Strengthening administrative data: children on the move
Migration Administrative Records Unit Framework

- Immigration Bureau: Thai & Foreign crossing border persons
- MOI: Migrants and accompanies
- MOL: Thai & Foreign workers
- NGO & Others
- MOE: Child migrants
- MOPH: Migrants and accompanies
Example

Administrative data on Education: Enrolment of migrant children in Thailand’s educational system

Thai Government Formal Schools: 145,379 Children
Thai Government Non-Formal Education Learning Centres: 2,562 Children
Migrant Learning Centres (MLCs): 16,350 Children
Out of School: 200,000 Children

Office of Basic Education (OBEC). MOE
The Office of Non-Formal Education
NGO
MOE/MOF/MOL/MSDHS etc

Challenges

- Registration system – labour registration is in place but system do not cover dependent migrants -- No data on unregistered children
- Migrant administrative data sources – available based on function e.g. Education enrolment, health care services
- Attitudes – migrants do not want to register their children – afraid of being deported
- Strengthen data sharing among relevant government agencies to ensure rights and services are delivered to all children in Thailand
‘children moving for a variety of reasons, voluntarily or involuntarily, within or between countries, with or without their parents or other primary caregivers, and whose movement while it may open up opportunities might also place them at risk (or at an increased risk) of economic or sexual exploitation, abuse, neglect and violence’
Is there a need?

- States to better protect and provide services for children
- Data on children on the move are limited and ad-hoc
Objectives

✓ To identify gaps and good practices in local data capacities and

✓ Provide recommendations
Background

✓ Overall project coordination among UNICEF HQ (Data and Analytics) with IOM GMDAC. Agreement to seek expansion of the partnership to include UNHCR to cover refugee-related data

✓ Thailand is the first pilot country for the project

✓ Partnership with NSO, IOM and UNHCR
1. Comprehensively map existing data and structures to collect, analyse and share data across governmental units and with international agencies;

2. Developing action plans and training materials to enhance existing data collection, analysis and reporting structures, in close coordination with relevant national authorities;

3. Delivering technical trainings and strategic workshops which improve the capacity of staff in migration-relevant ministries and national statistical officers to identify and report on children on the move;
Key activities planned Q1 & Q2

✓ Mapping of the existing data landscape

✓ National consultations with key line ministries and surveys for data assessment

✓ Developing action plans and recommendations based on assessment

✓ Country-level capacity building workshop
Activities so far?

» NSO’s formal letter of interest sent to UNICEF/IOM
» Discussion with NSO on the activities and national coordination for 2019
THANK YOU