Rights of Children, Equity and Our Work

Orientation Session for 2016 Executive Board Members
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Context

• Unique juncture: Transition from MDGs to SDGs
• Increasing caseload of humanitarian and fragile situations
• Challenging financial environment
• More global partnerships and new development actors
• New forms of connectivity and mobility
• UN Fit for Purpose – working with other UN Agencies and partners to implement the SDGs
• Increased focus on results and value for money
Realizing the rights of every child, especially the most disadvantaged

UNICEF Strategic Plan 2014-2017

1. HEALTH
2. HIV & AIDS
3. WASH
4. NUTRITION
5. EDUCATION
6. CHILD PROTECTION
7. SOCIAL INCLUSION
Cross-cutting areas

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Demand for services

Supply

Enabling environment

Humanitarian action

Human rights & gender equality

Global and regional action

Gender, ECD; Adolescents; Disabilities; C4D
Outcome 1. Health: Steady progress in reducing child mortality rates, but newborn deaths still a challenge

A) Under-five mortality rate

B) Under-five deaths

Source: UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME) 2015
Outcome 2. HIV and AIDS: Decrease in new HIV infections, but more AIDS deaths in adolescents

- 43% decrease in the number of new HIV infections among children (21 global plan priority countries).
- 7 out of 10 pregnant women living with HIV received medicine to prevent mother-to-child transmission.
- But...AIDS deaths rising among adolescents (10-19 years).
Outcome 3. Water and Sanitation: MDG drinking water target met, but sanitation is still off track

Meeting MDG drinking-water target demonstrates that setting international goals and targets can drive change

MDG target on sanitation is still seriously off-track

- Over 2 billion have gained access since 1990 but…
- Over 748 million have not been reached
- 2.5 billion lack access to an improved toilet
- 1.0 billion practice OD (14% total population)
Outcome 4. Nutrition: Decline in stunting, but one in four children are still stunted worldwide

Percentage of children under 5 who are stunted in 1990, 2000 and 2013

Outcome 5. Education: Improved access but still millions of out-of-school children and adolescents

Still 58 million primary school-age out of school children and 63 million lower secondary school-age out of school

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Percentage of women aged 20 to 24 years who were first married or in union before age 15 and at age 15 or after but before age 18, by region.

Notes: Estimates are based on a subset of 122 countries. Source: UNICEF global databases, 2015, based on Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) and other nationally representative surveys, 2003-2014. Prepared by the Data & Analytics Section, UNICEF.
Outcome 7. Social Inclusion: MDG of halving extreme poverty achieved, but child poverty remains high.

World’s Extreme Poverty

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% of extremely poor that are children: 47%
UNICEF’s work in support of results for children (2014)

- 239 million additional children reached with measles vaccines
- 4.2 million African children treated for malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea
- 1.7 billion doses of polio vaccine delivered, contributing to polio-free India
- 13.8 million people with improved water and 11.3 million people with sanitation facilities
- WASH facilities built in 10,596 schools
- WASH humanitarian response effort reached more than 18 million people
UNICEF’s work in support of results for children (2014)

• 3 million children in 43 countries reached with micronutrient programmes
• 2.29 million children in 75 emergency-affected countries treated through SAM programmes
• More than 835,000 children/adolescents in 40 countries benefitting from life-skills education programmes
• 8.6 million children benefited from education in emergencies programmes
UNICEF’s work in support of results for children (2014)

- 4.5 million children involved in child labour reached with education and child protection interventions.
- 33,000+ unaccompanied and separated children in 22 crisis-affected countries were placed in alternative care.
- 146 million children were reached by cash transfers in 37 countries.
• **Health**: Leaderships in H4+, PMNCH, IHP+, GPEI, RMNCH Steering committee, Global Financing Facility

• **WASH**: Sanitation and Water for All, 79 partners working in WASH in Schools

• **Nutrition**: 55 countries have committed to Scaling Up Nutrition

• **Education**: UN Girls Educations Initiative, Global Partnership for Education, Education in Emergency

• **Child Protection**: Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children
SDGs Opportunities

- **Investing in Children** - momentum for investment in children as a driver across the four dimensions of the agenda;
- **Equity** - reducing inequalities, with specific focus on gender inequality as well as “leaving no one behind”.
- **Participation** - boost citizen ownership & participation of children and young people in implementation, monitoring & accountability
- **Strategic Partnerships** – leveraging existing multi-stakeholder partnerships and movements to implement the SDGs
From the MDGs to the SDGs: Areas of UNICEF’s Focus

- “Unfinished business” for children - especially in high burden countries, e.g. sanitation, stunting, neo-natal mortality
- Some areas that need **accelerated efforts** to achieve progress, e.g. social protection, early childhood, gender, adolescents, violence
- “Emerging issues” that require a **major push**, e.g. climate change, migration, urbanization, NCDs
From the MDGs to the SDGs: Strategic “levers” for UNICEF’s work

- Focus on governance and accountability for children’s rights
- Data & evidence to inform policies and programmes
- Strengthened nexus between humanitarian and development contexts
- Programming across two Decades of a Child’s Life
- Fit for purpose for the universal agenda
- Break-out sectoral silos
UNICEF at a glance: Organization

• Overall strategic direction, policy and guidance
• Oversight
• Coordination of global communication, advocacy & resource mobilization

• Technical advice and management
• Oversight of country programmes and budgets

• Planning, implementation and monitoring of country programme of cooperation in line with national priorities

• Advocacy, fundraising, sales, partnerships, education for development

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UNICEF National Committees
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