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WORKING GROUP

Protocol for the collection and dissemination of data from studies involving children and adolescents

Progress report

Background and objectives

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 - Ethical considerations for children and adolescents data collection and dissemination
- General objective
 - Improve Statistical Offices capabilities to address ethical challenges in collection and dissemination of data that include children and adolescents as study participants
- Specific objectives
 - To make an assessment of current practices
 - To prepare a draft protocol that considers local context and statistical offices capabilities
 - To hold a workshop to discuss the draft
 - To develop a final protocol

Final Document content

1. Glossary of terms
2. Introduction
3. Guiding principles based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child
4. The participation of children and adolescents in research
5. The role of parents or caregivers regarding children and adolescents participation in research
6. Aspects to consider in sensitive research areas
7. Ethical aspects
8. Harm-benefit analysis
9. Safety and care of participant children and adolescents
10. Methodological considerations
11. Use of administrative records for research purposes



12. A Guide of questions and answers for children and adolescent participation in research

Next Steps

- We will conduct virtual interviews with selected informants
 - Interviews may be delayed due to COVID-19 contingency, as interviewees could delay interview due to workloads
- A questionnaire on ethical practices will be send to the statistical offices
- Will be sent hold a workshop to validate the protocol
- The final protocol will integrate the workshop results