CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION
Introducing the Child Survival Action Toolkit

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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.
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).
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.
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

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**Country engagement to-date**

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- 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
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
Feedback on CSA Toolkit

• Please share feedback on the CSA Toolkit here: https://www.childhealthtaskforce.org/hubs/child-survival-action/toolkit/feedback
Q&A
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