

Annex 1 – Agenda

Regional meeting on measurement of early childhood development in Eastern and Southern Africa

October 24-27, 2023 – Ubumwe Grande Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda

Day 1: Tuesday 24 October

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
08:30-9:00	Arrival, registration	
09:00-10:00	Welcome Opening remarks Objectives, expected outcomes Introductions Official opening	Ozonnia Ojielo, UN Resident Coordinator Lynette Okengo, Africa Early Childhood Network Eugene Anangwe, Master of Ceremonies Dr. Valentine Uwamariya, Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion
10:00-10:30	Tea/coffee break + group photo	
10:30-11:15	Keynote address Creating enabling environments for early childhood development	Linda Richter, University of Witwatersrand
11:15-12:00	The situation for young children in Eastern and Southern Africa Overview Question and answer	Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF
12:00-12:30	What do the data tell us? Developing robust measurement systems that are relevant for ECD Overview Question and answer	Bernadette Daelmans, WHO
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
Population-level outcome and impact measures of ECD and how to interpret and use the data Chair: Magdalena Janus, McMaster University		
13:30-14:30	Rationale and overview of population-level measures of ECD: GSED, ECDI2030, AIM-ECD Rationale for monitoring ECD at population-level Overview of the purpose, similarities and differences of ECDI2030, GSED, AIM-ECD Question and answer	Nicole Petrowski, UNICEF Tarun Dua, WHO Diego Luna Bazaldua, World Bank

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14:30-15:30	Uptake, use and harmonization of population-level measures of ECD Regional uptake Implementation considerations and commonalities Harmonization efforts Question and answer	Nicole Petrowski, UNICEF Tarun Dua, WHO Diego Luna Bazaldua, World Bank Ibrahima Samba, World Bank
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-17:00	Working together to improve the availability and use of population-level data on ECD Country examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Republic of Tanzania • Mozambique • Kenya • Angola • Rwanda Plenary discussion	Moderator: Magdalena Janus United Republic of Tanzania: Elinzoo Nicodem, Principal statistician, National Bureau of Statistics Mozambique: Dr. Néllia Mutisse, National Professional Officer - Child and Adolescent Health, WHO Kenya: Beuter Obura, Statistician - Education Statistics, National Bureau of Statistics Angola: Dr. Ketha Rubuz Francisco, Head of Primary Care Services, National Directorate of Public Health Rwanda: Francois Abalikumwe, Health Statistician and Demographic Survey, National Institute of Statistics Rwanda

Day 2: Wednesday 25 October

National monitoring and evaluation frameworks for ECD: Peer learning and areas for improvement

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
08:30-9:00	Arrival, registration	Tina Asnake, World Bank Boniface Kakhobwe, UNICEF
09:15-09:45	Country profiles for ECD Overview Question and answer	Linda Richter, University of Witwatersrand
09:45-10:15	Gaps and new developments Overview Question and answer	Bernadette Daelmans, WHO Nicole Petrowski, UNICEF

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10:45 - 12:10	Regional ECD policy landscape Overview: From policy to action Overview of multi-sectoral ECD policies in Eastern & Southern Africa Country examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rwanda (coordination and implementation) • United Republic of Tanzania (costed plan) • Malawi • Ethiopia (ECD/ECDE policy) • Zimbabwe • Uganda Question and answer	Chemba Raghavan, UNICEF Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF Moderator: Maniza Ntekim, Hilton Foundation Rwanda: Gilbert Munyemana, Deputy Director General of the National Child Development Agency United Republic of Tanzania: Abel Sengasenga, Assistant Director Policy and Planning, Ministry of Community Development Gender Women and Special Groups Malawi: Justin Hamela, Director Child Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare Ethiopia: Wegen Shiferaw Shirka, National Professional Officer, Child and Adolescent Health, WHO Zimbabwe: Mavis Dembedza, National Scaling -Up Nutrition Facilitator, Food and Nutrition Council Uganda: Rogers Golooba, Senior Probation and Welfare Officer, ECD focal person and coordinator, Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development
12:10-13:00	Monitoring progress in implementation of ECD policies: M&E Frameworks Country examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zimbabwe (M&E framework) • United Republic of Tanzania (ECD dashboard) • Rwanda (Scorecard) • Kenya (KDHS ECD module findings with equity focus) Question and answer	Zimbabwe: Mavis Dembedza, National Scaling -Up Nutrition Facilitator, Food and Nutrition Council United Republic of Tanzania: Alinune Nsemwa, ECD Specialist, UNICEF Rwanda: Nicole Kiberinka, Innovation & Homegrown Solutions Research Analyst/Rwanda Governance Board Kenya: Janette Karimi, Head, Division of Newborn and Child Health, Ministry of Health
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Marketplace Countries present their policy, M&E Framework and other relevant materials	Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
16:00-17:00	Report back High-level observations	Boniface Kakhobwe, UNICEF Teshome Desta, WHO

Day 3: Thursday 26 October

Availability and integration of data at national and subnational levels and its utilization to strengthen programme implementation

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:15	Recap day 2 Overview of Day 3	Safila Telatela, WHO Janet Kayita, WHO
09:15-10:00	Using data to strengthen systems Overview Country examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uganda South Africa (DataDrive2030) Plenary discussion	Patricia Martin-Wiesner, WHO Uganda: Safina Mutumba, Principal Education Officer, Pre-primary Education, Ministry of Education and Sports, Basic Education (pre-primary focal person) South Africa: Sonja Giese, Executive Director, DataDrive2030
10:00 – 11:00	Routine Management Information Systems: challenges and opportunities Routine management information systems Country examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uganda: Overview of Health MIS Malawi: Nutrition information system Zambia: Integrating ECD indicators into the routine health information system Question and answer	Hillary Kipruto, WHO Uganda: Dr Migadde Deogratias, Senior Medical Officer - Reproductive and Child Health, Ministry of Health Malawi: Felix Pensulo Phiri, Director of Nutrition, Department of Nutrition, Ministry of Health Zambia: Vichaël Silavwe, Chief IMCI Officer & ECD focal point, Ministry of Health; David Ngula, Principal M&E Officer, M&E Unit, Ministry of Health
11:00-11:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:30-12:30	Breakout groups Sector-specific groups. Guided discussion.	Patricia Martin-Wiesner, WHO
12:30-13:00	Report back	Shekufeh Zonji, ECDAN
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:15	Monitoring programme implementation Overview Country examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethiopia: Pre-primary/O class inspection tool Mozambique: USAID Advancing Nutrition Rwanda: National minimum standards of ECD services Plenary discussion	Mark Tomlinson & Marguerite Marlow, Institute of Life Course Health Research at Stellenbosch University Ethiopia: Effa Gurumu Bati, Chief Executive for Educational Assessment and Research, National Measurement Agency Mozambique: Cat Kirk, Senior Technical Advisor, Early Childhood Care and Development, USAID Rwanda: Diane Iradakunda, Acting Head of Child Development, Protection and Promotion Department, National Child Development Agency

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15:15-16:30	Monitoring children's development Early identification: overview of and reflections on current measures and approaches Country examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mozambique (MDAT/IDEC) • Rwanda (tools for early identification) Plenary discussion	Magdalena Janus, McMaster University Edward Kija, MUHAS Mozambique: Katia Melita Mangujo, Nutritionist, Ministry of Health Rwanda: Diane Iradakunda, Acting Head of Child Development, Protection and Promotion Department, National Child Development Agency
16:30	Tea/Coffee & End of Day	

Day 4: Friday 27 October

Priority actions to advance ECD-relevant measurement at country level, as well as the supportive role of regional and global entities

Time	Topic/Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:20	Recap day 3 Overview of Day 4	Zewelangi Serpell, UNICEF Zambia Foster Kholowa, UNICEF Malawi Sheila Manji, WHO
09:20-10:00	New developments Latest developments in measuring child development Question and answer	Sunil Sazawal, Johns Hopkins University/Centre for Public Health Kinetics
10:00-11:00	Group work: Country planning Each country to agree on priority actions, and identify support required	Sheila Manji, WHO
11:00 – 11:20	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:20 - 12:30	Report back Each country spokesperson to share their two priority actions	Sheila Manji, WHO
12:30-13:00	Closing Closing remarks & commitments on behalf of co-convening organizers Highlights video Official closing	Oliver Petrovic, UNICEF Janet Kayita, WHO Assumpta Ingabire, Director General, National Child Development Agency, Government of Rwanda
13:00	Lunch & End of Meeting	