

Evidence for Children Roundtable #EvidenceForChildren

(incorporating the launch of the Campbell Collaboration-UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti
Megamap on Child Welfare in Low and Middle Income Countries)

Ford Foundation, New York City - 27th-28th June 2018

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 27 th June (focus on advocacy for more evidence synthesis for children)		
08.30-09.00 Registration		
09.00-09.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Welcome and housekeeping -Welcome Remarks- the importance of evidence informed decision-making for children in the SDG era 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kerry Albright, Chief Research Facilitation & Knowledge Management, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti (5 mins) - Shahida Azfar, Deputy Executive Director-Partnerships, UNICEF (10 mins)
09.15-09.45	<p><i>Session Theme: The Need for Better Evidence for Children</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why evidence matters in aid agencies today - The need for an improved evidence architecture for int. development -Q&A incl. Shahida Azfar (10 mins) 	<p><i>Chair: Laurence Chandy, Director- Division of Data, Research and Policy, UNICEF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jodi Nelson, Senior Vice President, Policy & Practice, International Rescue Committee (10 mins) - Howard White, Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Collaboration (10 mins)
09.45-10.15	<p><i>Session Theme: How UNICEF is working to build an evidence culture within the organization</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A Vision for Evidence at UNICEF (where we've come from and where we hope to go) -Why UNICEF co-funded the MegaMap -Q&A (10 mins) 	<p><i>Chair: Jeannie Annan, Director of Research & Evaluation, International Rescue Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laurence Chandy, Director- Division of Data, Research and Policy, UNICEF (10 mins) - Kerry Albright, Chief Research Facilitation & Knowledge Management, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti (10 mins)
10.15- 10.45 Refreshment Break		

10.45-12.00	<p><i>Session Theme: Improved Evidence Synthesis, Mapping and Coordination for Children</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Launch of the Megamap for Child Welfare in Low and Middle Income Countries -Key findings and next steps <p>Discussant - IRC reaction and reflections on potential use and complementary initiatives at IRC, particularly in humanitarian contexts</p> <p>Discussant - ECFG reaction and reflections on similarities and differences to ECFG’s own mapping exercise on evidence for children</p> <p>-Q&A (15 mins)</p>	<p><i>Chair: Ellen Piwoz, Senior Program Officer-Nutrition, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Howard White, Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Collaboration (30 mins) - Nicole Behnam, Senior Technical Director of Violence Prevention and Response Technical Unit, International Rescue Committee (15 mins) - Ghazal Keshavarzian, Director-Elevate Children Funders Group (15 mins)
12.00-13.00	<p><i>Session Theme: Pioneering evidence-informed decision-making in government and NGOs’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need for user-centric approaches. IRC organizational experiences with evidence mapping approaches to improve programs – using both impact, cost and implementation research -Building capacity for evidence synthesis and use in LMIC settings -Working with NGOs and governments in low -income and conflict-affected countries to develop and evaluate innovative approaches <p>Q&A/Discussion (20 mins)</p>	<p><i>Chair: Priscilla Idele, Deputy Director, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeannie Annan, Director of Research & Evaluation, International Rescue Committee (20 mins) - Racha Fadlallah, Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative/Centre for Systematic Reviews of Health Policy and Systems Research (10 mins) - Lawrence Aber, Global TIES for Children (10 mins)
13.00- 14.00 Lunch		
14.00-14.45	<p><i>Groupwork and interactive session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Group Task: How do we stimulate better uptake and use of evidence for designing child-related policy and programs within our own organizations? 	<p><i>Facilitator: Dave Algosio, Dave Algosio Consulting</i></p>
14.45-15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quick Feedback to Plenary -Discussion 	<p><i>As above</i></p>

15.00- 15.30 Refreshment Break		
15.30- 16.15	<p><i>Groupwork and interactive session</i></p> <p>-Group Task: What do we need to do to ensure better coordination amongst those commissioning and using evidence for children globally?</p>	<p><i>Facilitator: Sarah Schmidt- Deputy Chief of Party USAID LEARN</i></p>
16.15- 16.30	<p>-Quick Feedback to Plenary</p> <p>-Discussion</p>	<p><i>As above</i></p>
16.30- 16.45	<p>-Take home reflections from three Roundtable participants</p>	<p><i>Chair: Howard White, Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Collaboration</i></p> <p>- Dwan Kaoukji, Director of Evidence, Girl Effect /Nike Foundation, (5 mins)</p> <p>-Karie Brown, Vice President - Grants, Comic Relief (5 mins)</p> <p>- Esther Goh, Early Childhood Development Specialist, Bernard van Leer Foundation (5 mins)</p>
16.45-17.00	<p>-Closing Remarks and Next Steps</p>	<p>-Laurence Chandy, Director- Division of Data, Research and Policy, UNICEF (15 mins)</p>
17.00	<p>-End of day one</p>	
Thursday 28th June (focus on capacity-building and lesson-learning for evidence practitioners)		
09.00- 09.30 Registration		
09.30- 10.30	<p><i>Theme: The Importance of Evidence Synthesis</i></p> <p>-Introduction to commissioning and conducting Evidence and Gap Maps (EGMs)</p> <p>-What EGMs don't capture</p> <p>-Q&A (15 mins)</p>	<p><i>Chair: Annie Duflo, Executive Director, Innovations for Poverty Action</i></p> <p>-Howard White, Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Collaboration (45 mins)</p>
10.30- 11.00 Refreshment Break		
11.00- 12.30	<p><i>Groupwork and Interactive Session</i></p> <p>- Chance for workshop participants to have hands on engagement with the MegaMap on Child Welfare in LMIC's to:</p> <p>* find evidence they might not be familiar with and identify how this could help inform what they are doing</p>	<p><i>Facilitator: Howard White, Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Collaboration</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * find gaps and prioritize the most important/pressing questions to answer in their sectors. * give feedback on utility and design 	
12.30- 13.30	Lunch	
13.30- 14.30	<p><i>Theme: Putting the User First</i></p> <p>-Getting user perspectives built into evidence synthesis for children</p> <p>- Q&A/Discussion (15 mins)</p>	<p><i>Chair: George Laryea-Adjei, Director of Evaluation, UNICEF</i></p> <p>- Taitos Matafeni, Head of Impact, Innovation and Evidence, Save the Children UK (15 mins)</p> <p>- Ekwaro Obuku, Centre Co-ordinator Africa Centre for Systematic Reviews and Knowledge Translation (15 mins)</p> <p>-Ajay Kumar Khera, Deputy Commissioner (Child Health and Immunization), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (15 mins)</p>
14.30- 15.30	<p><i>Theme: The Political Realities of Evidence Uptake</i></p> <p>-Evidence Uptake and Ongoing Challenges to Strengthening Evidence-informed Decision-making</p> <p>-Q&A/Discussion (15 mins)</p>	<p><i>Chair: Ian Thorpe, Chief- Learning and Knowledge Exchange, UNICEF</i></p> <p>-Trevor Butterworth, Executive Director- Sense About Science USA (15 mins)</p> <p>-David Ameyaw, CEO/President, International Center for Evaluation and Development, Andrews University (15 mins)</p> <p>-Kerry Albright, Chief Research Facilitation & Knowledge Management, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti (15 mins)</p>
15.30- 15.45	Closing Remarks and Takeaways	<p>-Jeannie Annan, Director of Research & Evaluation, International Rescue Committee (5 mins)</p> <p>-Howard White, Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Collaboration (5 mins)</p> <p>-Kerry Albright, Chief Research Facilitation & Knowledge Management, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti (5 mins)</p>
15.45	Close of Roundtable	