



# Impact of the Economic Crisis on Children

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UNICEF Conference  
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## **AGENDA DAY 1: Tuesday, January 6** **Academic Analyses of the Crisis**

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### **• Plenary Session**

#### **Session 1: Key Issues for Children in a Time of Crisis**

9:00-9:15      Opening Remarks

Chair: **Dr Mahesh S. Patel**

Regional Adviser, Social Policy and Economic Analysis  
UNICEF East Asia Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO)

**His Excellency Dr Vivian Balakrishnan**

Minister, Ministry of Community Development, Youth, and Sports  
Republic of Singapore

**Professor Kishore Mahbubani**

Dean and Professor in the Practice of Public Policy  
National University of Singapore Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

**Ms Anupama Rao Singh**

Regional Director, UNICEF EAPRO

9:15-10:00      Keynote address: *Overview of the current Crisis and its Effects on Children in East Asia and the Pacific*

**Her Excellency Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati**

Minister of Finance, Republic of Indonesia

**10:00-10:30      Break**



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### Session 2: Social Protection under Crisis

Chair: *(tbc)*

10:30-10:50 *Key Issues for Children and Vulnerable Groups*

**Dr Mahesh S. Patel**

Regional Adviser, Social Policy and Economic Analysis, UNICEF EAPRO

#### **Part A: The Highlights of Research Findings**

*[10 min overviews of UNICEF research findings in plenary]*

10:50-11:00 *The Global Financial Crisis - Potential Impacts on the Poor*

**Dr Santosh Mehrotra**

Head, Development Policy Division, Planning Commission, Government of India

11:00-11:10 *Impact of the Food and Economic Crises on Child Health and Nutrition in East Asia and the Pacific Region*

**Dr Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhutta**

Husein Lalji Dewraj Professor and Chairman, The Aga Khan University

11:10-11:20 *Global Crisis and Education in Asia: Challenges and Policy Responses*

**Prof Ka Ho Mok**

Associate Dean and Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences,  
University of Hong Kong

11:20-11:30 *What the Economic Crisis Means for Child Labour*

**Dr June Kane,**

Independent Expert



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### **• Breakout Sessions**

11:45-12:45 **Part B: Expert Working Group Presentations of Research Findings and Commentaries**  
*[Complete (30min) presentations of UNICEF research followed by two commentaries (5min each) and discussions (20min)]*

10:50-11:00 *The Global Financial Crisis - Potential Impacts on the Poor*  
**Dr Santosh Mehrotra**,  
Head, Development Policy Division, Planning Commission, Government of India

#### **Group A: Social Protection**

Chair: **Dr Hana Brix**, Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF China

Presentation: **Dr Santosh Mehrotra**

Discussants: **Dr Jaques Jeugman**, Senior Social Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank (*tbc*)

**Dr Martin Evans**, Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford

#### **Group B: Health and Nutrition**

Chair: **Mr Basil Rodriques**, Regional Adviser, Health, UNICEF EAPRO

Presentation: **Dr Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhutta**

Discussants: **Ms Rita Bhatia**, Senior Regional Programme Advisor, World Food Programme

**Professor Phua Kai Hong**, Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

#### **Group C: Education**

Chair: **Mr Cliff Meyers**, Regional Adviser, Education, UNICEF EAPRO

Presentation: **Dr Ka Ho Mok**

Discussants: **Ms Dandan Chen**, Economist, World Bank

**Dr Jing Guo**, Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii

#### **Group D: Child Labor**

Chair: **Ms Jasmina Byrne**, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Indonesia

Presentation: **Dr June Kane**

Discussants: **Mr. Frank Hagemann**, International Labor Organization

**Dr Lucy Jordan**, Research Fellow, University of St Andrews



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**12:40-14:00**    **Lunch (hosted by LKY School)**

**14:00**            **Part C: Expert Working Group Discussions & Problem Analysis**  
*[Parallel sectoral working groups continue with facilitated group work.]*

### **Group A: Social Protection**

Chair:            **Dr Hana Brix**, Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF China

Presenter in Plenary: **Ms. Florita Villar**, Assistant Secretary Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines (tbc)

Recorder:       **Dr Santosh Mehrotra**

### **Group B: Health and Nutrition**

Chair:            **Mr Basil Rodrigues**, Regional Adviser, Health, UNICEF EAPRO

Presenter in Plenary: **Ms Dinh Thi Phuong Hoa**, Deputy D.G, Maternal and Child Health Department Ministry of Health, Government of Vietnam

Recorder:       **Dr Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhutta**

### **Group C: Education**

Chair:            **Mr Cliff Meyers**, Regional Adviser, Education, UNICEF EAPRO

Presenter in Plenary: **Dr. Amir Bin Salleh**, Director, Educational Planning & Research Division, Ministry of Education, Malaysia

Recorder:       **Dr Ka Ho Mok**

### **Group D: Child Labor**

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**Break**



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### **• Plenary Session**

#### **Part D: Expert Working Group Report on Problem Analysis**

Chair: **Mr Daniele Toole**, Regional Director, Regional Office for South Asia,  
UNICEF (*tbc*)

16:00-17:00 Expert Working Groups Presentations to plenary (15 minutes each)

17:00-17:30 Plenary Discussion