

TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S LIVES THROUGH DATA: LAUNCH OF THE 7TH ROUND OF MULTIPLE INDICATOR CLUSTER SURVEYS (MICS)

Organizer: UNICEF

Date: Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

Time: 6:15 – 8:00 pm

Venue: UNICEF House, Danny Kaye Visitors Centre, 3 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017

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Light refreshments and finger food will be served

This side event will mark the public launch of the 7th round of the UNICEF-supported Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS).

Since 1995, UNICEF has supported the implementation of six rounds of Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) around the globe, with more than 350 surveys conducted in 118 countries. MICS has continuously evolved to respond to changing data needs, expanding from a mere 28 indicators in the first round to 177 indicators in MICS6, and becoming a key source of high-quality data on the situation of children, adolescents, women and households.

As governments develop and implement national policies, plans and programmes, strategic planning and investments are required to generate robust, representative, and disaggregated data to form the much-needed evidence base. The 7th round of MICS presents a unique opportunity to support these processes.

Many new topics and initiatives are being introduced in MICS7. With expanding content, the MICS programme will continue its global leading role with respect to coverage of up to 40 SDG indicators with disaggregation. New initiatives include the extension of MICS to longitudinal phone surveys in the form of MICS Plus, geocoding, integrating MICS data with administrative data sources, and progress made in survey data processing and quality assurance processes.

The event will feature the presentation of MICS7, as well as interventions from Chief Statisticians of National Statistics Offices and representatives from United Nations agencies.