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3.3.5 Indicators related to the Millennium Development Goals

Strengthen child-sensitive M&E systems, through development of DevInfo-based regional and national databases

DevInfo is a powerful database system which monitors progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. It generates tables, graphs and maps for reports and presentations. DevInfo has been developed by United Nations organizations. It was adapted from UNICEF ChildInfo technology. The database maintains indicators, by time periods and geographical areas, to monitor commitments to sustained human development. For additional information on DevInfo, and a quick guide on how to produce maps, graphs and tables using the DevInfo technology, please visit www.devinfo.org.

UNICEF CEE/CIS, in cooperation with other UN agencies, has been supporting countries in creating national databases to monitor MDGs and National Development Goals in more than 16 countries.

At regional level, in cooperation with UNECE and UNDP Bratislava, the regional MDG Database was created and launched. Please visit www.regionalmdg.org for additional information.
MICS Info (accessible at www.micsinfo.org), presents the findings for the third round of Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey carried out in 16 countries of the CEE/CIS region. This DevInfo adaptation consists of a DevInfo gallery which provides access to the charts with key findings; the downloadable tables; the report 'Emerging Challenges for Children in EECA-Focus on Disparities' ; and, provides full access to data on 59 indicators, including new indicators on child protection and early childhood development. Data are disaggregated by number of background variables (age, gender etc.).

The publication 'Bridging the gap- the role of M&E in evidence based policy making' offers number of strong contributions from senior officers in institutions dealing with Evidence-based policy making. These institutions are national and local governments, UNICEF, the WB and the International Development Evaluation Association.

Priority objective and new activities for 2010

The 2009 publication 'Country-led Monitoring and Evaluation Systems' was launched, in partnership with UNECE, WB and other international stakeholders and was well received. UNICEF HQ will publish a follow-up volume in 2010.

CEE/CIS will continue to support the global roll out of DevInfo 6.0, as a member of the global DevInfo Reference Group, and will organize a Regional DevInfo training. On demand, countries will receive technical support and the respective service in uploading the data from upcoming censuses into DevInfo format.

The regional UNECE/UNICEF/UNDP MDG database will be updated.

4.3.3 Household surveys

Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey

i) Ongoing methodological work

The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) is a household survey programme developed by UNICEF to assist countries in filling data gaps for monitoring the situation of children and women. It is capable of producing statistically sound, internationally comparable estimates of these indicators. The MICS was originally developed in response to the World Summit for Children to measure progress towards an internationally agreed set of mid-decade goals. The first round of MICS was conducted around 1995 in more than 60 countries. A second round of surveys was conducted in 2000 (around 65 surveys), and resulted in an increasing wealth of data to monitor the situation of children and women. For the first time it was possible to monitor trends in many indicators and set baselines for other indicators.

The third round of MICS, which was carried out in over 50 countries, including 13 countries in CEE/CIS Region in 2005-06, has been an important data source for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals with 21 MDG indicators collected through MICS3 (particularly indicators related to health, education and mortality). MICS3 was also a monitoring tool for other international goals including the World Fit for Children, the UNGASS targets on HIV/AIDS and the Abuja targets for malaria. The results of the fourth round of MICS (2009-2011) are expected from 2010 onwards. More than 40 countries around the world have already committed to MICS4. In CEE/CIS Region, 10 countries are planning to implement MICS4 (Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). In addition, Georgia, Tajikistan and Armenia will participate in other household surveys integrating some of the MICS modules.

Additional information can be obtained from www.childinfo.org.

ii) Priority objective and new activities for 2010

In 2010 MICS4 will be rolled-out in the selected countries.

4.5 Dissemination, data warehousing

TransMONEE database: data for understanding the situation of children in Central and East European and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CEE/CIS) region

Dissemination strategies and concrete activities at country and regional levels are summarized and presented UNICEF CEE/CIS web site at http://www.unicef.org/ceecis/resources_8588.html. Part of these interventions at the regional level was a publication 'Emerging Challenges for Children in EECA - Focus on Disparities. The publication looks at lesser known dimensions , by presenting findings of MICS3 in 12 countries of the region.

The TransMONEE Database, which captures a vast range of data relevant to social and economic issues situation and wellbeing of children, young people and women in countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CEE/CIS). The data represent a particularly useful tool for governments, civil society organization, funding institutions and academia in considering their decisions, policies, programmes and agendas. The database is updated every year thanks to the collaboration of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the countries of CEE/CIS. The published database presents only a selection of the larger amount of indicators annually collected. The key messages of the 2009 update as well as the supporting database are available at http:// http://www.transmonee.org/ (also available in Russian) and using DevInfo platform at www.moneeinfo.org.

Priority objective and new activities for 2010

The Regional Office of UNICEF will continue to support TransMONEE. Selected countries will receive support in creating the DevInfo registries for TM indicators based on SDMX standards.