Global Goals for Every Child: Content

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Data sources

- Nationally representative household surveys
- Statistics South Africa’s General Household Survey (GHS)
- Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit’s (SALDRU’s)
- National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS)
- Census
- Administrative data from government departments and agencies
- United Nations inter-agency estimates
Social Demographics of Children

- 19.7 million children under the age of 18 in South Africa.
- Over 55 per cent of children live in cities and towns.
- Migration is an important demographic process in shaping the distribution of the population: nearly 1 in 10 children nationwide, and one in five in Gauteng, have migrated from another province.
- Only 1 in 3 children live with both their biological parents and one in six has lost a parent.
Social Inclusion

End poverty, promote decent work and economic growth, and reduce inequality
Social Inclusion

- 48% reduction in the share of children below food poverty line since 2003

However,

- 7 in 10 children are living in households below the upper-bound poverty line
Social Inclusion

- 12 Million children on Child Support Grant, 470 000 on Foster Child Grant, 130 000 children with disabilities are on Care Dependency Grant

However,

- 18% of eligible children are not receiving the Child Support Grant. Uptake rates are especially low among eligible young children under age 1 and among those living in urban formal areas
Nutrition

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition
Nutrition

- Children suffering from hunger declined from 30% in 2002 to 12% in 2014

But

- Children in the poorest and female headed households are much more likely to experience hunger
Nutrition

• Stunting is gradually declining

However,

• 1 in 5 children under age 5 have stunted growth
• Children in the poorest households are more than three times as likely to be stunted as children in the richest households
Health and HIV

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
South Africa has already achieved the SDG target for neonatal mortality but it needs to accelerate progress in reducing infant and under-five mortality.
Health and HIV

However

- Disparities in child survival remain high
Health and HIV

Most causes of under-five deaths are either preventable or treatable

Percentage distribution of deaths among children under age 5 by cause, 2015

- Pneumonia
- Prematurity
- Injuries
- HIV and AIDS
- Diarrhoea
- Congenital
- Intrapartum
- Sepsis
- Other


- Pneumonia, prematurity, injuries, HIV and AIDS and diarrhoea account for over half of all under-five deaths
Health and HIV

- New HIV infections among children are declining rapidly due to efforts to prevent mother-to-child transmission.
- Some 235,000 are living with HIV across the countries.
- Increase of 33% in 2010 to 74% in 2015 of children living with HIV receiving antiretroviral therapy.
Health and HIV

Adolescent girls and young women are disproportionately vulnerable and at high risk

HIV prevalence among youth, by sex and by age, 2012

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Water and Sanitation

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
Over 9 in 10 people have access to improved drinking water. South Africa has made moderate progress in improving access to adequate (improved) sanitation. From 51% in 1990 to 66% in 2015.

But...

- Almost 1 in 5 of the poorest children live in households that still rely on rivers, streams and other unimproved sources for their drinking water.
- More than 1 in 5 schools do not have a reliable water supply.
- 29% of schools have an unimproved pit or no toilet facilities at all.

More than one in five schools across the country do not have a reliable water supply.

Nearly 30% of schools only have an unimproved pit or no sanitation facilities at all.

Source: Calculations based on data from the Department of Basic Education's National Education Infrastructure Management System (NEIMS) Standards Report, May 2015.
Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all
Education

- The share of children under 5 attending day-care or educational facilities outside their homes has grown from 7% in 2002 to 49% in 2015

However

- Children in poorest households are least likely to be exposed to stimulation activities outside the home
Education

- Access to primary education is near universal
- Number of children out-of-school decreased from 820,000 in 2002 to 530,000 in 2014

**But**

- Children in poorest households are up to 9 times more likely to repeat the same grade compared to children in the richest households
- Children with disabilities lag furthest behind

*Source: Calculations based on data from Statistics South Africa’s General Household Survey 2014.*
Many children across the country face serious learning difficulties

Percentage of pupils achieving acceptable proficiency in mathematics and language, by province and by grade, 2014

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Child Protection

Promote peace, justice and gender equality
Child Protection

- 95% of children under 5 have a birth certificate

However,

- Birth registration rates are somewhat lower among children from the poorest households

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South Africa is on track to achieve universal coverage of birth registration: 95% of children under 5 have a birth certificate

Percentage of children under age 5 with a birth certificate, by age (in months), 2014–2015

![Graph showing birth registration rates by age](source)

Birth registration rates are somewhat lower among children from the poorest households

Percentage of children under age 5 with a birth certificate, by quintile of expenditure per capita, 2014–2015

![Graph showing birth registration rates by quintile](source)
Child Protection

- Maltreatment and abuse of children is widespread

- More than half of all reported crimes against children are sexual offenses

- 1 in 3 adolescents have experienced some form of sexual abuse in their lifetime

- Near a quarter of children have been exposed to violence within their families
Thank You