Rights of Children, Equity and Our Work

Orientation Session for 2017 Executive Board Members
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Context

- Transitioned from MDGs to SDGs and developing new SP
- 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
Cross-cutting areas

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

- Demand for services
- Supply
- Enabling environment
- Humanitarian action
- Human rights & gender equality
- Global and regional action

Gender, ECD, Adolescents, Disabilities, C4D, Rights
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

UNICEF HQ
- New York
- Geneva
- Copenhagen
- Tokyo

UNICEF Regional Offices
- Amman
- Bangkok
- Dakar
- Geneva
- Kathmandu

UNICEF Country Offices
- Over 150 developing countries

UNICEF National Committees
- 36 industrialized countries
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: Increase in PMTCT coverage, but children and adolescents still missing out on life-saving treatment

**ONLY HALF**
of HIV-exposed babies are tested for HIV by the recommended age of 2 months.

**1.8M**
Of the children under 15 living with HIV, **HALF** are on treatment.

**70%**
reduction in AIDS-related deaths among children (0–4) since 2000, globally.

HIV remains a **global issue** when it comes to prevention among adolescents. Almost **32%** of new HIV infections among adolescents (15–19) occurred outside sub-Saharan Africa.

Every **two** minutes an adolescent (15–19) is newly infected with HIV.

**13.4M**
children (0–17) have lost one or both parents to AIDS.
Outcome 3. WASH: MDG target for water met, but insufficient progress on sanitation

MDG target for water met but sanitation target missed

SDG targets aim for universal access and higher service levels

Source: WHO/UNICEF JMP 2015
Outcome 4. Nutrition: Decline in stunting, but 159 million children are still stunted worldwide

Number of children under 5 who are stunted, by region, 1990-2014

Outcome 4. Nutrition: Without adequate investments in nutrition, the full potential of the 2030 Agenda will not be realized.

At least 12 of the 17 SDGs contain indicators that are highly relevant to nutrition.
Outcome 5. Education: Improved access and gender parity, but still millions of out-of-school children and adolescents

Still 61 million primary school-age children and 60 million lower secondary school-age youth out of school

Out-of-school children and youth, 2000-2014

Outcome 6. Child Protection: Stronger normative frameworks to protect children from violence, abuse and neglect, but still much work to be done. Example: Child marriage

The highest rates of child marriage are found in sub-Saharan Africa

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

- Married or in union after age 15 but before age 18
- Married or in union before age 15

* Excludes China.
** CEE/CIS: Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Notes: Regional estimates represent data covering at least 50 per cent of the regional population of women aged 20 to 24. Data coverage was insufficient to calculate global estimates and regional estimates for South Asia and for East Asia and the Pacific for the percentage of women aged 20 to 24 married before age 15.

Child marriage and FGM/C

Burden:
• **700 million girls/women** were married before 18.
• **280 million girls** alive today are at risk of becoming brides
• **200 million girls and women** alive today have undergone FGM/C

Evidence-based interventions:
• Empower adolescent girls
• Work with families/communities to promote positive social behaviours
• Improve access to services (education, health, protection and other systems)
• Strengthen legal/policy environment
• Use/build data and evidence on what works

Selected 2015 results:
• **30 countries** strengthened national plans/strategies to end child marriage (18 in 2014)
• **9 countries** have child marriage costed action plans (5 in 2014)
• > **2,000 communities** declared abandonment of FGM/C (14 countries)
• +2 **UNICEF-UNFPA JP countries** passed national legislations criminalizing FGM/C

2016 milestone:
• UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage launched
Violence against children

Burden:
- 6 in 10 children subjected to physical punishment by their caregivers
- 1 in 3 students experienced bullying
- 1 in 10 girls experienced forced sexual intercourse or other forced sexual acts

Evidence-based interventions:

Selected 2016 results:
- VAC theory of change in development – 124 countries addressing violence
- 3 regions w/parenting programmes as a priority
- More than 64 countries address VAC in schools
- Phase 3 #EndViolence Initiative launched in December 2016
- 17 countries w/ governments/civil society/industries committed to address online CSE
Burden:

- **246 million children** live in countries/areas affected by armed conflicts
- **30 million** out of 60 million people displaced by war are children
- **¼ of the one million** Syrian refugees were children in 2015
- **1 in 3 women** will experience physical/sexual violence in their lifetime
- **28 million children** forcibly displaced
- **75% increase in number of child refugees** (2010-2015)

Evidence-based interventions:

- Monitoring and Reporting of Grave Violations
- Effective multidisciplinary support services
- Strengthening information technology for case management
- Capacity strengthening of partners and Governments

Selected 2015 results:

- **2.5 million children/women** received GBViE response/mitigation services
- **18,000 children** released from armed forces/groups
- **SEA Notification Alert** issued
- **67,000 children** provided w/psychosocial support, recreational/structured education in transit countries re. migration and refugee crisis
Outcome 7. Social Inclusion: MDG of halving extreme poverty achieved, but child poverty remains high

Progress on reducing global poverty:

- 1990: 42%
- 2013: 12.5%

Children represent 50.2% of the world’s extremely poor.
Examples of UNICEF’s work in support of results for children (2015)

- 123 countries reached at least 90% coverage at the national level for measles-containing vaccine; 50 countries achieved at least 80% at district level; UNICEF supplied 2.8 billion doses of vaccine in 95 countries reaching 45% of the world’s children
- 43 countries had 100% of existing basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care facilities operational 24x7
- Progress in polio eradication; MNTE achieved in India, Indonesia and Niger
- 49% of children accessing ART globally – 64% in LAC, 63% in ESAR
- 77% of women accessing ARV for PMTCT – 90% in ESAR, 88% in LAC, 48% WCAR
Examples of UNICEF’s work in support of results for children (2015)

- 14 million people with improved **water** and 12 million people with **sanitation** facilities
- **WASH facilities** built in 25,876 schools
- **WASH humanitarian response** effort reached more than 40 million people
- Over 379 million life-saving **vitamin A capsules** provided to children in 56 countries
- 3.2 million children in 80 emergency-affected countries treated through **SAM** programmes
- More than 835,000 children/adolescents in 40 countries benefitting from **life-skills education** programmes
- 7.5 million children benefited from **education in emergencies** programmes
Examples of UNICEF’s work in support of results for children (2015)

- 5.7 million children involved in child labour reached with education and child protection interventions
- 32,000+ unaccompanied and separated children in 30 crisis-affected countries were placed in alternative care
- 146 million children were reached by cash transfers in 37 countries (2014). An additional 9 million were covered by cash transfers in 2015 alone
Examples of UNICEF’s work in support of results for children (2015)

- ECD kit to promote learning through play, protection, and hygiene behaviors reached over 4 million of children in 86 countries
- Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation finalized and launched
- Adolescent Country Tracker finalized; 11 country offices pilots
- U-report platform engaged more than 2 million adolescents
- 23,300 education in emergency kits distributed along with suggestions on how to include children with disabilities
- Contribution to indicators on Inclusive Education under SDG 4
- 2.9 million+ households engaged on C4D activities in Ebola response
- Field technical support on behavior change and community engagement scaled up in more than 50 countries through LTAs
- Online toolkit to guide UNICEF in supporting States’ engagement with human rights mechanisms developed
UNICEF Key Strategic Partnerships

- **Health**: Leaderships in EWEC, H6, PMNCH, IHP+, GAVI, GPEI, RMNCH Steering committee, Global Financing Facility
- **HIV**: All In!; Joint UN Programme on AIDS (UNAIDS); Start Free, Stay Free, AIDS Free Framework
- **WASH**: Global partnership on Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), and WASH in School with 79 partners
- **Nutrition**: 57 countries have committed to Scaling Up Nutrition
- **Education**: UN Girls’ Education Initiative, Global Partnership for Education, Education Cannot Wait, Educate a Child
- **Child Protection**: Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, Child Protection in Humanitarian Action Alliance
UNICEF Key Strategic Partnerships

- **Disability**: Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities
- **ECD**: ECD Action Network co-led by World Bank Group
- **ADAP**: UNICEF-ING Partnership
- **C4D**: Social Science in Humanitarian Action Platform established with Institute of Development Studies (Sussex)
- **Human Rights**: The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) to support accountability for children
Implications of SDGs for UNICEFs work

- **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
THANK YOU !