

Criteria to become a member of the International Family of Statistical Classifications - Checklist for the International Classification of Violence Against Children (ICVAC)

The following table outlines whether the paper presented to the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications for comment provides the criteria for inclusion or not and if there are any issues relating to those criteria if they are documented.

Criteria	Y/N	Comments
Custodian of the classification	Y	This is UNICEF.
Primary use of the classification	Y	The use of the classification is primarily for statistical purposes. Its use in statistical and potentially non-statistical environments is well documented.
Conceptual basis	Y	ICVAC is defined around the concept of 'violence against children' which is defined as: "A deliberate, unwanted and nonessential act or omission, threatened or actual, against a child or against a group of children that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in death, physical, or psychological suffering or distress". Such acts can be of different nature, i.e., physical, psychological, or sexual. These acts also include omission of care such as neglect. They can be single or repeated acts; repeated acts would give rise to behaviour. These acts can be perpetrated by an individual against a single child (in the case of interpersonal violence) or by a group of individuals against a single child or groups of children in the case of collective violence. Collective and interpersonal violence may be motivated by political, economic or personal gains as well as beliefs and attitudes. A child is defined as per article 1 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as "every human being below the age of eighteen".
Statistical Unit	Y	This is for individual or household. The statistical unit is the 'violent act/behaviour or omission committed against a child or group of children'.
Scope of the classification	Y	The scope of the classifications is defined within the supporting documentation. The definitions, although challenging to interpret at time, are clearly set to support the classification.
Structure of the classification	Y	The classification is a two-level, hierarchically sequential classification.
Classification levels	Y	The classification has sufficient levels
Classification categories	Y	These are generally intuitive and meaningful, though the reference to definitions of concepts is very important to ensure proper coding of acts and omissions related to violence against children.
Format of Classification codes	Y	The code pattern is generally acceptable.
Statistical Balance	Y	This can be assessed overtime during revisions.
Consultation process	Y	There has been sufficient consultation with national users and national statistical offices, as well as international organizations.
Testing of the classification	N	There has been no full testing of the classification using statistical data as yet. UNICEF anticipates to monitor the implementation of the classification in

		different to adjust tools and also prepare for revisions.
Concordances	Y	Correspondence table with a similar classification drafted. This is the first version of the classification.
Implementation Plan	Y	UNICEF has drafted and provided an implementation strategy, but still to be completed entirely.
Maintenance Schedule	Y	UNICEF anticipates to monitor the implementation of the classification in different countries to adjust implementation tools and also prepare for revisions.
Dissemination	Y	Guides, tools and other supporting material should be made available for users. Definitions and guides have been drafted, and UNICEF intends to provide more documents to support the implementation in various languages.