

# Data to Accelerate Progress to Deliver Results for Children

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Item 4 (a): Country programme documents  
Reference documents: E/ICEF/2023/P/L.18–E/ICEF/2023/P/L.29,  
E/ICEF/2023/P/L.21/Corr.1 and E/ICEF/2023/P/L.24/Corr.1



# Data drive progress for children and save lives

**Good data**  
offer **critical guidance** to  
**governments and communities**  
when faced with **decisions**  
in an increasingly  
**complex and resource-**  
**constrained world.**

**And UNICEF is the most credible source  
of data for children.**



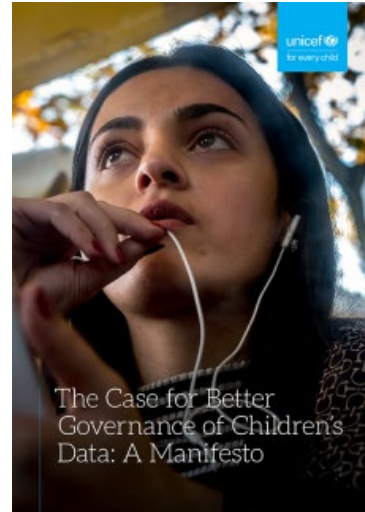
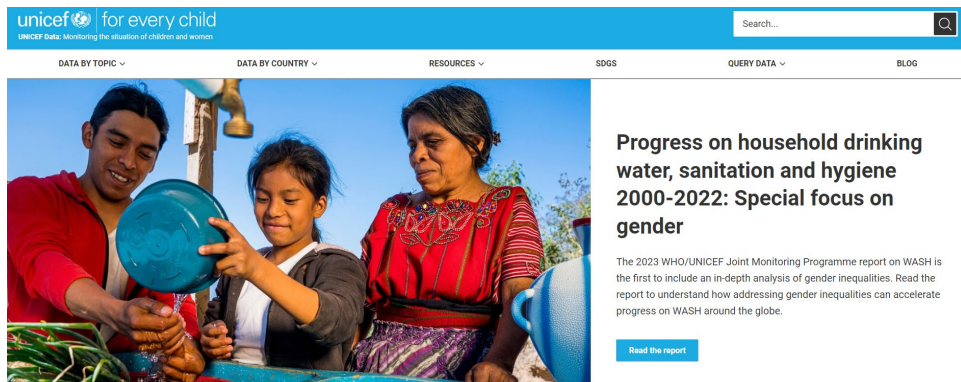
# UNICEF: Global data assets for children

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Global standards and norms

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Collect, analyse and curate data for decision-making



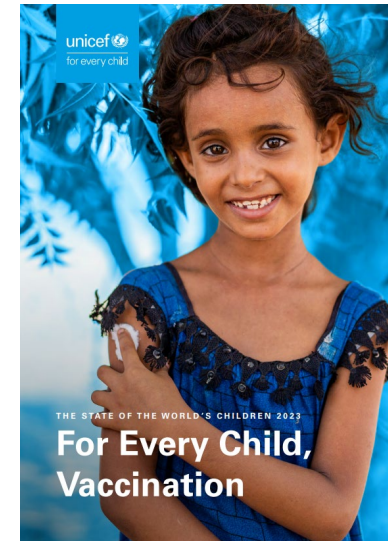
## ABOUT MICS

Since the mid-1990s, 118 countries have carried out one or more Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys, generating data on key indicators on the well-being of children and women, and helping shape policies for the improvement of their lives.

28  
Years

120  
Countries

356  
Surveys



Invest in data to get better return on development investments

# Decades of partnership with countries to enhance evidence for the well-being of children

## Strengthening country and global data systems

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Survey systems  
Administrative data systems  
Systematic use of Big Data

## Disaggregating data

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Analytics for policy change

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Data Partnerships

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## Harness and protect Frontier Data

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Protecting private data,  
responsible data use

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## Newer issues:

- Climate and children
- Adolescent mental health
- Children with disabilities
- Data readiness

Use the data at local level

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Child and youth participation

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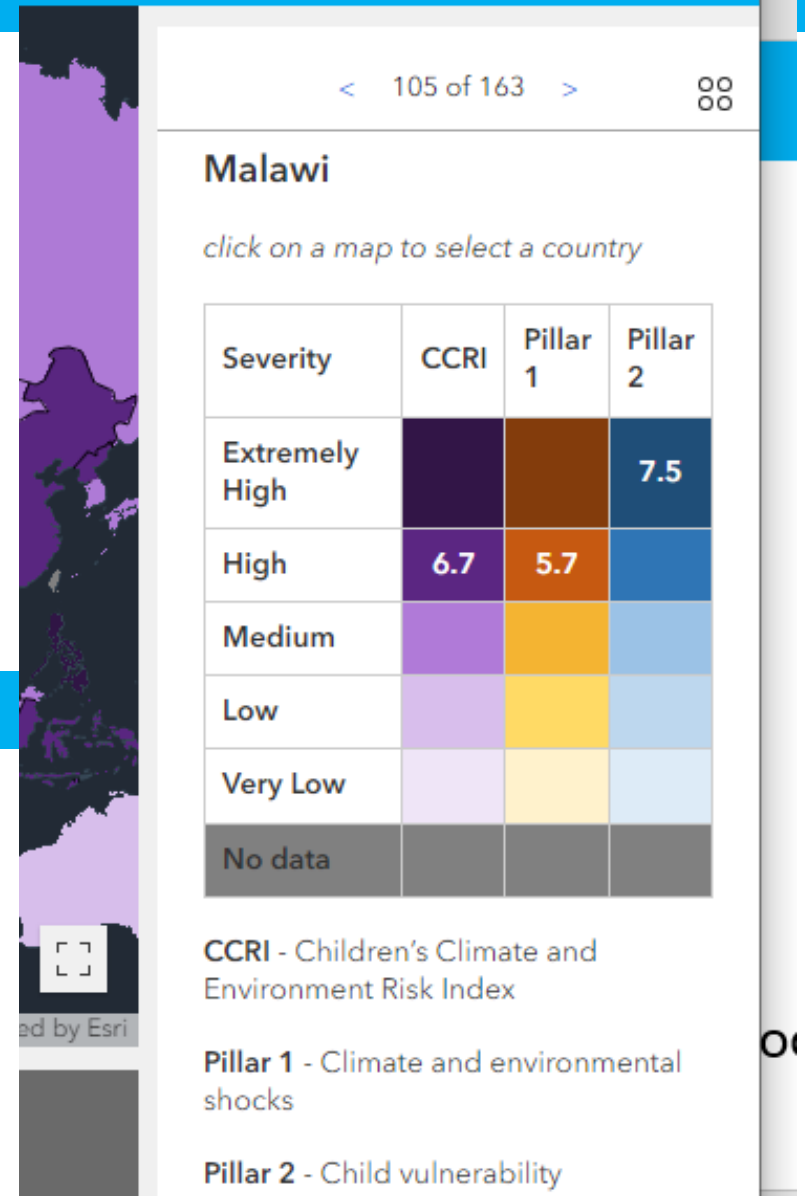
# Impact of climate change on children

If we don't know how the climate emergency impacts children at local level, we can't work together to build resilience.

This is a new data issue, yet funding is declining while demand is increasing.

- We have mapped impact at national level, but need to know at local levels for effective programming.
  - This requires spatial analysis combined with vulnerability mapping

Interactive Atlas (beta version, Aug 2021)



# Financing data is an investment in development

According to PARIS21

↓  
**16%**

One-year  
decrease in  
funding to data  
and statistics  
worldwide in  
2020

PARIS21\* estimate **\$425 million extra per year** for lower- and middle-income countries to be able to measure SDGs

\*Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century

## Key Asks on Data

- Address **data gaps** and **demand actionable data**
- **Funding data is not an afterthought** – need for dedicated funding and long-term investments
- Create **influential data partnerships** to increase sustainable funding for data and national statistical systems strengthening in every country
- Join global **data governance** discussions, use **digital and data compact** to drive data innovation

“Data –  
when used responsibly –  
is the **bedrock of a  
sustainable future.**

“Let’s find new ways to  
harness and apply this **vital  
resource** and shape a  
better tomorrow for all  
people.”

United Nations Secretary-General,  
António Guterres





Thank you.