



Child Friendliness Index (CFI)

What it is and how we constructed it?

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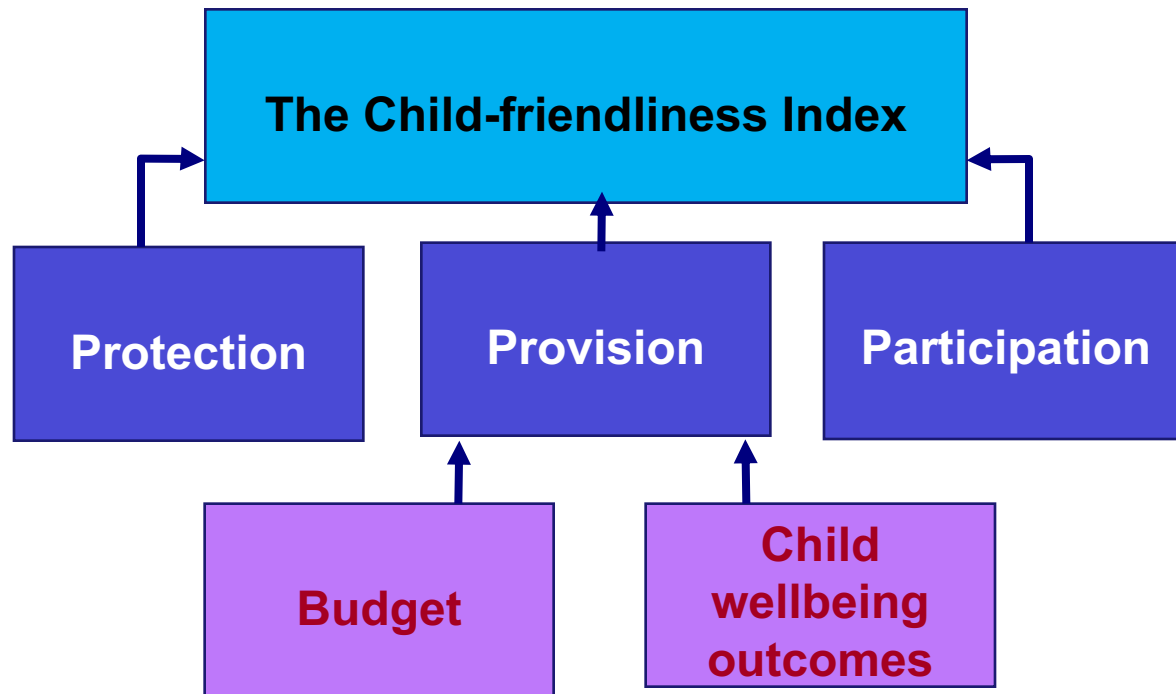
Brief background

- **State compliance being monitored, but inadequate**
- **Limited initiatives for regular and systematic monitoring**
- **In search of a need to have a measurement/monitoring framework that:**
 - ❖ **Focuses mainly on state compliance/accountability**
 - ❖ **Objectively/Quantitatively assesses performance**
 - ❖ **Shows areas of strengths and weaknesses**
 - ❖ **Follows robust approach for scoring and comparing**
 - ❖ **Helps promote greater compliance and accountability**
- **The Child Friendliness Index (CFI) was a response to this demand**
- **First introduced in 2008**



Conceptual basis

- The CFI is a rights-based monitoring framework (inspired and based on the CRC's and ACRWC's core principles) and rank governments based on their performance
- Governments obligations can be summarised into the **3P's – protection, provision, participation**



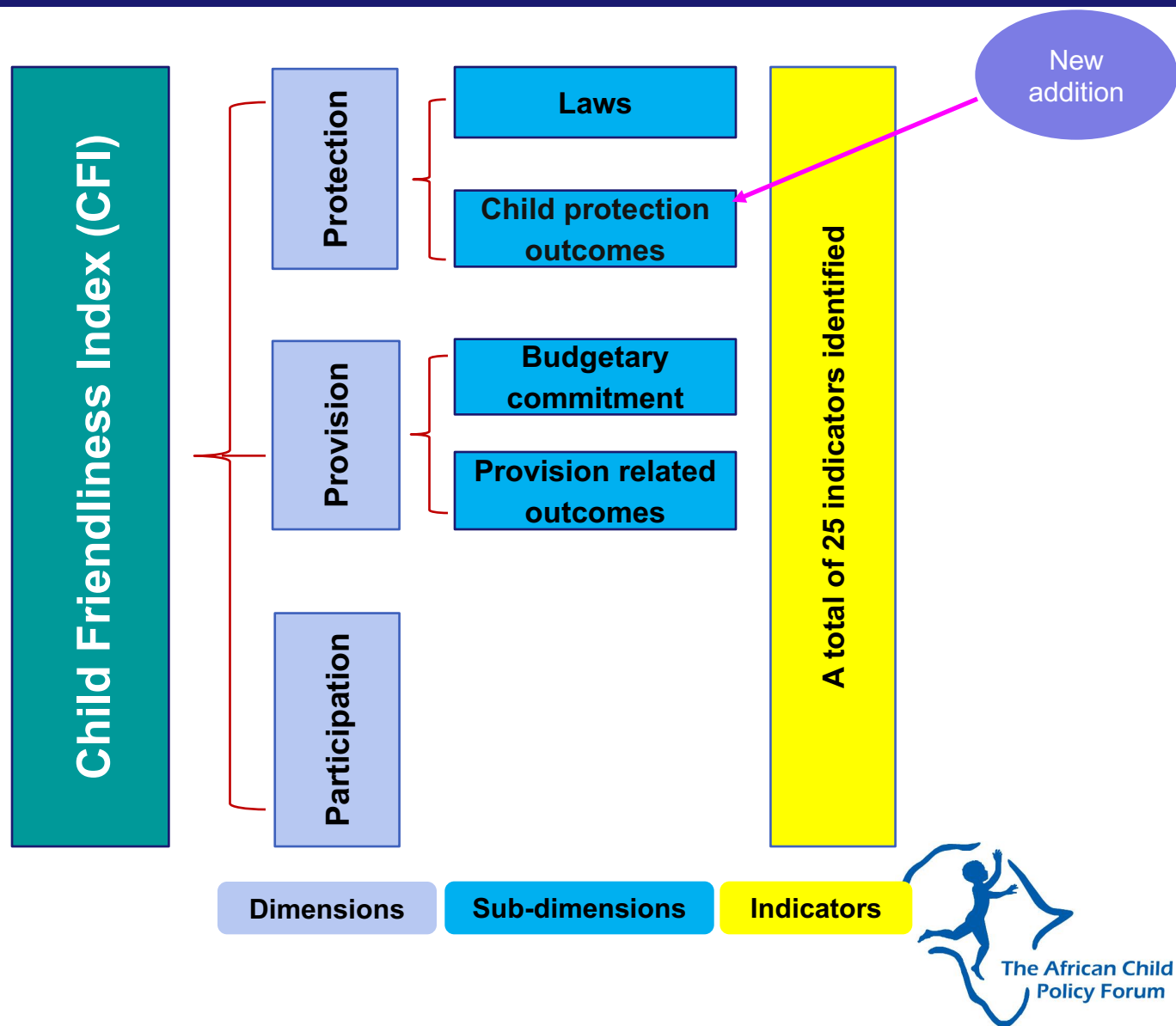
Revised CFI

- **Revised in 2018**
- **Why was the revision needed?**
 - ❖ To explore for better techniques
 - ❖ To make the quality assurance process more rigorous and complete (particularly, robustness analysis)
 - ❖ Gaps in capturing efforts made to implementing laws
 - ❖ More importantly to demonstrate the credibility of the tool by being transparent
- **Followed steps suggested in the Handbook on CI developed by JRC**



Revised CFI

■ Revised framework (2018)



■ Methodology

- ❖ Outliers checked and winsorisation used to treat them
- ❖ Imputations- **Euclidean distance** used
- ❖ Normalization – **Mini-Max (rescaling)**
- ❖ Equal weighting
- ❖ Aggregation method – **Arithmetic mean at sub-dimension level and geometric mean at dimension and CFI levels**
- ❖ Statistical Coherence: **Correlation analysis/Cronbach's alpha**
- ❖ Robustness analysis (**uncertainty and sensitivity analyses**)
 - ❖ Average rank shift for uncertainty
 - ❖ Variance based method for sensitivity



Validation of CFI

- Round table meeting of experts held to validate the index.



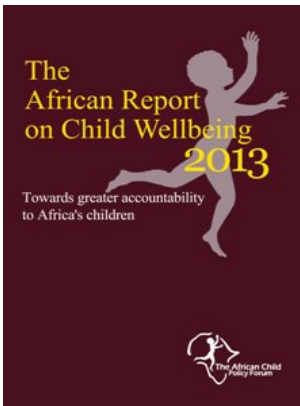
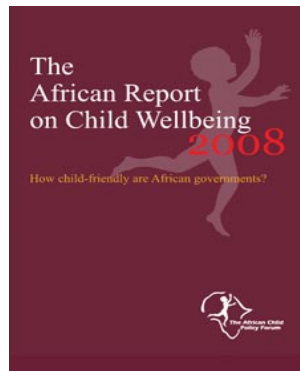
- The revised CFI is **SUFFICIENTLY STRONG** to measure child-friendliness of governments / an advocacy tool.

<https://www.africanchild.report/>

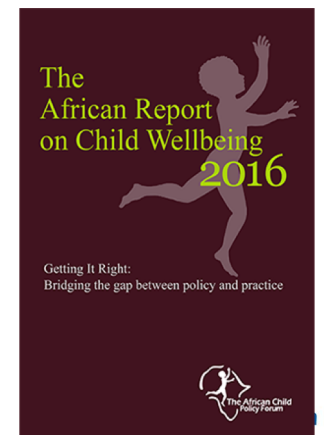
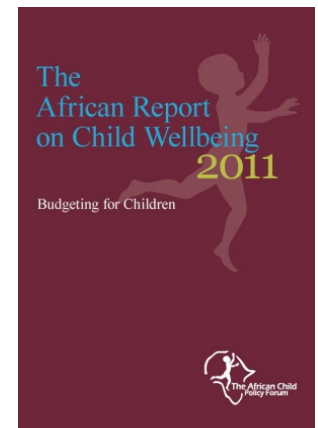
- Exploration will continue in the future to further refine and enhance the strength and quality of the index.



The African Report on Child Wellbeing



- A Flagship report released on biennial basis
- The **CFI** is **INCLUDED** in every other report
- In between the report focuses on thematic areas (*2011 budgeting on children and 2016 on implementation*)



The map displays the following CFI scores for 55 countries:

Country	CFI Score
Algeria	10
Angola	55
Benin	39
Burkina Faso	35
Burundi	41
Cameroon	27
Cape Verde	15
Chad	45
Cote d'Ivoire	30
Egypt	6
Ethiopia	44
Ghana	42
Guinea	38
Guinea-Bissau	47
Kenya	24
Lesotho	14
Liberia	28
Madagascar	54
Mali	17
Mauritania	3
Mauritius	22
Mozambique	29
Niger	53
Nigeria	49
Rwanda	51
Senegal	34
Sierra Leone	12
South Africa	7
South Sudan	46
Sudan	52
Tanzania	43
Togo	25
Tunisia	5
Uganda	31
Zambia	18
Zimbabwe	48
Botswana	13
Swaziland	32
Malawi	40
Mozambique	16
Angola	20
Guinea-Bissau	19
Sierra Leone	33
Kenya	36
Uganda	21
South Africa	9
Botswana	11
Swaziland	26
Madagascar	37
Comoros	1
Reunion	8

Legend:

- Most child-friendly (Lightest blue)
- Child-friendly (Light blue)
- Fairly child-friendly (Medium blue)
- Less child-friendly (Dark blue)
- Least child-friendly (Darkest blue)
- Not included in the CFI (Grey)

- **Adapt integrated strategies to combat child undernutrition.**
- **Enhance the quality of education at all levels**
- **Respect for the dignity of the child first, establish supportive and empowering child protection systems where they do not exist, and strengthen them where they do.**
- **African government must pursue human development at the centre of their growth and development strategy**
- **Ensure that every child matters through government programmes to target the most deprived, vulnerable and marginalised children.**
- **Put children at the heart of the budget allocation and spending.**

Dissemination



The messages are disseminated through:

- ❖ Launch of the report [English and French] in the presence of government officials, AUC officials, ambassadors, members of International Board of Trustees & other stakeholders
- ❖ Physical/postal delivery of the Report
- ❖ Country briefs
- ❖ Promote the report messages through social media - Twitter/ Facebook ...
- ❖ Engage further with governments, treaty bodies, CSOs, RECs

Dissemination strategy



Botswana
Status on Child-Friendliness - 2018

The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) supports the 2018 Child-Friendliness Index (CFI) as a tool to assess the progress of governments in implementing the rights of the child. The CFI is a 100-point index that measures the progress of governments in implementing the rights of the child. The CFI is based on the 2018 Child-Friendliness Index (CFI) report.

Where does Botswana stand in the 2018 Child-Friendliness Index (CFI) ranking?

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Why is Botswana's performance good in the ranking?

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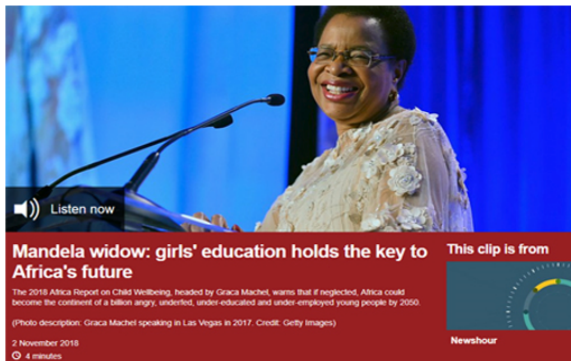


Dissemination

❖ Engage with international and local media - press release, interview



"Invest in Africa's youth or miss out on 21st century development." Graça Machel's interview with BBC World Service



Cote d'Ivoire: Bien-être des enfants - Ce que dit le rapport af 2018



Le Nouveau Réveil (Abidjan)

Par D. km

Notre investissement d'aujourd'hui sur les enfants est un gage de prospérité et de paix p...
». C'est la déclaration faite par Yehualachet Mekonen, chef de projet à l'Institut africain indépendant.

Il a prononcé ces mots, le 18 juin dernier, au siège (Cocody) du Conseil national des Droits de l'Homme de Côte d'Ivoire (Cndh Ci). C'était à l'occasion du Forum de lancement et de pla...
"le Rapport africain sur le bien-être de l'enfant 2018 : Bienveillance envers les enfants-pr...
gouvernants africains".

Act now or a billion young Africans will be undone by 2050 - Mandela widow

Graça Machel warns 'toxic combination' of poor nutrition and lack of education pose major threat to future peace and prosperity

Nelson Mandela's widow has warned Africa; billion "angry, underfed, under-educated a people by 2050, unless African government

In advance of the publication of a major report, Graça Machel has expressed concern that a undernutrition, poor education and the wo



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WINDHOEK - Namibia is listed the seventh country among the most child-friendly countries on the African continent by African Child Policy Forum, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, Wilhencia Uiras informed the African Partnership to end violence against children.

The gender equality and child welfare ministry in conjunction with the global partnership are convening a five-day meeting with the aim to build the capacity of Namibia's child protection service providers on prevention and systems strengthening, that will effectively address violence against children. The overall objective is to catalyse Namibia's efforts to implement violence prevention interventions and thereby fast track their envisaged plans to join the pathfinding initiative.

Uiras explained the African child policy forum looks at three areas, protection, provision and participation. She stated it analyses African countries on how they are doing in terms of the three areas. Asked if the rating corresponds with the situation on the ground, Uiras said,

"the rating is fair but obviously we acknowledge that there are a lot of challenges. "Violence against children is still occurring in Namibia and that is why we have this workshop to come up with strategies

■ Actions taken by governments

Example: the Government of Swaziland initiated law reform following the lobbying and advocacy efforts of ACPF and partners

- ❖ **Child Protection and Welfare Act in 2011**
- ❖ **Ratification of relevant child-related instruments**
 - ✓ **The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child**
 - ✓ **The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption.**

Impacts

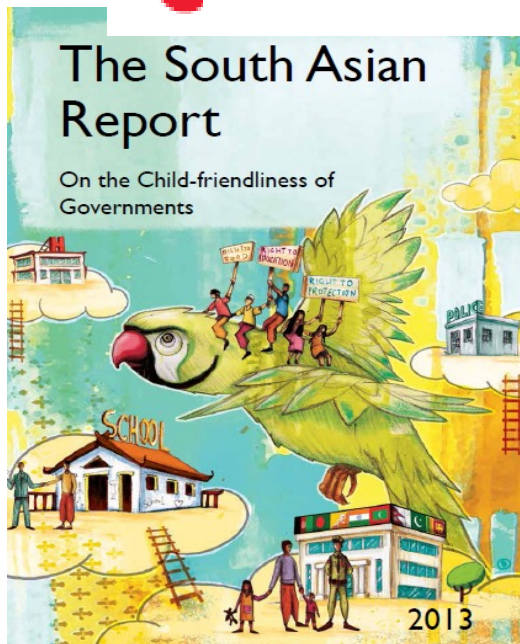
- ❖ Other developing regions adapted and applied the CFI framework
 - ✓ Used to assess the performance of governments in South Asia (2013)
 - ✓ Adapted and used to compare performance of states in India



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	Total ranking	General Measures of Implementation	Children's right to be heard	Non-state actors
India	1	Significant results	Notable results	Significant results
Nepal	2	Notable results	Some results	Significant results
Bangladesh	3	Notable results	Notable results	Notable results
Sri Lanka	4	Notable results	Some results	Notable results
Bhutan	5	Some results	Some results	Significant results
Pakistan	6	Notable results	Some results	Notable results
Maldives	7	Some results	Some results	Notable results
Afghanistan	8	Some results	Some results	Notable results

Challenge

- **Lack of complete, accurate and timely data is a serious challenge**

Specifically:

- ❖ Lack freshness/timeliness - most indicators are lagging behind by two or more years
- ❖ Data on some issues are unavailable or non-existent
- ❖ Lack of disaggregated data (gender, urban/rural,...)
- ❖ Disparity of definitions across countries/data sources

- **Resource limitation for follow-up activities.**



About ACPF

- An independent pan-African policy research and advocacy organisation on children
- Established in 2003
- Works with regional bodies such as AU/RECs and treaty bodies UNCRC/ACERC
- Works with CSOs, academia, UN agencies

Mission

Putting children at the center of public policy agenda

<http://www.africanchildforum.org>



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