Gender Counts: An update on UNICEF’s gender statistics initiatives

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UNICEF’s Approach to Gender Statistics

- Innovative methodologies for closing gender data gaps
- Cutting-edge gender analyses
- Building the evidence-base for gender-informed policy and programming on women and children
- Technical support to HQ/ROs/COs
- Gender data dissemination
Innovative Methodologies for Closing Gender Data Gaps

• Guidelines on the collection of data on violence against children, incl. gender-based violence
• Measurement of:
  • Mental ill health among adolescents
  • Children’s time use
  • Adolescent civic participation, incl. adolescent girls’ and boys’ empowerment
UNICEF Gender Analyses (2018)

- The practice of child marriage among boys
- Analysis of HIV among adolescent girls and associated behavioural indicators
- *GirlForce: Skills, training and education for girls now* (w/ ILO)
- *Gender Counts: A review of gender inequality among children and adolescents in Asia and the Pacific* (w/ UNFPA, UN Women, UNESCAP, WFP)
Gender Counts review…

Main objectives:
• Define core set of gender indicators for children in the region
• Map available national-level data against defined indicators and identify key data gaps
• Describe extent of gender inequality affecting children and adolescents in the region

Gender data gaps identified:
• Sexual and reproductive health of adolescent boys & unmarried adolescent girls
• Well-being of children with disabilities, by sex & age
• Well-being of children w/ diverse sexual orientation & gender identity
• Individual-level indicators related to urbanisation, disaster/conflict, & climate change
Gender data dissemination

- MICS6 Statistical Snapshot on Gender Equality

- List of MICS6 sex-disaggregated and gender-specific indicators
Gender data dissemination

- New gender landing page at data.unicef.org
- New adolescent data portal with sex disaggregated data
- 18 indicator databases released on nutrition with sex and age disaggregation
Moving Forward

- Development of interactive Gender Data Portal
- Methodological work on:
  - Strengthening administrative data sources to close gender data gaps
    - UNICEF Nicaragua CO & Legal Forensic Institute
  - Gender and migration among children
  - Gender-responsive social protection for children
  - Gendered measures of children’s multidimensional poverty
  - Gender norms & socialization
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