Highlights from UNICEF’s gender statistics portfolio: data collection, analysis & dissemination

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Data collection: MICS

UNICEF’s flagship household survey programme

Developed in the early 1990s to generate World Summit for Children Indicators in 1995

Now a continuous household survey programme and a major data source for SDGs

MICS6 (2017-2022) yielded 177 prevalence, attitudinal & behavioral indicators, with disaggregation by sex and other key characteristics
The 7th round of MICS officially began in March 2023, will run until 2026

Structural changes to questionnaires and expanded content, both to reduce respondent and survey team burdens and to respond to emerging issues/new indicators

New architecture comprises:
- base questionnaires- short questionnaires with topics applicable in all settings
- complementary modules – topics of high relevance to select countries
MICS7 new complementary modules w/ strong gender relevance

- Violence against women
- Decision-making on reproductive health
- Adolescent/youth mental health
- Not in employment, education, training (NEET)
- ICT/social media use
- Children’s time use
Data analysis

2023 UNICEF report highlights:

• Progress on household drinking water, sanitation and hygiene 2000-2022: Special focus on gender (WHO/UNICEF JMP)

• Bridging the digital divide: Challenges and an urgent call for action for equitable skills development

• Is an end to child marriage within reach? Latest trends and future prospects

• Undernourished and overlooked: A global nutrition crisis in adolescent girls and women
Data dissemination

- Development of country profiles featuring a set of key indicators across a range of dimensions to monitor the status and well-being of adolescent girls.
Thank you!

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For more information: https://data.unicef.org/topic/gender/overview/