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**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICS  
ON CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE**



1. **Coordinating country:** Panama.
2. **Member countries:** Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Paraguay.
3. **Technical secretariat:** United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
4. **Programme of work 2012-2013**

#### **Description of objectives**

- To boost regional coordination in the production of statistics and indicators on childhood and adolescence in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To achieve greater comparability of statistics in the region.
- To improve the reliability of administrative records.
- To achieve coordination both cross-sectorally and with international organizations in order to help develop indicators that promote and protect children's rights.
- To generate data that can be used to design and evaluate public policies.

#### **Main activities proposed for the period 2012-2013**

- Draft the working group's annual plan.
- Evaluate the indicators produced by the participating countries on childhood and adolescence, with a view to reaching a consensus on the indicators that will be used to follow-up on children's rights.
- Decide on a list of key indicators for monitoring and evaluating whether the commitments made by countries on children's rights have been met.
- Create an IT platform in DevInfo to store, analyse and publish data on the selected indicators, by country.
- Perform a country-by-country analysis of the indicators to be constructed for comprehensive monitoring of progress towards the commitments made on children's rights.

#### **Expected outputs to be presented at the seventh Statistical Conference in November 2013**

To have a computer application on the DevInfo platform that will show countries' progress on children's rights. The application will contain the list of key indicators for monitoring and evaluating whether commitments have been met.

#### **5. Progress to date**

The working group has followed up on the programme of work. A document was produced containing a set of indicators for tracking progress in the area of children's rights. It was sent to the member countries of the working group, who provided valuable comments, observations and inputs. These are currently being evaluated.