U.S.G. Action Plan on Children in Adversity

Strategic framework for international assistance

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www.childreninadversity.org
Children in Adversity: who are they?

- 25% live in extreme poverty
- 1.9 billion children in LMIC

Adversity: Serious deprivation or danger

- Poor health and nutrition
- Living outside of family care
- Exposure to violence, exploitation, abuse
- Lack of stimulation-attachment (< 5 years)

United Nations Population Division World Population Prospects 2010
UNICEF State of the World’s Children 2012
Action Plan Framework for USG International Assistance

**PRINCIPAL**
- Build Strong Beginnings
- Put Family Care First
- Protect Children from Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect

**SUPPORTING**
- Strengthen Systems
- Promote Evidence-Base
- Integration
Roll Out in Priority Countries
Three core outcomes

1. Reduce % children not meeting growth and developmental milestones
2. Reduce % children living outside of family care
3. Reduce % children who experience violence or exploitation
Expert Measurement Workshop
Washington DC, February 7-8, 2013

• Objectives
  – Define Children Outside of Family Care (COFC)
  – Develop a conceptual framework
  – Describe and recommend specific measurement methods for national estimates
Children Outside of Family Care are:

Children living without at least one parent and without an adult, kin or otherwise, who is fulfilling parental roles and is permanently engaged in the child’s lifelong wellbeing.
Conceptual Framework

COFC living *in* HHs

- Children in Family Care
  - Parental Care
  - Adopted

- Children in Alternative Family Care
  - Kinship Care
  - Foster Care

- No Caregiver
  - Child-headed household, Unaccompanied and Separated Children (camps).

- Supportive Housing
  - Orphanage, Group Homes, Health Facilities, Shelters, Protection Centre, Custody Centre

- Residential Care
  - Juvenile Justice
  - Detention Centres, Jails

COFC living *outside* HHs

- Other
Living arrangements analysis of DHS/MICS data

COFC LIVING *IN* HOUSEHOLDS
2010 DHS Survey of Cambodia

- 9.5% of children live in households without their biological parents.
- For mixed households (those containing children living both with and without biological parents):
  - 44.4% of children age 0-4 WITHOUT biological parents in the households are stunted.
  - 24.4% of children age 0-4 with biological parents in the households are stunted.
  - 15.7% of children age 7-14 WITHOUT biological parents in the households have never attended school.
  - 8.0% of children age 7-14 with biological parents in the households have never attended school.
Percentage Children under age < 5 who are STUNTED in "mixed" households

- No biological parent
- Biological parent
Percentage of children age 7-14 who have NO SCHOOLING in "mixed" households

[Bar chart showing the percentage of children with no biological parent and biological parent in mixed households across different regions and years.]

- No biological parent
- Biological parent
Children not living with their biological parents

Trends in care relevant to DHS/MICS data

• **Majority:**
  – Have both parents alive.
  – Live in households headed by a relative.
  – Children age 0-4 are far more likely to be living in a household headed by a grandparent.

• Significant numbers are deemed to be adopted/fostered by the head of household.
  – These care arrangements are likely informal.
The focus of Lindsay’s presentation

COFC LIVING *OUTSIDE* HOUSEHOLDS
Thank You

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