Overview of the Global Situation of Children and Adolescents
Child Survival and Development


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Causes of Child Mortality

Globally, more than one third of under-five deaths are attributable to undernutrition.

- Neonatal deaths: 41%
- Diarrhoea: 14%
- Pneumonia: 14%
- Malaria: 8%
- Injuries: 3%
- HIV: 2%
- Measles: 1%
- Other: 17%

Health Inequities

Countries with decreasing U5MR, decreasing inequality

Countries with increasing U5MR, increasing inequality

Decreasing inequality in mortality

Increasing inequality in mortality

Decreasing mortality

Increasing mortality

Change in U5MR (%)
Children and HIV and AIDS
Children under 15 years living with HIV globally, 2011

Total: 3.3 million [3.1 million – 3.8 million]

Prevention of New HIV infections Among Children

Number of women receiving antiretrovirals by region, 2004-10

Source: UNAIDS Data Tables, 2011
Major progress in scaling up insecticide-treated net (ITN) coverage

Cumulative numbers of ITNs procured by UNICEF (in millions) 2000-2010

Source: UNICEF Supply Division, 2011
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- World on track to meet the goal on access to safe water
- 780 million do not use an improved source of drinking-water
- 2.6 Billion do not use improved sanitation
- 88% of global diarrhoeal deaths attributable to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation, & poor hygiene
- Handwashing with soap can reduce diarrhoea by 44%
Drinking water coverage trends 1990-2010

The number of children out of school has stagnated at 61 million, with half living in sub-Saharan Africa.

Girls represent 53% of this total.

More than 28 million children of primary school-age children out of school – 42 per cent of the world total – live in conflict affected countries and enrolment rates in secondary schools are nearly one-third lower in conflict-affected countries compared with other developing countries.

Additionally the poorest, disabled, marginalised by language, ethnic origins, caste and class.
Only half of children under five are registered
Percentage of children under-five years who are registered, by region

** Excludes China.


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More than one third of women marry during childhood

Percentage of women aged 20-24 years who were first married or in union by ages 15 and 18, by region

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Summary Conclusions

• There are many positive trends in the situation of children during the past decade, but there is also an unfinished agenda and persistent inequities

• Extraordinary efforts are needed to sustain progress, to reach the most disadvantage children, and to deal with accelerated urbanization, migration, conflict, disasters and climate change

• A clear focus on achieving results is needed to accelerate progress for children

• Particular attention is required to improve children’s lives in fragile and humanitarian contexts