Data to Accelerate Progress to Deliver Results for Children

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Good data offer critical guidance to governments and communities when faced with decisions in an increasingly complex and resource-constrained world.

And UNICEF is the most credible source of data for children.
UNICEF: Global data assets for children

Global standards and norms

Collect, analyse and curate data for decision-making

Invest in data to get better return on development investments

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Decades of partnership with countries to enhance evidence for the well-being of children

Strengthening country and global data systems

- Survey systems
- Administrative data systems
- Systematic use of Big Data

Disaggregating data

Analytics for policy change

Data Partnerships

Harness and protect Frontier Data

- Protecting private data, responsible data use

Newer issues:
- Climate and children
- Adolescent mental health
- Children with disabilities
- Data readiness

Use the data at local level

Child and youth participation
We have mapped impact at national level, but need to know at local levels for effective programming.

This requires spatial analysis combined with vulnerability mapping.

If we don’t know how the climate emergency impacts children at local level, we can’t work together to build resilience.

This is a new data issue, yet funding is declining while demand is increasing.
Financing data is an investment in development

According to PARIS21

16%

One-year decrease in funding to data and statistics worldwide in 2020

PARIS21* estimate $425 million extra per year for lower- and middle-income countries to be able to measure SDGs

*Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century

Key Asks on Data

• Address data gaps and demand actionable data

• Funding data is not an afterthought – need for dedicated funding and long-term investments

• Create influential data partnerships to increase sustainable funding for data and national statistical systems strengthening in every country

• Join global data governance discussions, use digital and data compact to drive data innovation

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“Data – when used responsibly – is the **bedrock of a sustainable future**.

“Let’s find new ways to harness and apply this **vital resource** and shape a better tomorrow for all people.”

United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres
Thank you.