



Measuring Early Childhood Development in the SDGs: UNICEF's Ongoing Activities on Indicator 4.2.1

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Target 4.2 and Indicators

*Ensure that, by 2030, all girls and boys have access to quality **early childhood development**, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education*

Indicator 4.2.1

*Proportion of children under age 5 years who are **developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being***

Indicator 4.2.2

4.2.2 Participation rate in organized learning (one year before the official primary entry age), by sex

SDG Target 4.2 – Indicator 4.2.1

- UNICEF identified as the custodian agency - supporting agencies: UNESCO-UIS and OECD
- 4.2.1 is a Tier III indicator: This means there is no internationally established methodology or standards yet available for the indicator, but methodology/standards are being developed.
- MICS-ECDI currently used as an proxy measure – e.g. for reporting in Secretary-General’s Annual SDG Progress Reports

Challenges of Population-level measurement of ECD

- Limited availability of comparable measures of children's developmental outcomes at population level, particularly in low & middle income countries
- Only a handful measures until 7-8 years ago, and confined to
 - Selected countries
 - Primarily using direct assessments, school based or clinical measures
- Absence of an established reporting mechanism

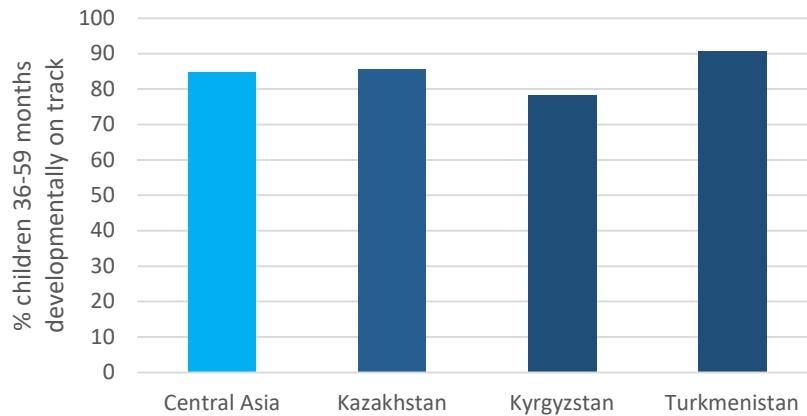
Population-level measurement of ECD- UNICEF's experience

In mid-2000s, UNICEF set out to develop a tool to measure key domains of child development

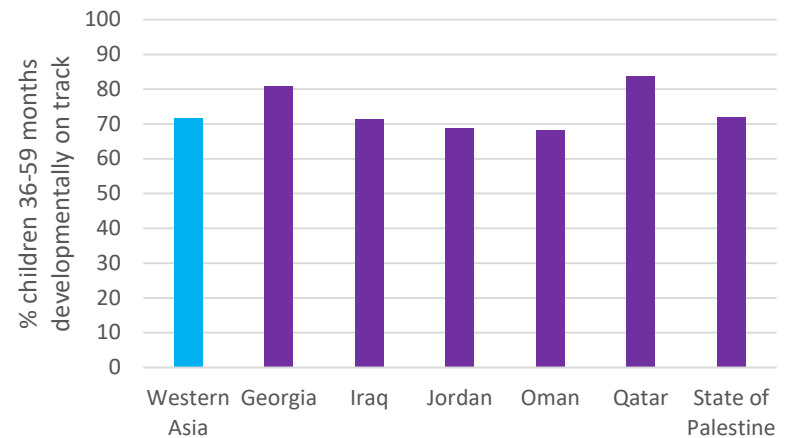
Using the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) programme as the platform, and for possible use in other household surveys

MICS ECDI for the Region

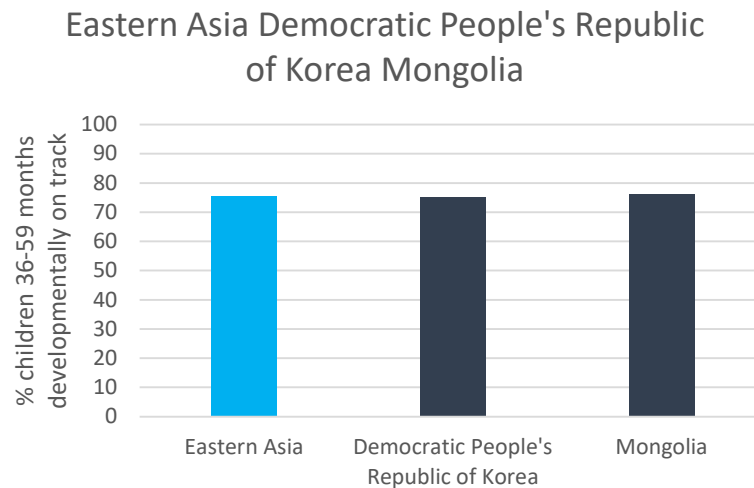
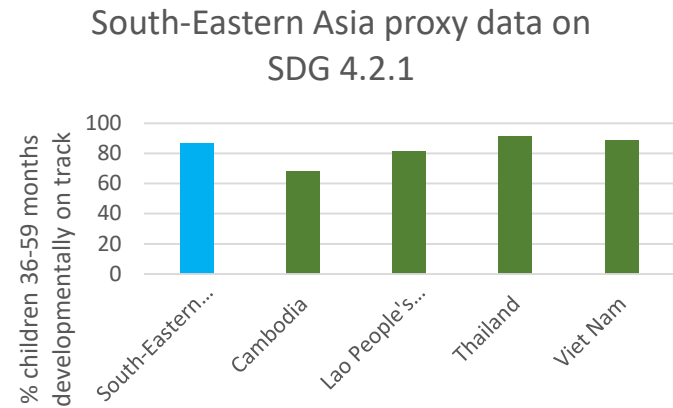
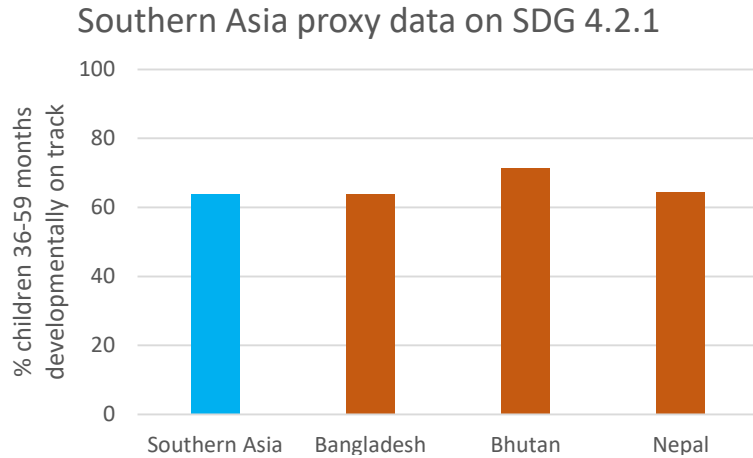
Central Asia proxy data on SDG 4.2.1



Western Asia proxy data on SDG 4.2.1



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Planned activities and next steps for 4.2.1



Inter-agency advisory and coordination group (IAEG-ECD)

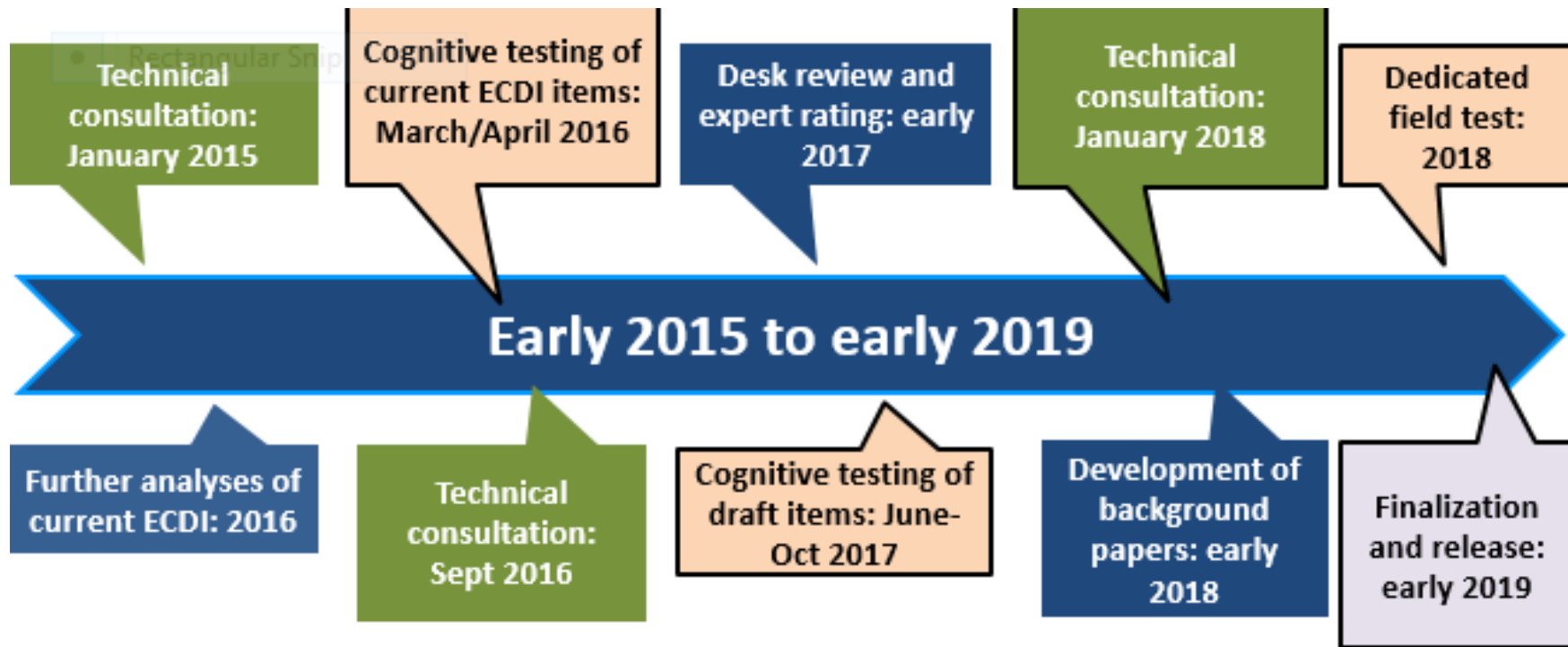
Purposes:

- Oversee and approve revision, testing and validation of the ECD measure for use by all countries
- Support development of capacity-building initiatives for countries to collect, analyze and use the ECD measure
- Develop guidelines for implementation of ECD data collection at country-level

Plans:

The IAEG plans to submit a comprehensive review of the global SDG indicator framework to the UNSC in 2020: In preparation, a review of indicators, proposed changes and possible deletions will start in **Q4 of 2018**

Steps and timeline





For further information on UNICEF's data: www.data.unicef.org

For further information on MICS, including data collection tools and surveys: www.mics.unicef.org

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