Rights of children, equity and our work
Child Survival and Development

Global under-five deaths, 1990 to 2012

Source: IGME 2013
All regions have experienced marked declines in under-five mortality rates since 1990

Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 1990-2011, by region

Source: IGME 2012

Statistics and Monitoring Section/DPS
Infectious diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhoea and malaria are the leading killers of children under age 5; roughly 44% of deaths in children under 5 occur during the neonatal period.

Global distribution of deaths among children under age 5, by cause, 2012

- Neonatal: 44%
- Pneumonia: 17%
- Diarrhoea: 9%
- Malaria: 7%
- Injury: 5%
- AIDS: 2%
- Other: 22%

Globally, nearly half of all deaths among children under 5 are attributable to undernutrition.

Estimates are rounded, and therefore may not sum to 100%.

Source: UNICEF Data & Analytics Section, as presented in APR Progress Report 2013.
Stunting – Nigeria – an illustration
Access is not enough: the learning gap

- Globally, 250 million children cannot read or write, even if they have spent four years in school
  - Children in developing countries acquire knowledge at only 20 to 25 percent rate of their peers in richer countries.

Example: early grade reading in Malawi and Namibia

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<td>% enrolled in school</td>
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<td>% reach grade 5</td>
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<td>% with minimum mastery in language</td>
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Child Protection

Among the issues our work addressed are:

- Violence against children
- Protection in humanitarian settings
- Child marriage
- Sexual exploitation and abuse
- Child trafficking
- Birth registration
Number of humanitarian situations responded to by UNICEF globally, 2004 - 2011
Equity re-focus through:

**Advocacy** - raise the issues; all children – everywhere

Data / evidence / knowledge

Country programmes of cooperation

Tracking progress for most disadvantaged

Partnerships

**Innovations** – technology/research with the unreached child in mind

Maximizing investments – expertise, funds, information
Priority areas

Health
Nutrition
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
HIV/AIDS
Education
Child Protection
Social Inclusion

And cross-cutting areas e.g. gender and rights, disabilities, adolescents, early childhood development
Obstacles to equity

- geographical location
- income
- racial, ethnic, religious or other cultural affiliation
- minority status
- disability
- gender
Global Programme Partnerships/Initiatives

A Promise Renewed
Scaling Up Nutrition
Sanitation and Water for All
Global Partnership on Education

AIDS Free Generation
End Violence Campaign
Global Partnership for Children with Disabilities and others ...
Programming for results

- Equity focused situation analysis including risk analysis
- Strategy formulation to address specific bottlenecks
- Programme response including disaster risk reduction / strengthening resilience
- “Real time” monitoring to track progress / bottlenecks and barriers
- Adjusting response / measuring results
UNICEF at a glance: Organization of UNICEF

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

UNICEF HQ
- New York
- Geneva
- Copenhagen
- Tokyo
- Florence

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

UNICEF Country Offices
- Over 150 developing countries

UNICEF National Committees
- 36 industrialized countries

- 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
Thank you