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MISSION REPORT ON FINALIZING ARRANGEMENTS ON:
"JOINT UNICEF/ESARO/UNECA SUBREGIONAL MONITORING
AND EVALUATION WORKSHOP"

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I. BACKGROUND

This mission of the Regional Adviser was undertaken as a follow up to his previous mission to UNICEF/Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) in March/April 1996¹. He had during that mission in collaboration with his counterpart in UNICEF/ESARO, Mr. Mahesh Patel, initiated arrangements: to review and evaluate UNICEF's Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) initiative in the ESARO sub-region; and to convene an expert seminar of the directors of CSOs in the region in the third quarter of 1996.

To that effect, the Regional Adviser and Mr. Patel had during the mission consulted on and elaborated a questionnaire to obtain background information on the status of MICS in ESARO sub-region and a draft proposal on the Joint UNICEF-ESARO/UNECA Sub-Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop to be convened in Nairobi from 2 - 6 September, 1996.

II. TERMS OF REFERENCE

This mission was undertaken to review the responses to the survey undertaken to assess the status-quo on MICS surveys being conducted in various countries in ESARO region and to finalize on the programme for the proposed "Joint UNICEF-ESARO/UNECA Sub-Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop". The terms of reference of this mission are noted in a communication from UNICEF-ESARO here attached as **Appendix 1**.

III. MISSION ACTIVITIES

The Regional Adviser started his mission on the morning of 19 June 1996. Over the ensuing two and a half days he had continuing discussions with his counterpart Mr. Patel. The mission was concluded at mid-day on 21 June 1996.

IV. MISSION OUTPUTS

Mission outputs are detailed here-below in the sequence that they were delivered:

1. Final draft of the programme of the proposed "Joint UNICEF-ESARO/UNECA Sub-Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop". A copy is here attached as **Appendix 2**.

¹ Parmeet Singh Mission Report ECA/MRAG/96/27/MR

2. The mission finalized on the list of participants in the workshop and dispatch of appropriately drafted invitations. Thirty three such invitations are here attached as **Appendix 3**.
3. The results of the survey undertaken to assess status of MICS surveys in the respective countries of the sub-region were analyzed and a joint paper reviewing the results prepared and finalized. **Appendix 4** refers.
4. The Regional Adviser reviewed with Mr. Patel proposed outline of a paper on "Common core of UN Basic Social Indicators Required for Africa". **Appendix 5** refers. This paper is one of the inputs to be made into the workshop by ECA.
5. The Regional Adviser reviewed with Mr. Patel a very preliminary draft of the outline of a paper on "Measuring Social Poverty: Towards a more consistent measure of poverty differences between countries" The paper is being prepared by Mr. Patel for the workshop. **Appendix 6** refers.

V. MISSION ASSESSMENT

All but one of the anticipated outputs were delivered. The exception is the "Background Paper on Emergency Social Statistics needs of Programmes". After consultations in UNICEF-ESARO it was decided that this paper would be more competently prepared by "Emergency Section" of UNICEF-ESARO. The Emergency Section has agreed to prepared the paper and organize the session of the workshop on the same topic.

The Regional Adviser is satisfied with the outcome of the mission - given the time i.e. two and a half working days at his disposal.

VI. MISSION FOLLOW-UP

All the mission outputs have been prepared as inputs for the workshop which indeed is the follow-up action for the Regional Adviser.

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APPENDIX 1

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To: Parmeet Singh Date: 17 May 1996
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From: Mahesh Patel *Mahesh Patel* Ref:
Subject: UNICEF-ECA Joint Expert Working Group Meeting

Thank you for your notification that Sadig Rasheed would like to open the forthcoming joint UNECA/UNICEF ESARO "Expert Working Group Meeting" and "M&E Workshop". Leila Bisharat, our Chief of Planning, too has indicated her interest in attending. As I mentioned earlier, I met Jack Meas and Roger Grawe (respectively Eastern and Southern Africa geographic Chiefs in the World Bank Population and Human Resources Divisions) and they too are interested in the Workshop, and participation from their divisions is likely. UNFPA/CST Addis will attend at senior level. These possibilities make it all the more urgent that you and I meet to discuss essential pending issues and to complete our preparations for the workshops. The pending issues and actions are:

- Finalize paper on the status quo of the MICS
- Prepare a background paper on Emergency Social Statistics needs of Programmes
- Outline a common core of UN indicators
- Prepare and cosign letters to Unicef country offices, the World Bank, and UNFPA
- Review the draft paper on Social Poverty Measurement
- Review and finalize the Programme, Institutional Participation and other arrangements

I anticipate that this would take three working days, and would like to request you to come to Nairobi to finalize our preparations.

It would be essential that we meet during the week beginning the 17 June (I would suggest for the 18, 19 and 20th) as I shall be away on leave from the 21 June to the end of July.

I hope this is feasible for you, and apologize for the short notice, but in view of the significance that is being attached to this workshop now, I think it is important that we get our preparations in good order.

Best regards

Cc Shahida Azfar, RD; Richard Morgan, RPO

APPENDIX 2

Joint UNICEF ESARO/UNECA Sub-Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop

Venue: Nairobi 2-6 September 1996, Final Draft

Format

- Monday and Tuesday: *Expert Working Group with Directors of Govt Statistical Offices* jointly convened by UNICEF ESARO, UNECA and possibly UNFPA.
- Wednesday-Friday, Technical Training on M&E Issues for M&E POs

PART ONE: The Expert Working Group

The Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting last year was extremely successful, with leadership by **12 Directors of CSOs**. It was recommended by the EWG that:

"African country experiences in implementation of MICS should be reviewed with the aim of improving the methodology for use in monitoring over the period 1996-2000"

and that the EWG on MICS reconvene Directors of CSOs to follow-up on this issue in 1996. Hence it has been decided to replicate that format this year.

The time allocated to the EWG has been kept at two days. It is hoped that holding the meeting in Nairobi, with its excellent flight connections, will make it easier for a greater number of Directors to attend. Several Directors of CSOs present at the "Committee for African Statistical Development" (CASD) at its 6th meeting in Addis Ababa in March 1996 expressed their strong desire to attend the proposed EWG-MICS follow-up meeting.

The meeting will be opened by Sadig Rasheed. All the participants are major players in the field of data collection and should help to realize the objective of the workshop of achieving a sustainable mode for collection of data on social indicators on a routine basis.

Participation

The Expert Working Group will be targeted for Directors of Central Statistical Organizations of governments in ESAR and Anglophone countries in WCAR. In general, they should be accompanied by an Unicef counterpart. At least one of the Regional UNFPA Offices is likely to attend at a senior level, and to assist with the difficult issues of improving measurement of infant, child and maternal mortality. The World Bank is also expected to attend, paying special attention to the issue of measuring social poverty in the EWG, and to provide training in Sectoral Expenditure Programme methodology in the M&E section of the workshop.

Proposed background documents for the Expert Working Group

Country papers should be two to three pages in length (and no more). A report will be prepared of the outcome of the Expert Working Group, which will identify issues for consideration by the "Committee for African Statistical Development", which is scheduled to convene in Addis Ababa in September/October 1996.

UNECA will be happy to provide more detailed guidelines on the scope and content of country submissions, if necessary. *It is suggested that COs/CSOs, contact Parmeet Singh, UNECA on this issue (tel 251-1-517200 ext 318, fax 251-1-514416) as I shall be on leave until 3 August.*

Papers should be submitted to ESARO by 1st August, to allow for necessary follow-up.

Monday 2nd September: REVIEW OF EXPERIENCE

- 1. Analysis of MICS Experience in the Region: UNECA/UNICEF ESARO**
The paper will analyze the information obtained through a survey questionnaire on MICS experience, distributed to Country Offices in ESAR in April 1996. The analysis will cover: survey features, adoption/adaptations of the questionnaire, sample designs, and sustainability issues emerging.
- 2. Comparative analysis of quality of MICS data: Unicef NYHQ (Gareth Jones)**
The paper will review a) reference criteria for the inclusion of MICS data in statistical yearbooks published by Unicef and other UN Organizations, b) data adjustment procedures effected at the regional and global levels, and c) implications of survey design for data quality, and d) means of obtaining quality data on a sustainable basis.
- 3. MICS survey design experience: CSOs of Malawi, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, UNECA**
The papers will include contributions by respective CSOs detailing their experiences on overall strategy adopted in conducting the survey. The papers will have the following sub-headings: a) review institutional arrangements for conducting the survey, b) aspects of the survey design adopted, including questionnaire and sample design, c) highlights of problems faced, and d) lessons learnt in these areas.
- 4. The programmatic needs for social statistics in emergency countries: Unicef COs & CSOs (or other national survey implementors) in Angola, Burundi, Liberia Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, ESARO Emergency Section**
Papers will review respective experiences of the COs/CSOs focussing on strategies, achievements, constraints and opportunities for collection of social statistics related to the unique information required, in particular for a) populations in hazard threatened areas (ie drought) and b) in acute emergency situations (ie conflict or displacement emergencies). Most of these countries will have collected MICS data in very difficult circumstances. The country papers will also review the difference between MICS indicators and those needed for program decision making purposes.

Tuesday 3rd September: ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE

5. **Integration of MICS into regular survey programmes and capacity building: CSOs of Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya, Jganda, Madagascar, South Africa, Zambia, UNECA**
This is the primary objective of this last workshop, and several countries have made progress in this area. The country papers will describe the strategies being adopted for integration of MICS into ongoing survey programmes, using the following sub-headings: a) status on preparation of integrated multi-year household survey plans, b) process being used to identify a set of core social development indicators reflecting country data needs, c) strategy on data collection (stand alone MICS, or disaggregation of MICS indicators for inclusion into various existing routine surveys (i.e. regular annual Multi-subject Cce Surveys, National Crop Forecasting and Nutrition Surveillance Surveys, etc. or periodic "uni-subject" surveys such as Household Budget Surveys, DHS, etc.), d) capacity constraints, e) capacity building initiatives supported by international agencies, f) issues arising, constraints and opportunities.
6. **Common core of UN basic social indicators required for Africa: UNECA/de Graft-Johnson/Ghana CO/ CSO Mauritius**
This paper will review overlap and unique features of the core data requirements of major UN organizations with a view to avoiding duplication of effort and simplifying the work of CSOs. (Incl. Unicef, UNDP, UNESCO, WHO.)
7. **Measurement of Mortality using Surveys: UNFPA Regional CST Addis**
A series of new estimates of MMR have recently been produced, and UNFPA will in this paper provide comments on these and an explanation of the methodology used. UNFPA/UNICEF hope jointly to develop and assist countries with a survey module and methodology that could be used for the purpose of measuring MMR. The discussion of this topic in the workshop will initiate that development process.
8. **Measurement of Social Poverty: World Bank/UNICEF ESARO**
The World Bank has done a lot of income based poverty assessment and is working towards assessment of social poverty. The World Bank and UNICEF papers will each present viewpoints and ideas to be discussed by the group.

Resource Inputs

- UNICEF: Coordination, resource person, secretarial support and host agency (ESARO), CSO and M&E PO participation (Country Offices), consultancy work on preparation of background papers.
- UNECA: Coordination, resource person, consultancy work on preparation of background paper on "Core Indicators".

PART TWO: M&E Technical Training

There was an agreement at the last workshop that a greater emphasis on technical training would be useful. At that time, we were all learning about MICS, and that was reflected in the responses to the questionnaire I circulated then. Requests for training in Statistics, Survey methodologies and Evaluation methodologies were the three most frequent responses. Demand for training in some of these areas seems to have declined, and several new areas have come up. I have tried to reflect these shifts in the proposed programme. Suggestions and volunteers are still welcome.

Interest has been expressed in M&E in emergency situations, collection and use of qualitative information (RAP, FGD), and in monitoring of empowerment and capacity building activities. Unicef will soon release PROMS. A 'roll-out plan' has been established whereby PROMS training must be given at every regional workshop. The M&E Workshop will have the honor of being the first in the series.

At the recent CPR review meeting, Kul Gautam noted donors often use "Logical Framework" analysis to define their programmes of assistance, and that it would be appreciated by them if Unicef did this more often. It was decided that "Log Frame" analyses should be a standard component of future "Integrated M&E Plans".

Wednesday 4th September

- a.m. Application of "Log frame" analysis to CP - Stephen Adkisson, Namibia
CRC monitoring - Francoise Gruloos, Madagascar
M&E of empowerment - Mahesh Patel, ESARO, (& Uganda ?)
Evaluation of capacity building - Arthur van Diesen, Namibia (& Zimbabwe?)
- p.m. Training in preparing Sectoral Expenditure Programmes (SEPs) - World Bank

Thursday 5th September

- a.m. *Non-emergency Countries*
Implications for COs, of NYHQ reorganization - NYHQ
Measurement of MMR: Technical Training - UNFPA CST Addis,
Use of biostatistics in evaluation - Consultant
Early warning and information systems for emergencies - Everett Ressler,
UNICEF/ESARO
- a.m. *Acute Emergency Countries: in parallel with MMR Measurement Training*
M&E for countries in acute emergencies - Coordinated by Everett Ressler
- p.m. PROMS Training (all countries)

Friday 6th September

- a.m. RAP - Pierette Vu Thi, Ethiopia
Community based evaluation - Nazim Mitha, Kenya
MTR as a M&E event - Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya (?)
- p.m. Monitoring CP implementation - I. Hopwood (E&RO), M. Betts, E. Morah
Application of the Country Programme Evaluation Protocol - E&RO, NYHQ
Wrap-up

	Angola	Burkina Faso	Burundi	Ethiopia	Eritrea	Guinea	Lesotho	Madagascar	Mali	Mozambique	Senegal	Swaziland	Tanzania	Uganda	Zimbabwe
20. Did Government Statistical Office have a multi-year survey plan?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Do not know	No	No	To be planned	To be determined	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
21. Is it planned to integrate MICS questions in Statistical Office survey plan?	Yes	A decision has not been made	No	Yes	Too early to say	Yes	To be discussed	Yes	?	To be planned	To be determined	Yes	Yes	No	No
22. Have results been used for national policy making?	N/A	N/A	?	No. Results not been officially released	Too early to say	?	No	No	Yes	Data analysis still in progress	To be determined	Do not know	??	EPI, Water Nutrition, IMR Sanitation, Education, USMR, MMR	Nutrition, Education, MICS Sentinel Surveys
23. What were the main problems experienced in implementing the survey?	Lack of demographic data materials for sampling limited access to some parts of the country due to insecurity	Implementation of survey has been delayed by 2 months. Data collection going to take longer due to the large sample size	?	Identifying Govt counterpart facilities. Emotional responses to mortality questions	Inadequate transportation facilities. Emotional responses to mortality questions	will be reported once process is over	Survey delayed due to census. Others anticipated due to pressure on participants	?	?	Lack of population data to develop a simple sample frame and apply simple method for sampling. Failure of counterpart in managing the implementation and analyzing of data. Logistics & communication problems in field work.	To be determined	Non-standardized data entry errors. Incomplete sampling due to late arrival of field staff. Delays in printing of modified questionnaire. Problems in starting of field work. Late release of funds	Transferring of funds from Dar es Salaam HQ caused delays in implementing MICS as scheduled	Problems in Kigoma district resulted in survey not being completed	No
24. What were the main lessons learned from this process?	N/A	More timely planning both on gov and UNICEF part to ensure that data is available on time.		Need for careful execution of field operations, discrepancy b/w pre-existing perceptions at national level of villages and grassroots realities	Need for careful execution of field operations, discrepancy b/w pre-existing perceptions at national level of villages and grassroots realities	Will be reported once entire process is over.	Survey to be carried out in May.	Need of taking more time for the design of questionnaire and training of supervisors and interviewers.	?	Negotiate better survey management with the counterpart. Use self-weighting sample design. Good training of interviewers and supervision of data collection. Make good plan for analysis of data.	To be determined	Lack of roles to be assigned early in the process. Supervision and quality control more difficult to participating bodies need to be actively involved. Data entry clerks need motivation.	More teams and vehicles needed if deadline was to be met. Deadline not met.	Patience pays	

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APPENDIX 3

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Parmeet Singh,
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Subject: Joint UNICEF/UNECA Sub-Regional M&E Workshop

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Please confirm your participation by 1st August and if there are items in the work programme in which you are not listed, but would like to participate, please do let us know, copied to Parmeet Singh UNECA (fax 251-1-514416).

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Monday 2 September

MICS survey design experience: CSO Zimbabwe

Wednesday 4 September

Evaluation of capacity building - CO Zimbabwe

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Zambia

Friday 6 September

Monitoring CP implementation - M. Betts

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Tanzania**

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Tuesday 3 September

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Monday 2 September

Common core of UN basic social indicators required for Africa: **CSO Mauritius**

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MICS survey design experience: CSO of Malawi

Friday 6 September

MTR as a M&E event - Malawi CO

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Madagascar CSO

Wednesday 4 September

CRC monitoring - **Francoise Gruloos, Madagascar**

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Integration of MICS into regular survey programmes and capacity building: CBS Kenya

Friday 6 September

Community based evaluation - Nazim Mitha, Kenya

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Friday 6th September
RAP - Pierrette Vu Thi, Ethiopia

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Wednesday 4 September

Application of "Log frame" analysis to CP - Stephen Adkisson, Namibia
Evaluation of capacity building - Arthur van Diesen, Namibia

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Implications for COs, of NYHQ reorganization - NYHQ with Planning

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Monitoring CP implementation - I. Hopwood (E&RO), M. Betts, E. Morah

Application of the Country Programme Evaluation Protocol - E&RO, NYHQ

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Status of MICS in Eastern and Southern Africa Region

Parmeet Singh & Mahesh Patel: summary table by Jane Mwangi
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Introduction

This joint review of experiences on MICS is based on a questionnaire sent to 23 Unicef country offices in the Eastern and Southern Africa Region (ESAR). Responses were received from 16 countries. This included all the larger countries in the region, excluding South Africa, which had not signed the World Summit Declaration and did not undertake a Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS). So the responses were representative and coverage is good.

The MICS initiative was promoted to verify progress that countries are making towards the Mid-Decade Goals (MDGs). The MDGs feature as a halfway point in many National Plans of Action which are being implemented for the attainment of World Summit for Children end-decade goals.

This review is prepared as an input to the forthcoming "Expert Working Group" meeting in Nairobi, 2-3 September 1996, where the sustainability of this initiative in collection of data on social indicators will be discussed and advanced.

Survey Features

The most common "main implementing partner" was a National Statistical Office (10/16), followed by a Ministry of Health (3/16), and then Ministry of Planning or Finance (2). Only 6 countries had a "permanent field survey capability" consisting of permanent field enumerators and/or supervisors. All but two countries are aiming to have completed their surveys by September, although only very few managed to make the reporting deadline of 30 May 1996.

The data to which the MICS results are being compared is often quite old. In half the countries responding, it was more than 5 years out of date (6/13). The standard to which MICS are being compared is almost always a DHS (6) or a Census survey (4). There were only two responses to the question on "whether any specific problems were encountered". Problems in making this comparison were reported, in one case relating to the definition of "oral rehydration therapy", and in the other case to differences between Government Ministries in the definitions of "rural" and "urban" areas.

The agreement between the MICS results and the previous reference survey were sometimes close (2/5) but quite often significantly different (3/5). This response did not specify whether differences were found for only one out of the many indicators,

or for many, so it is difficult to use it to explore the quality of MICS results. This issue will be explored in the workshop and in the presentation by Gareth Jones, Unicef HQ.

In all cases, except Somalia (for security reasons), MICS coverage was national. On the crucial issue of whether the MICS was implemented as a standalone survey (11/15), or integrated into ongoing surveys (4/15), the response was heavily skewed. The UNICEF contribution to the cost of the MICS Survey ranged from \$8,000 to \$200,000. In 8 countries it ranged between \$30,00 and \$80,000. The attached chart shows little relationship between the mode of implementation and the Unicef expenditure. Government expenditures are not included. There is a clear issue here, as two large countries, with similar per capita incomes and using similar sized samples, required a Unicef contribution of \$30,000 in one case and \$200,000 in the other.

Questionnaire

Most of the surveys covered a wide range of MDG indicators, usually the full range of compulsory indicators (immunization status, presence of diarrhoeal disease and associated use of oral rehydration therapy, presence of iodine in household salt, acute respiratory disease, nutritional status of children, availability of safe drinking water and latrines, and education of children). The optional indicators covered in some countries include infant and maternal mortality. Infant mortality was covered by 8/16 countries. Maternal mortality was covered by 5/16 countries. This information on maternal mortality should provide an interesting counterpoint to the UNICEF/WHO revised maternal mortality estimates currently being circulated!

Sample

Master frames were used to draw the sample in most (9/15) countries. The sample size varied from 1,100 to 14,000 households. The latter figure, for Botswana, is actually the sample for the DHS survey, into which the MICS was integrated. Several small or emergency countries used the very small sample size of about 1,100 households, which would give a national level estimate with a precision of plus or minus 10% on the most demanding indicators (EPI, ORT) and better precision on the rest, on the advice of the UNICEF Regional Office.

All but 4 countries are aiming to report on social indicators at the sub-national level. Quite a number of countries (7/11) are intending to report sampling errors. This is a new development in the region, and a real quality improvement. Sampling errors in household surveys have not normally been computed or reported previously.

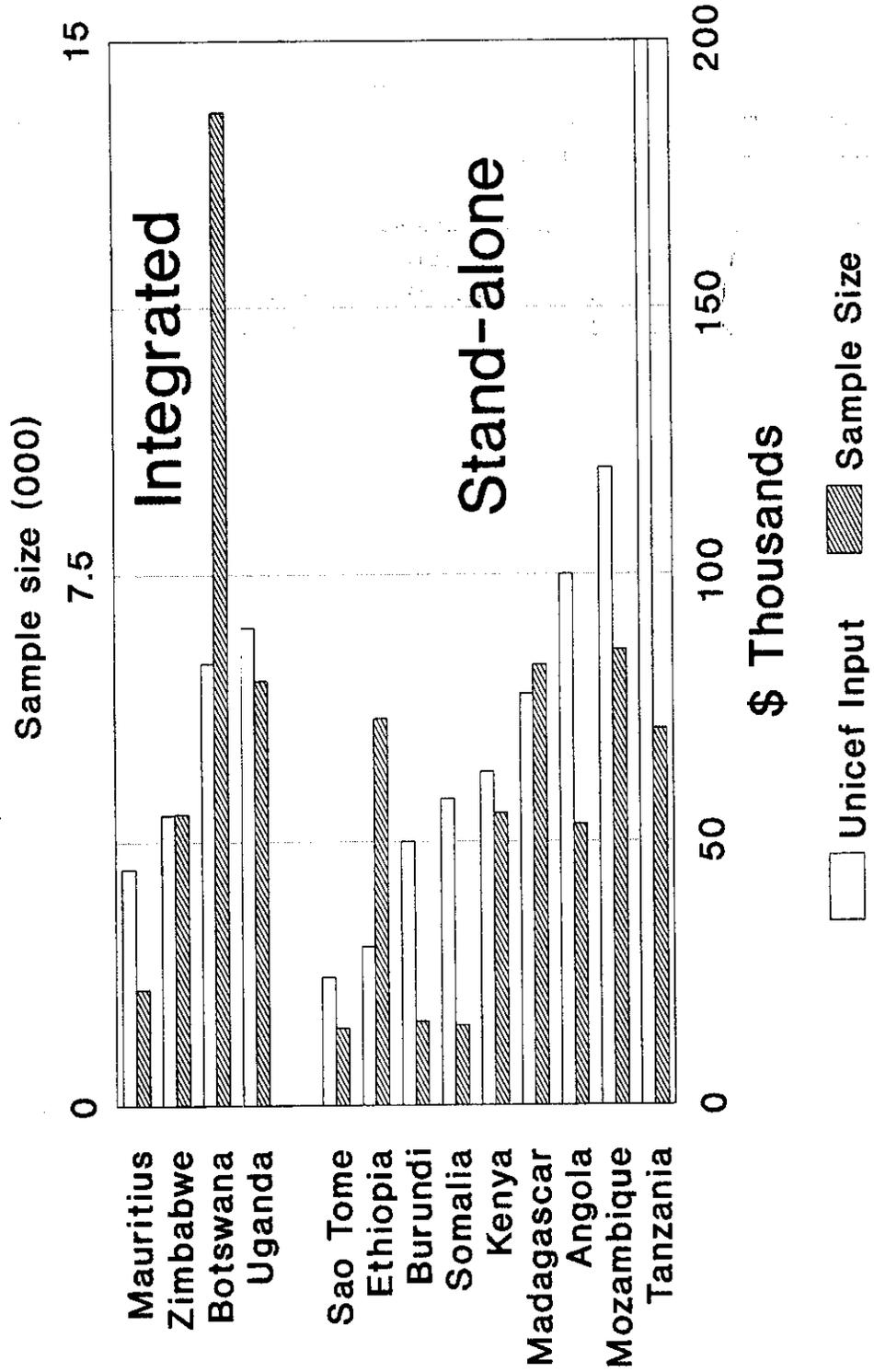
Follow-up issues

In most countries (8/15) the government statistical office has a multi-year survey plan. Half of these 8 countries plan to integrate MICS indicators into the routine survey plans in the future. In two additional countries the decision has not yet been made.

It is too early to report on whether these MICS results have influenced government policy or programme planning. They have in 3 countries, but most of the others have not yet released the data.

Lastly, the questions on "specific problems", "lessons learned", and "specific follow-up actions intended" yielded very varied responses. It is suggested that readers consult the attached table on responses to these three questions, and that these responses form the basis for discussions in the workshop.

MICS Costs by Survey Type



**COMMON CORE OF UN BASIC SOCIAL INDICATORS
REQUIRED FOR AFRICA**

DRAFT OUTLINE

1. Concept and definition

- Statistic whose upwards or downwards movement suggests improvement or deterioration in an aspect of social development.
- Difference between basic data and indicators.
- Single and composite indicators

2. Purposes and limitations of indicators

- objectives.
 - (i) To measure development or living standards (e.g. the Human Development Index or consumer price index);
 - (ii) to monitor progress towards the attainment of social goals (e.g a set of 34 indicators proposed by the Inter-Agency Working Group¹ (IWG) in 1991);
 - (iii) to monitor progress towards the attainment of specific targets in national/subnational programmes (e.g. indicators required to monitor the attainment of targets, say, in immunization programmes);
 - (iv) to evaluate programmes/projects (e.g. to measure successes in programme/project delivery such as required for some of the projects in UNFPA country programmes);
 - (v) element in forecasting or projections (e.g. estimating literacy rate in an African country by the year 2025).
- limitations
 - (i) intercountry comparisons may be misleading since definitions and concepts may not be standard (e.g. urban).
 - (ii) Subnational problems may not be highlighted by national indicators.
 - (iii) With respect to indexes, the resulting ranking of countries by indices may be completely at variance with what other objective assessments may yield. In

¹ Including UN Statistical Office, UNICEF (Headquarters) UNDP (Human Development Report Section) and UNFPA (Headquarters).

addition, there may be problems about what appropriate weights to use for the different components of the index.

3. Background to the development of indicators within the UN system.

- preparatory work by the UN Statistical Office (now Statistical Division) and UN Research Institute for Social Development.
- Work by other UN agencies (WHO, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, ILO).
- The IWG attempt to establish list of 34 core indicators and the limitations of the list as perceived in a few African countries.

4. Criteria for selecting Core Indicators

- should be relevant to programmes being monitored;
- data for computing indicator should either be readily available or could be made easily available.
- national priority should be accorded to the indicator (e.g Kenya accorded low priority to one of the indicators selected by the IWG namely the number of women holders among 100 agricultural holders because women holders in the traditional system were non-existent and no agrarian reforms were in place to change that situation).
- if two or more indicators are highly correlated, retaining the most sensitive of them makes sense (e.g crude death rate and life expectancy at birth are inversely highly correlated; thus retain only life expectancy at birth). However, some indicators like infant mortality should be retained even if they are highly correlated with other indicators since monitoring that indicator will form part of any action programme to reduce the unnecessary loss of infant lives.

5. The proposed common core for all sub-Saharan African

countries and the justification for the choice. The core will cover the following areas of interest to UNICEF, UNDP, WHO, UNESCO, and UNFPA: Demography, Health, Education, Children, Women and Social Development.

6. Conclusion

The selected indicators will constitute the core: Each country will need to supplement the list with additional indicators which are necessary for monitoring or evaluating national programmes.

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Measuring social poverty: Towards a more consistent measure of poverty differences between countries.

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Current poverty measures are unsatisfactory because income reporting in Africa yields poor data quality and countries have widely differing and somewhat arbitrarily defined poverty lines. This paper will work towards the definition of a measure of social poverty that would be based on a common set of verifiable social indicators that are currently covered in the MICS, or could easily be added:

Current measures of poverty are unsatisfactory for two reasons. Firstly, the statistic most commonly provided is the "percentage of population below the poverty line". This measure relies on nationally defined poverty lines and seems to yield information that is not useful for comparisons between countries. Table 1 below presents pci, HDI, and % of population below the poverty line in selected countries. While this information is not necessarily inconsistent, those who have visited these countries might still feel that "something is wrong" with the data.

Table 1: PCI, HDI and % of Population Below the Poverty Line

	PCI	HDI	% Below Poverty Line	
	\$	(high=good)	Urban	Rural
Kenya	\$ 270	434	10	55
Lesotho	\$ 650	476	50	55
Botswana	\$2,800	670	40	55
Somalia	\$ 120	217	40	70
Burundi	\$ 180	276	55	85

PCI and Poverty line data from SOWC 1996.

The fundamental problem is that being below the poverty line in a rich country is quite different from being below the poverty line in a poor one. For example, in Kenya (pci \$270) 10% of the urban population is below the poverty line. In Lesotho, (pci \$650) 50% is. In Botswana 55% of the

rural population is below the poverty line, the same figure as for Lesotho and Kenya. Yet pci in Botswana is \$2800. (Data from SOWC 1995)

Clearly, nationally defined poverty lines comprise a quite different actual levels of absolute poverty. The level of level of material wealth that is considered to be dire poverty in one country may be considered quite advantageous in another. Clearly, there is a need for some absolute measure that enables comparability between countries.

Various attempts have been made to enhance comparability between incomes in different countries, including by the use of purchasing power parity and household food basket price deflators.

Three further, but relatively minor disadvantages of the %BPL statistic are noted:

- Firstly, it is expensive to collect. To obtain household income, a long questionnaire is needed. It normally takes about xxx hours to administer.
- Secondly, people are quite reticent about revealing their income (and the degree of reticence varies between societies), with the effect that the results of the questionnaire are sometimes not very accurate.
- Thirdly, because the measure is income oriented, it gives little indication of the specific types of programme interventions that are most urgently required for poverty alleviation.

As an alternative to measurement of poverty by estimating the number of households below some national income threshold, alternatives measures of deprivation have been formulated, notably the *human development index*. This measure has the advantage of being composed of a number of socially and programme relevant parameters. It includes information on health and education, as well as on gender inequalities, and so can provide guidance on social development programme priorities.

However, the HDI is based purely on *aggregate statistics* published in statistical yearbooks while the %BPL measure is based on *household data*. So, as a simplistic example, the HDI would be identical in two societies: society A in which one half of the population lacked health

while the other half lacked education; and society B in which one half lacked both while the other half had both. The HDI, unlike the %BPL, is a measure of development, rather than distribution. Without going into detail, the Unicef "Progress of Nations" uses a third approach, based on regression analysis to estimate expected levels of progress in social indicators from GNP pc data, and defines on that basis sectoral "performance gaps". Again, aggregate national data are used, and the same limitations concerning information about distribution apply.

The challenge this paper faces is to propose a measure that has as many as possible of the advantages of both these measures, and as few of the disadvantages as possible. So, one is looking for a distribution sensitive measure (which must perforce be based on household level data), with good comparability between countries, that provides a measure of deprivation which is useful for prioritizing social development programmes.

It is difficult to compete with income as a summary measure of household poverty, in view of its long history. Still, in the poorest households, those which will fall below all national poverty lines, food would likely be at least 50% of household expenditure. Those same households are likely to suffer from lack of health and education services, poor drinking water and sanitation, and probably from surplus mortality. These factors, then, are proposed as the main dimensions for an internationally comparable measure of absolute poverty (MAP).

We could have, from MICS, at household level, percent of households with:

- water access, and
- sanitation access, and
- all children adequately nourished, (1-child malnutrition), and
- all relevant children (under 16) have reached grade 4, and
- all children in the household survived to age 5.

Table 2: Comparison of use of data

	Aggregate National Statistics			Disaggregate	
	HDI	GDI	Perf Gap	BPL	MAP
Income	X	X	X	X	
Nutrition					X
Health					X
Education	X	X	X		X
Mortality	X	X	X		X?
Wat San					X

Construction of a Social Poverty Measure:

Current poverty measures are unsatisfactory because income reporting in Africa yields poor data quality and countries have widely differing and somewhat arbitrarily defined poverty lines. This paper will work towards the definition of a measure of social poverty that would be based on a common set of verifiable social indicators that are currently covered in the MICS, or could easily be added.

PON distinguishes between positive and negative rights, and formulates an index using positive rights listed in the CRC based on :

- % adequately nourished,
- % reaching grade 4,
- (% surviving to age 5.)

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In order to be above a social poverty line, a household must have ALL the basic needs social facilities.

A household without one essential facility would be classified as in "mild poverty", without two as "poor" and without three as in "acute poverty".

Possible methodologies (in general):

use rankings, as with the Gender Development Index
use scaling, as with the HDI and Gender Empowerment Measure
use regression, and performance gaps, as with PON

but these have all been based on aggregate statistics at the national level.
The alternative, the World Bank approach, is based on income (as collected through relatively expensive household income and expenditure surveys), which is hard to measure, and is usually used in conjunction with locally defined threshold income levels that are NOT COMPARABLE between countries.

use points and weights with HH level data rather than national averages