Assessing and Monitoring Child Friendly Communities and Cities

Supporting advocacy and capacity building in local governance

November 25-27, 2009
Rome, Italy

Agenda

Within the framework of the Child Friendly Cities Research initiative - a partnership between UNICEF IRC and Childwatch International, with the collaboration of Children’s Environments Research Group (CERG) - the workshop aims to critically analyse the newly developed child friendly communities and cities assessment tools and to review the process to support their effective use in selected countries. Monitoring and assessment of child friendly cities and communities through these innovative tools will support advocacy efforts for the fulfilment of children’s rights and will contribute to promoting the development and implementation of child friendly policies and programmes at the local level. The workshop will provide an opportunity to review existing monitoring and assessment methods, to share experiences on related strengths and weaknesses, to analyse the newly developed assessment toolkit and to agree on a common framework for its use at the local level.

November 25

Morning

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome remarks and introduction to the assessment process and the Research – IRC, UNICEF Italy and CERG

9:30 – 11:15 Meeting the Cities – Country teams
Informal tour of an Interactive Exhibit of the 12 Child Friendly Municipalities and a Sample Community from each one
Facilitator: Christoph Baker

Coffee break included

11:15 -13:00 State of Child Friendly Cities and Communities Monitoring and Assessment mechanisms
Introduction on existing mechanisms – Roger Hart
Country presentations and discussion – Country teams
Facilitator: Christoph Baker

Countries will be invited to speak about the existing methods and the gaps they see in the current methods.
13:00 -14:00 Lunch

Afternoon

14:00 – 14:30 Introduction to the Child Friendly Community Assessment and Monitoring Tools – Pamela Wridt

The Community Assessment Tools are designed to assess to what degree cities fulfil children’s rights by involving beneficiaries, in particular children and their parents.

14:30 – 17:30 Experiences from Piloting the Child Friendly Community Assessment Tools
- Brazil – Ana Lima and Katia Edmundo
- The Philippines – Marita Castro Guevara and Mary Racelis
- CERG – Roger Hart
Facilitator: Selim Iltus

The two country teams will present the outcomes, lessons learned and challenges of the piloting experience in their country.

November 26

Morning

9:00 – 11:00 Adapting the Child Friendly Community Assessment Tool to country contexts

Working groups

Facilitator: Roger Hart

A particular focus will be placed on modifying the indicators to be appropriate for different countries. Each group will review the tools and propose additional indicators that may be relevant to each member’s context and experiences.

The groups will be as follows:
Group 1 – Italy, France, Spain and Russia (Resource persons: Pamela Wridt and Ray Lorenzo)
Group 2 – Brazil, Dominican Republic and South Africa (Resource persons: Dora Giusti and Selim Iltus)
Group 3 – Philippines, India, Jordan and Sudan (Resource persons: Anupama Nallari and Roger Hart)

11:00 -11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:15 Introduction to the Child Friendly Governance Assessment Tools – Selim Iltus

The Child Friendly Governance Assessment Tools test the pertinence of local government structures and processes to the fulfilment of children’s rights. They are addressed to municipal officers.
12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

Afternoon

13:15 – 15:00 Adapting the Child Friendly Governance tools to country contexts

Working groups

Facilitator: Selim Il tus

Three groups will be formed as above. Each group will review the content and suggest amendments/comments. Special focus will be given to the complementarity between the two sets of tools. (Resource persons: Pamela Wridt, Anupama Nallari and Ray Lorenzo)

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45 Adapting the Child Friendly Governance tools to country contexts

Plenary and discussion

Each group, through a rapporteur, will present the key results, amendments and additions. An open discussion will follow.

17:00-18:00 Mapping with children – Pamela Wridt

This workshop looks into possibilities of involving children in the assessment of issues identified in the child friendly community tools. The method described will be optional and not part of the research process.

November 27

Morning

8:45 – 12:30 Using the Child Friendly Community and Governance Assessment Tools – Pamela Wridt and Roger Hart

This section will offer a step by step review and open discussion of the assessment process. It reviews the process to carry out the community and governance tools, starting from the selection of the community, methods for interviews, focus groups with beneficiaries and sessions with the municipal authorities, analysis of data, using data for a plan of action and advocacy work. It will be an open session in which participants can interact.

Coffee break included

12:30-13:30 Lunch

Afternoon
13:30 – 15:00 Documenting and reporting the assessment process – *Dora Giusti and Roger Hart*

a) Methods for the on-going critical evaluation of the process

*A introduction to ways of observing the process and for building evaluation into the community facilitation process and into the use of the governance tools*

b) On-going discussion and documentation of the process through the wiki -website

*A introduction to tracking progress through the wiki space available on the CFC website; how to upload information*

c) Format for the final reports

*A review of the reporting format for the preparation of the final country website.*

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:15 Organising and Presenting Indicators through DevInfo – *Sameer Thapar*

*This session will include a short presentation on Dev Info and its application with regard to the research.*

16:15 – 16:45 Communicating internationally between the 11 countries – *Roger Hart and Dora Giusti*

*This session will clarify the flow of communication and means of communications between all actors*

Break

17:00 -18:00 Opportunities, challenges and questions – open discussion

_Facilitator: Selim Iltus_

18:00 – 18:30 Summing up and closure – *Roger Hart and Dora Giusti*