



CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION

Introducing the Child Survival Action Toolkit



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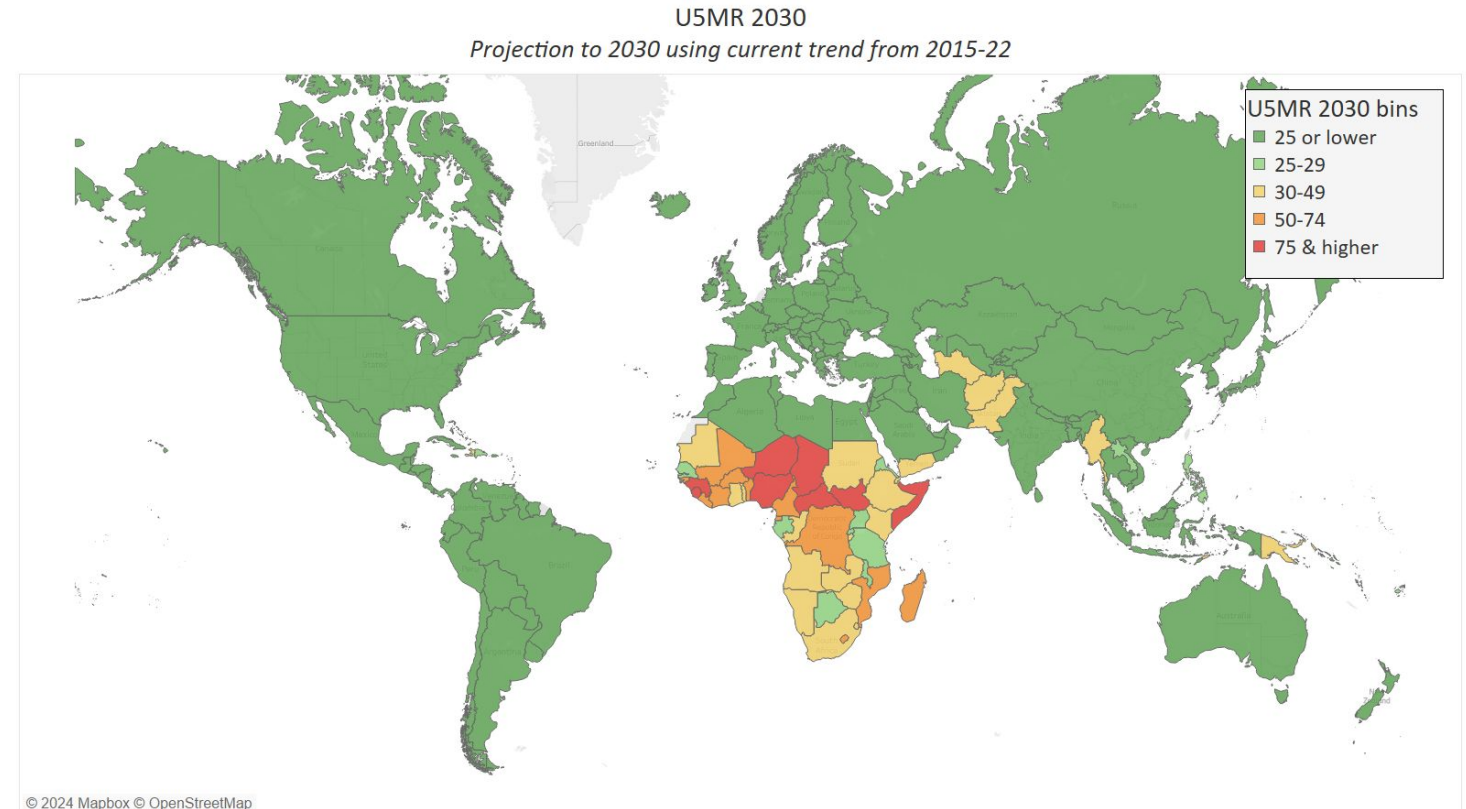
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Child Survival Action (CSA)



Child Survival Action (CSA) is a renewed call for accelerated action to improve survival of children under five years of age

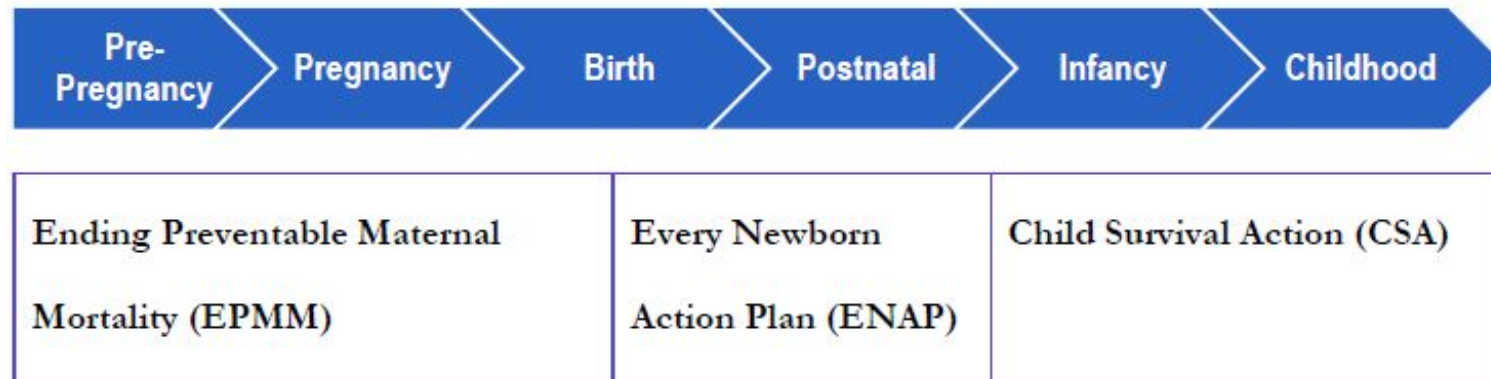
- **59 countries are currently not on track to meet SDG target 3.2**, which aims to reduce under-five mortality to at least as low as 25 deaths per 1000 live births.
- **In 37 of these 59 countries**, more than half of under-five mortality occurs after the first 28 days, during the post-neonatal period.
- **Among the 59 countries falling behind, 46 are in Africa.**



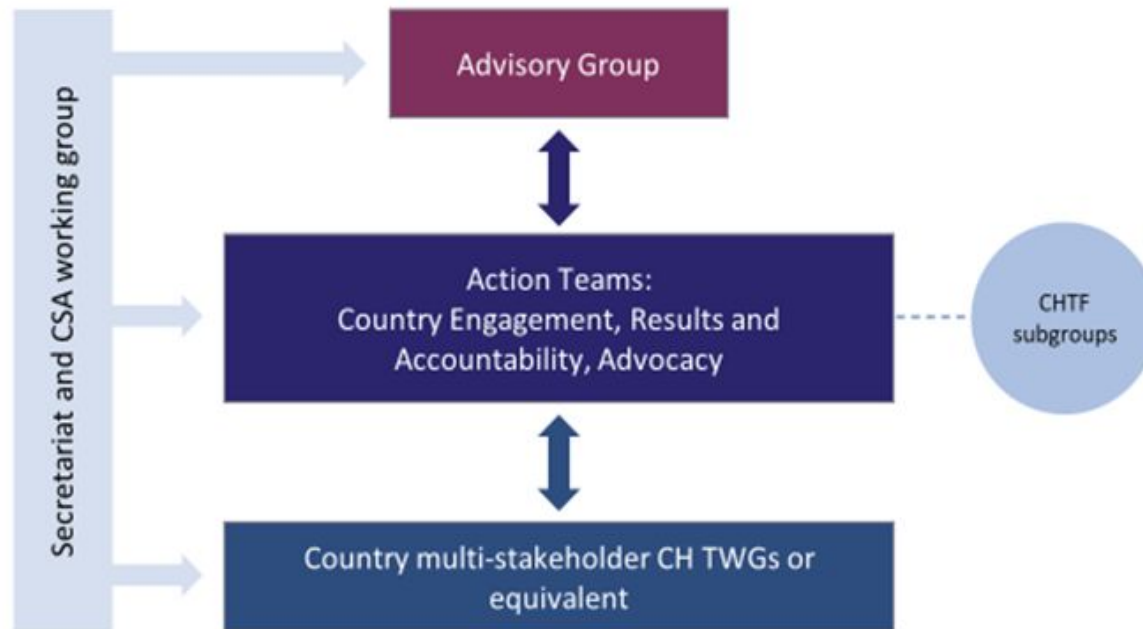
Sources: UN IGME 2023: United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME), 'Levels & Trends in Child Mortality: Report 2023, Estimates Developed by the United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation', United Nations Children's Fund, New York, 2024.

CSA - Continuum of Care

- The CSA initiative adopts a life course approach that acknowledges the interconnectedness of under-fives' health (both neonatal and 1-59 month) with maternal health. It complements and collaborates with [Every Newborn Action Plan / Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality](#) (ENAP/EPMM).



CSA Governance Structure



The CSA Action Teams collaborate to implement the day-to-day activities of the CSA initiative across three key areas:

- **Country Engagement:** Leads engagement with countries interested in implementing accelerated action for child survival.
- **Advocacy Team:** Leads advocacy activities aimed at elevating child survival in global, regional, national and sub-national agendas.
- **Results and Accountability:** Leads in developing indicators and frameworks for progress tracking and ensuring accountability.

CSA Country Engagement

Countries are at the center of the CSA initiative.

Country commitment to CSA requires:

1. **Leadership:** commitment by government leadership/Minister of Health to accelerate reductions in child mortality
2. **Prioritization:** agreement to define game-changing, high-priority actions for child survival, with milestones and targets
3. **Advocacy:** focus by the government to advocate (within government and with country and global partners) for increased resources and better-aligned programming to efficiently support the priorities
4. **Accountability:** establishment of clear lines of responsibility for achieving targets and milestones, including a focal point for CSA
5. **Inclusion:** commitment to include civil society and multi sector as part of prioritization and action planning

Country engagement to-date

April 2024

- 14 countries engaged
- Action plan launched/ under implementation: Sierra Leone
- Action plan under development: Burkina Faso, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia
- Discussion started: CAR, Chad, DRC, Madagascar, Mozambique



Why is the CSA Toolkit needed?

- Systematic planning and coordinated action is critical to achieving change
- Stakeholders do not want to ‘reinvent the wheel’, as there are a number of existing resources to strengthen planning and implementation of child health programming
- Stakeholders are interested in knowledge-sharing and learning from implementation in other countries



Purpose

Provide country level stakeholders with guidance, resources and tools, as well as relevant country examples and experiences, to support planning and activities to accelerate reductions in child mortality

Intended Audience

Country-level policymakers, national and sub-national program managers, academics, professional associations, non-governmental organizations, and international agencies working towards improving child mortality outcomes in their national settings.



How was the toolkit developed?

Desk review to identify existing resources and gaps

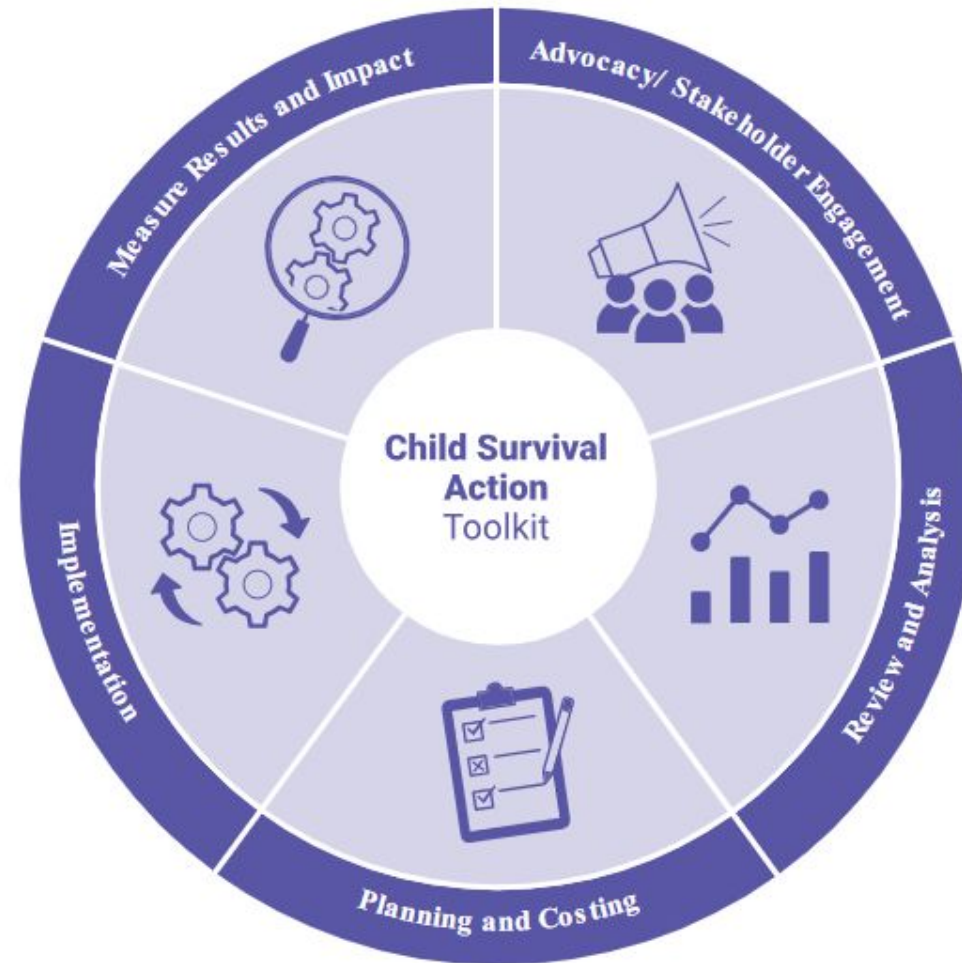
Consultations with global, regional, and country stakeholders

Formation of CSA Toolkit Advisory Group

Toolkit design and content development

Toolkit dissemination

Toolkit Overview - Structure



Toolkit Overview – Types of Resources



Advocacy/Stakeholder Engagement

Resources that support strengthening and maintaining partnerships, building political will, and social action



Review and Analysis

Resources that help analyze and assess the strengths and challenges of delivering child health services



Planning and Costing

Resources that help to make informed decisions and support the development of medium-term action plans, and tools that aid in assessing resource needs and quantifying cost estimates



Implementation

Resources that support implementation and delivery of child health services at national and subnational level



Measure Results and Impact

Resources that aid in measuring, monitoring, and evaluating child health programming and implementation

Toolkit Overview - Structure



Review and Analysis

Analyzing the child health situation in a country and assessing the status of the health system in providing quality care are some of the first critical steps in developing an effective plan of action. A comprehensive situational analysis on child health services can provide a realistic assessment of the strengths and challenges in delivering quality services. The process involves reviewing new and existing data sources that provide a good understanding of a country's situation in relation to child health and its ability to address existing gaps.

Closely linked to the situation analysis, a bottleneck analysis is also essential to identify any barriers that are preventing the delivery of quality child health interventions and services. Identifying and analyzing these bottlenecks can help countries prioritize and implement targeted actions to accelerate progress.

The tools and resources within this section can support countries with gathering and analyzing data on the child health situation in their countries.

Resources

There are **7** Review and Analysis resources below.

To query resources across *all* CSA toolkit elements, [search from the toolkit homepage](#).



Countdown to 2030: Countdown Country Profiles
 Year Published: 2023 | Resource Type: Tool | Languages: English
 The Countdown RMNCAH country and regional profiles present the latest evidence to assess progress in improving women's, children's, and adolescents' health.



Facilitators' guide for conducting national and subnational programme reviews for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health

Navigate the Toolkit

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Five Elements

- [Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement](#)
- [Review and Analysis](#)
- [Planning and Costing](#)
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Element

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Apply

Each of the thematic sections are further divided into the following sub-components:

- Overview text summaries describing what each element entails
- Tools and resources that can be used to support the development/sharpening and/or implementation and monitoring of CSA plans and processes
- Examples and learnings from implementation across different countries



Toolkit Overview – Resource examples

- Templates for developing and revising a CSA Plan
- A guide for reviewing the situation to identify challenges and bottlenecks for child survival
- Advocacy materials for engaging stakeholders across all levels
- Example terms of reference for a country-level Child Health Technical Working Group or Child Survival Focal Point
- Suggested indicators to periodically assess the status of CSA implementation and ensure continued adherence to standards that support effective delivery of CSA and impact on child survival



How can the toolkit be used?

- **Specific tools:** users can search for a specific tool or resource relevant to the work being undertaken around child survival
- **Systematic planning:** users can work through the planning and implementation cycle based on the relevant stage the country is at
- **Continuous learning:** ongoing learnings from country implementation to enable cross-country learning and knowledge sharing
- **Flexible:** countries can begin an approach with any stage or even multiple stages concurrently, based on the country's current phase with planning and implementation.
- **Adaptable:** no 'one fits all' methodology. Resources are intended to be adapted based on country context



Where to find the toolkit?



The toolkit is hosted under the Child Survival Action Hub on the Child Health Task Force website: <https://www.childhealthtaskforce.org/hubs/child-survival-action/toolkit>

Child Survival Action Toolkit

The Child Survival Action (CSA) Toolkit is designed to support countries with planning, sharpening, and implementing activities aimed at accelerating reductions in child mortality beyond the newborn period in their national contexts. It is intended to be a resource for all actors engaged in planning, costing, implementing, and monitoring child health activities, including, national and sub-national program managers, policy makers, academics, professional associations, non-governmental organizations, and international agencies.

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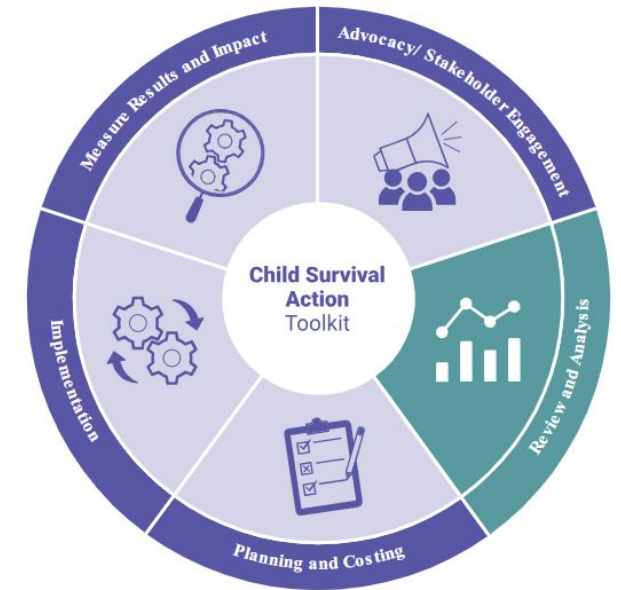
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Feedback on CSA Toolkit

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Q&A



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