INTER-AGENCY AND EXPERT GROUP ON THE MEASUREMENT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

TransMonEE Network Meeting of National Statistical Offices in Europe and Central Asia

Vienna, Austria, 26-27 November 2019
IAEG-VAC membership

- 55 representatives from **27 countries** (9 from Europe and Central Asia, 9 from Africa, 1 from Middle East, 4 from the Americas, 4 from Asia)

- UNICEF to act as **chair** for first 2 years (2018-2020)

- **Observer status** may be granted on ad-hoc basis to technical experts/organizations (e.g., other UN agencies, regional bodies etc.)

- **Technical Advisory Group** may be established (academics and experts from selected research institutes, universities etc.)
Core functions

• Develop tools and guidelines for collecting data on violence against children

• Support the development of a statistical classification/codebook of VAC with common operational definitions

• Develop capacity-building initiatives to strengthen and enhance national/local capacity to collect, analyze and use data on violence against children

• Forge partnerships
Expert meeting in Nov 2018: Key takeaways

• Strong, and unanimous, request that government ownership be maintained, and that countries must retain a clear leading role in the decision-making process and ownership over the final product.

• Concerns about sustainability and national capacity and therefore strong preference to focus efforts on developing a core set of validated questionnaires/modules that can be integrated into existing data collection efforts.

• Central and core role of countries to ensure independence and build capacity - core members will only be country representatives from NSOs and relevant line ministries.
Guidelines on the Production of Data on Violence against Children

• Comprehensive methodological and ethical guidelines for the production of data on VAC (from surveys and administrative sources) based on existing best practices

• Technical guidance on the necessary steps for designing, planning and implementing national data collection on VAC

• Content of the draft is currently being reviewed by IAEG-VAC members
Statistical Classification on VAC

• Identified need to have comprehensive operational definitions of VAC and develop a statistical codebook/classification of all forms of VAC

• Built in consistence with International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) and following the UNSD principles on statistical classification

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• Final draft expected to be presented at a side event during the 2020 UN Statistical Commission
Any sexual activities imposed by an adult on a child against which the child is entitled to protection by criminal law.

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<td>0301</td>
<td>Sexual abuse of a child (0301)</td>
<td>Unwanted and unwelcomed sexual act against a child, attempt to obtain a sexual act from a child or contact or communication with a child with unwanted and unwelcomed sexual attention without consent or with consent as a result of intimidation, force, fraud, coercion, threat, deception, use of drugs or alcohol, or abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability</td>
<td>Causing a child to engage in acts of a sexual nature with a third person;</td>
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<td>Exploitation of a child (03021) child pornography (03022), harassment (0201)</td>
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<td>Rape of a child</td>
<td>Engaging in vaginal, anal or oral penetration of a sexual nature of the body of a child with any bodily part or object with or without the use of force</td>
<td>Statutory rape (030113), attempted rape, etc.</td>
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<td>03012</td>
<td>Sexual touching of a child</td>
<td>Engaging in acts of a sexual nature with a child with or without the use of force not amounting to rape</td>
<td>Unwanted groping, foundling or other touching (030121);</td>
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<td>Apply to all inclusions under sexual touching of a child (03012), etc;</td>
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<td>Non-physical sexual acts on a child</td>
<td>Any form of isolated or persistent verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature with the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a child.</td>
<td>Contact or communication with unwanted sexual attention; etc.</td>
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<td>Apply all inclusions listed under rape of a child (03011).</td>
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<td>Sexual exploitation of a child (03022)</td>
<td>The exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices as well as in pornographic performances and materials.</td>
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Toolkit on Administrative Data on VAC

• Diagnostic toolkit to assist countries in self-assessing the current state of efforts and capacities to collect admin data on VAC

• Countries are scored on data availability and efficiency (ability to produce data on core set of indicators and process/systems for collecting, analysis and disseminating the data)

• Includes both a national tool and 5 sector specific tools (education, health, social welfare, police, justice)
Structure and content of the diagnostic tool

Part 1 includes National and Sector-Specific Tools, including:

1. National Diagnostic and Scoring Tool
2. Education Diagnostic and Scoring Tool
3. Health Diagnostic and Scoring Tool
4. Social Welfare/Child Protection Diagnostic and Scoring Tool
5. Police Diagnostic and Scoring Tool
6. Justice (Prosecution and Courts) Diagnostic and Scoring Tool

Part 2 includes overall Diagnostic and Scoring Form that can should be use to generate total scores from each of the national and sector-specific diagnostic and scoring tools.

- National Diagnostic Scores
- Education Diagnostic Scores
- Health Diagnostic Scores
- Social Welfare/Child Protection Diagnostic Scores
- Police Diagnostic Scores
- Justice (Prosecution and Courts) Diagnostic Scores
Survey Module on Sexual Violence

• Conducted a desk review/scoping exercise of existing questions and tools used to measure sexual violence against children

• Accompanying inventory of all the relevant questions included in the identified tools

• Measure expected to collect data on the experience of sexual violence in childhood among young adults (men and women aged 18 and older)
THANK YOU