

GlobalChild: A rights-based data-centric approach to child development



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Under the guidance of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, we (a group of international researchers, child rights advocates, and child health and development experts) have embarked on the crucial task of operationalizing every right in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and creating indicator sets for them. The result of these 5 years of intense research and development is the GlobalChild platform; the world's first comprehensive child rights monitoring tools.

The GlobalChild is a tool for accountability and has been developed based on the SPO model recommended by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. For each right under the CRC, we have developed an indicator set comprised of three categories of indicators: Structure-related (policies and laws), Process-related (Programs and mechanisms), and Outcome-related (change in children's lives) indicators. The structure- and process-related indicators will help to verify how the governments- as the primary duty bearers under the CRC- are upholding their obligations to their children. The outcome indicators, on the other hand, will help us to assess how are children-as the rights holders- enjoying the fulfillment of their rights.

This presentation will provide an account of a decade of foundational work that led to the inception of the idea of a platform to improve States Parties' accountability to children. it will then describe the consultative manner through which the GlobalChild was developed; from consultation with over 150 experts to the Global Child Rights Dialog, through which we slected the opinions of over 2000 children from 41 countries across the globe and how both sets of feedback were incorporated into the indicator sets of the GlobalChild.

The presentation will continue by outlining what is ahead by sharing the plans for r

The Canadian Launch of the GlobalChild platform which will take place through a webinar on December the 13th, 2021, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the CRC ratification of Canada. Lastly, the presentation will close by describing the state of the first pilot of the tool the New Brunswick (NB) pilot, as well as the upcoming potential international pilots.

This presentation will provide the history, current status, and the plans ahead for GlobalChild.