CRC Accountability Consultation & Capacity Building Day

ACCOUNTABILITY INDICATORS FRAMEWORKS AND RELATED PRIORITIES

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INDICATORS DOMAINS
(OhCHR Recommended; dynamic internal to and across domains)

• **STRUCTURE** (e.g., laws, declarations, policies, public commitments)

• **PROCESS** (e.g., interventions in support or structure – education, programs, services)

• **OUTCOMES** (e.g., changes in child wellbeing and becoming; changes in supportive conditions around the child)
ADDITIONAL INDICATORS SECTORS

- **External**: Conditions surrounding the child – e.g., affordances in the social ecology - family, neighborhood, school, church, recreation, entertainment, service systems, ....

- **Internal**: Conditions & characteristics of the child – e.g., intelligence, temperament, grit, perseverance, optimism, physical fitness & coordination, ...

- **Objectively verifiable/verified**: information/evidence objectively (independently, empirically, quantitatively, factually) assessable – e.g., quality & quantity of food, shelter, health services availability, school attendance - grades, weight, heart rate, reading level, hours on task, positive responses to others, social support ...

- **Subjectively verified/verifiable**: personal views/opinions/judgments – e.g., social support, sense of wellbeing, happiness, fear, interest, trust, ...
NEED FOR ESSENTIAL PROXY &/OR SUMMATIVE INDICATORS

Establishment of a relatively small core set of proxy and/or summative indicators is a high priority to be employed in guiding and simplifying SP reporting processes of relevance to the CRC and other treaty bodies.
Proxy Indicators: may be accurately and easily measured, subject to change, and linked to but not necessarily representative of indicators of concern.

As an example: the number of skateboards sold to/for children may be strongly related during one period of time in one location to the material/economic support level for
**Summative Indicators**: may be a superior hierarchical representation of a family of indicators of concern having good face validity while being more challenging to measure.

As an example: the physical endurance and effectiveness of children in diverse challenging sports conditions may be a good indicator of children’s physical health and wellbeing.
HIGH PRIORITY CANDIDATES FOR INDICATORS FRAMEWORKS
(Not Mutually Exclusive)

Periodic Reporting Guidelines Categories

General Comments

General Principles

Child Wellbeing

AND/OR ...
Periodic Reporting Guidelines

Categories:

General measures of implementation;
Definition of the child;
Civil rights and freedoms;
Family environment and alternative care;
Basic health and welfare;
Education, leisure and cultural activities;
Special protection measures.
General Comments

GC1-GC17 – such as

• (1) Aims of Education,
• (7) Early Child Development,
• (12) Voice of Child,
• (13) Freedom from Violence,
• (14) Best Interests of the Child,
• (15) Health ..
• (17) Leisure, play, culture
General Principles

Articles
2 (non-discrimination),
3 (best interests),
6 (survival and development),
12 (to be heard)

And -- some suggest adding 4 (implementation), 5 (parental responsibility and authority), 19 (freedom from violence), and 29 (aims of education)
Child Wellbeing

Articles 17, 27 & 32

5 domains for development and wellbeing

physical, mental, social, spiritual, and moral.
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THE MOST DESIRED INDICATOR?

When asked the question –
‘Is life good?’ in its many forms –
the child (95% of children) will answer
‘Yes!’ based on a valid sense of
physical, mental, social, spiritual and
moral wellbeing.