The United States looks forward to partnering with UNICEF to advance our shared research priorities.

We encourage UNICEF to leverage the strength of higher education institutions to be central actors in development and partners in research.

The United States suggests strengthening the linkage between programmatic needs and research efforts.

We welcome clarification on UNICEF Innocenti’s collaboration with UNICEF HQ Data, Analytics, Planning, and Monitoring, as well as UNICEF Copenhagen.

How could UNICEF collaborate with other development partners, including USAID, at global and country levels to support real-time learning and efforts to monitor, sustain, and scale effective interventions and health system strengthening (HSS)?

In documenting COVID-19’s impact on children, we would like to see that any research be tied to clear, necessary programmatic shifts based on evidence in health, social protection and other sectoral areas that impact children and adolescents.

COVID-19 has demonstrated that the “evidence-to-action” enterprise needs to be nimble but also responsive to urgent and emergent programmatic challenges and needs.

On building a research culture for resilient systems, we would encourage focus on building the capacity of country counterparts to conduct ‘real time’ implementation research to guide programmatic and strategic pivots.