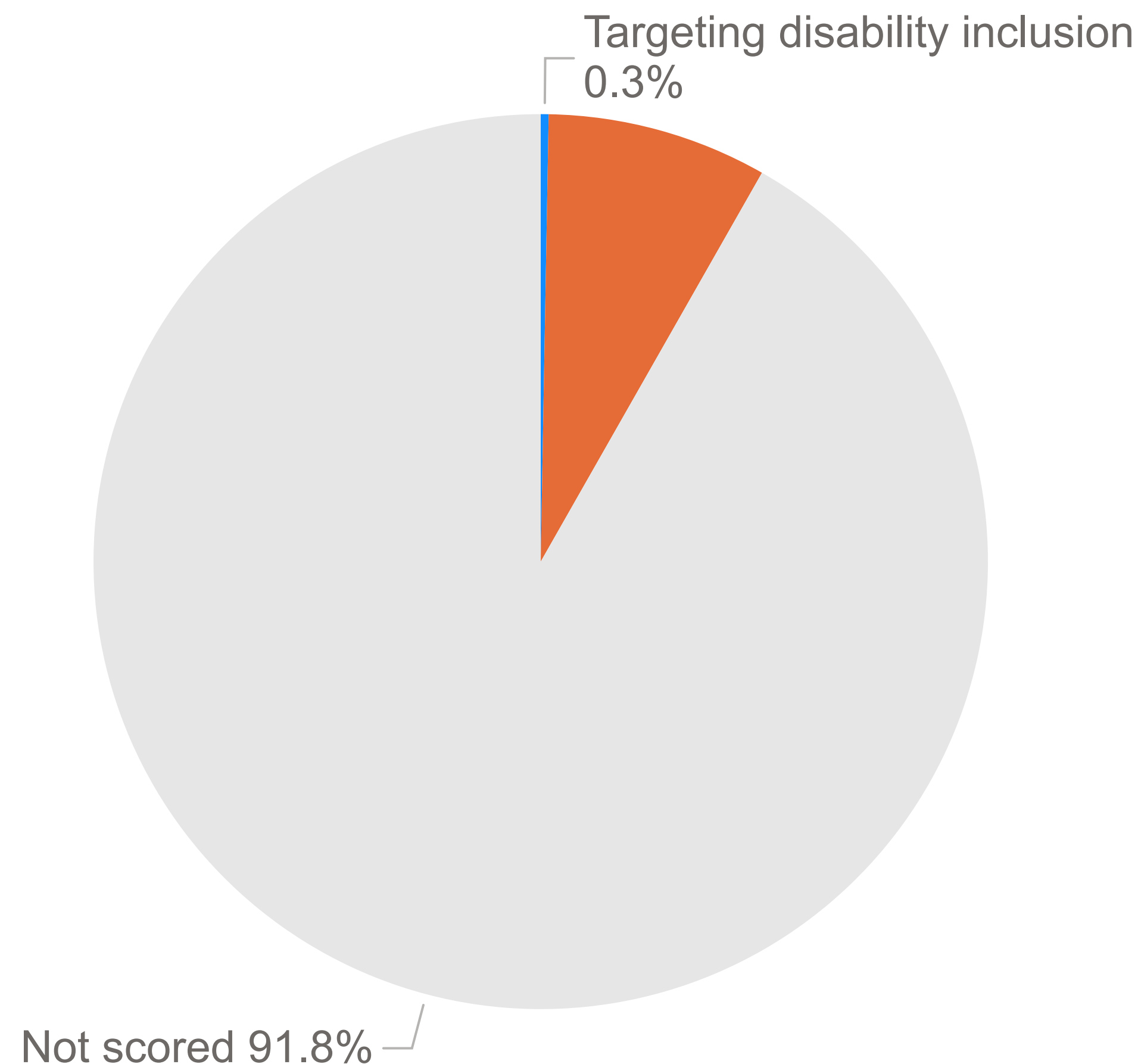
The following slides present a *minimum baseline based on data on the OECD-DAC disability marker*. Activities fall into one of three categories:

1. **Targeting disability inclusion:** Partners applying the disability marker report that disability inclusion is either a significant objective (score 1) or principal objective (score 2) of the activity.
2. **Not targeting disability inclusion:** Partners applying the disability marker report that disability inclusion is not a significant or principal objective of the activities (score 0).
3. **Not scored:** Partners did not report on the activity using the disability marker.

This globally sourced data can be complemented at country level by data provided by donors that do not use the OECD-DAC disability marker but may have internal mechanisms.

What is the state of play in Sao Tome and Principe?

% of allocable ODA activities by disability marker score, 2023 (OECD DAC data)



● Targeting disability inclusion ● Not targeting disability inclusion ● Not scored

Only 8 % (29) of ODA activities in Sao Tome and Principe are scored using the disability marker (92 % (323) are not scored)

In total 0 % (1) of activities have objectives targeting disability inclusion

8 % (28) of ODA activities in Sao Tome and Principe are scored, but not targeting disability inclusion

An important first step would therefore be to invite **development partners** - particularly those who have endorsed the Amman-Berlin Declaration - to systematically report on disability inclusion.

How are the biggest donors in Sao Tome and Principe using the marker?

% of allocable ODA activities by disability marker score (largest 20 donors by USD value), 2023 (OECD DAC data)					
Donor name	Total value of portfolio (USD commitments, millions)	Endorsed GDS declaration?	% of activities scored with disability marker	% of activities targeting disability inclusion	% of activities scored but not targeting disability inclusion
International Development Association	66.50		0%		
Portugal	16.14	✓	0%		
Global Environment Facility	13.11		0%		
African Development Fund	9.27	✓	0%		
Global Fund	4.05		0%		
EU Institutions	3.84	✓	100%		100.0%
Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization	1.07		0%		
Green Climate Fund	1.00		0%		
UNFPA	0.75	✓	0%		
World Health Organisation	0.75	✓	0%		
UNICEF	0.59	✓	0%		
Joint Sustainable Development Goals Fund	0.47		0%		
Korea	0.28	✓	0%		
United States	0.18		0%		
France	0.18	✓	50%		50.0%
WFP	0.16	✓	0%		
Food and Agriculture Organisation	0.16	✓	0%		
International Labour Organisation	0.15	✓	0%		
Japan	0.15		24%		23.5%
Romania	0.14	✓	0%		

Germany started using the marker in 2024

Which sectors in Sao Tome and Principe have the largest share of ODA targeting disability inclusion?

% of allocable ODA activities by disability marker score and sector, 2023 (OECD DAC data)

● Targeting disability inclusion ● Not targeting disability inclusion ● Not scored

