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CONSULTATION PROCESS

THE EVENING WAS GETTING DARKER AND THE HINT OF RAIN WAS BECOMING MORE THAN JUST A POSSIBILITY. SLOWLY 40 CHILDREN FROM 11 VILLAGES OF THE BHATWARI BLOCK STARTED TRICKLING INTO THE SBMA/PLAN UTTARKARSHI OFFICE. ALL LOOKED TIRED FROM THEIR LONG JOURNEYS, SOME HAD WALKED QUITE A FEW KILOMETRES BEFORE REACHING THE ROADHEAD WHERE THEY COULD CATCH THE BUS THAT WOULD TAKE THEM TO UTTARKASHI. ALL CLUTCHING CHARTS THAT THEY HAD SPENT THE LAST TWO MONTHS PREPARING WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR CHILDREN'S GROUP ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND WHAT THEY FELT ABOUT THEM. ALL PROUD THAT THEY HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THEIR VILLAGE.

FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING HELD IN UTTARKARSHI AT THE CULMINATION OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS INVOLVING MORE THAN 500 CHILDREN.

Members of the Grow Up Free From Poverty Coalition carried out consultations in the countries in which they work among the communities with which they and their partner organisations support programmes. Many individuals and organisations worked very hard to conduct interviews, organise workshops and compile and analyse the results. They wished to become involved in order to provide a way for the views of people in very poor communities to be heard. Below we provide information on the consultation process; the countries and areas, the local partners who ran the consultations, the groups who participated and the methods used. We gratefully acknowledge the valuable contribution of all the programme staff, researchers, translators and facilitators, and the hundreds of children and people from their communities who helped make this publication possible.

CAFOD

Zambia: Lusaka, Chipata & villages; local authorities, farmers, teachers, women, children; Structured interviews. EJP-CCJDP staff.

Mozambique: Maputo, Nampula, village and urban communities, children; structured interviews; the staff of Rede de Crianca and Re-Encontro.

EVERYCHILD

Peru: Lima. Huancayo and Andahuaylas; over 900 people were involved; workshops developed with the children, parents and grandparents about the objectives of the MDGs in addition to in-depth interviews, life stories from children representing their community and a survey of each population group.

HELPAGE INTERNATIONAL (HAI)

Cambodia: Battambang and Meanchay provinces; structured interviews with older carers; staff and volunteers of HAI's international programme in Cambodia.

Tanzania: participatory study undertaken with older women and men, their communities and key stakeholders in five regions; Arusha, Iringa, Coastal Region, Tanga and Dar es Salaam.

South Africa: research into impact of social old-age pension income on poorer households throughout South Africa

JUSTICE, ARTS AND EDUCATION (JAE) PROJECT

Sri Lanka: Paalam Projects school in Palliyata; interviews and discussions with school children aged 6-10 years and young Jaffna refugee teacher.

MOTHERS' UNION

Uganda: Luwero; 300 people consulted in groups of children, youth, women, grandparents, and widows using questionnaires, workshops and interviews. Sarah Kasule, Mothers' Union Family Life Programme Officer.

Burundi: Gitega; 30 children and young people interviewed; Jeann-Francoise Ndimbakunki, Mothers' Union Provincial Trainer.

PLAN INTERNATIONAL

Bolivia: Plan Bolivia: Chiquitania, Cabezas, Aiquilie, Puna, Yamparaez, Yunchara, San Lorenzo, Achacachi, Laja, Patacamaya and Viacha; groups of children aged 9-12 years, girls of 9-12 years, male adolescents of 13-17 years, female adolescents of 13-17 years, mothers and fathers of children under 5 years of age and community and municipality leaders. All staff including Philip Taylor and Terence McCaughan with special recognition to Silvia Nole and Dr Gustavo Tapia.

India: Plan India, Plan Uttarakshi, SBMA, Mountain Children's Forum; 500 children were consulted from 11 villages and Uttarakshi town culminating in a final meeting with 40 representatives from the villages, in addition to groups of men, women, grandparents and community elders. Plan wish to thank Mr Pradeep Anthwal, Mr Pradeep Dimri, the staff of SBMA/Plan Uttarakshi and the children of the village level children's forums.

Sri Lanka: Plan Sri Lanka, Kurunagala, Matale, Moneragala and Anuradhapwe districts; 120 people were consulted including children in groups aged 9-11, 11-13, 14-18 in addition to groups of young people, men, women, grandparents, and community elders; the consultation framework was used with games and group work. Kusala Weththasinghe, Tissa Athukorala, Asela Disanayake, Prasanna Nilame, Dayananda Thilakarathne, Kusum Disanayake, Krishna Kumar, Gamini Ilangasinghe, Charith Rathnaweera, Sasanka Nanayakkara, Sarath Chandra, Kusum Kuruppu and Ruchira Navaratne are gratefully acknowledged.

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SIGHT SAVERS INTERNATIONAL (SSI)

Malawi: Balaka District; Montfort College, Mbavi Primary School, teachers, parents, children; Structured interviews; SSI staff.

TEARFUND

Cambodia: Cambodia Hope Organisation; villages on Thai Cambodia border including Poipet; a group of 12 children and young people, a group of (9) women and a group of (5) men; focus group discussions based on questionnaire. Director of Cambodia Hope Organisation, Chom No and Glenn Miles. Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC); 60 pastors from a wide range of churches in Cambodia together with their families, 60 wives, 40 young people and 40 children; focus groups discussion and children drawing pictures and describing them. Sheila Reid and Thong Romanea of the EFC Children's Commission and Glen Miles, Tearfund.

Bolivia: Mosoj Yan, partner in Cochabamba consulted 10 working girls aged between 12 and 16 years using the children's consultation framework; Ines Caballero, Director of Mosoj Yan.

VIVA NETWORK

Cambodia: Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia Children's Commission, a member of CamNet, the network in Cambodia. Thong Romanea and Glenn Miles, network coordinators. (See Tearfund above.)



Indonesia: Yayasan Pelita Bangsa (working with orphans and drug addicts), Yayasan Kampus Diakonia Modern (working with street children), Yayasan Pendidikan Dwituna Rawinala (working with disabled children), all members of Jaringan Peduli Anak Bangsa (JPAB) network in Jakarta, Indonesia, held interviews with individual children aged between 5 and 16 years old. Hans Arthanto and Baby Zakaria, network coordinators.

Uganda: Dwelling Places, a member of the Children at Risk Action Network in Kampala, Uganda carried out a consultation using the framework with 12 teenagers aged between 12 and 17 years. Rita Nkemba, Director of Dwelling Places.

Philippines: Lifestream Ministries, members of the Philippines Children's Ministries Network, in Manila consulted 178 children (Grade 1 – 3rd Year High School) and 5 mothers using role play, group discussions, letter writing and the consultation framework. The Student Council, child facilitators and adult councilors. Josefina Gutierrez, network coordinator and Arlynn Contreras, Lifestream Ministries.

WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF (WER)

Guatemala: Cosecha in the village of Tecpan (Martin and Ruth Baldwin), Fotokids in Guatemala City (Nancy McGirr) and Transitions (Margaret Walborg) in the town of Antigua. Semi-

structured interviews were conducted with young people living in rural communities, on the edge of the rubbish dump in the City and with disabled young people in Antigua.

Dominican Republic: Integracion (IJ) in Puerto Plata consulted boys and girls under the age of 15 years old and their parents. Shoe shine boys were also consulted. Semi structured interviews and the 'Problem and Solution tree' method. Rosa de Salcedo and Yudelka Cabrera.

WORLD VISION UK

Zambia: World Vision Zambia; Districts of Petauke, Chibombo and Lusaka; 475 children, young people, parents communities and District officials. The research team employed random sample study, PRA (historical profiles, wealth ranking, Venn diagrams, free scoring, ranking, seasonal calendars, mapping) semi-structures interviews, focus group discussions, and questionnaires. World Vision would also like to thank The Zambian Research Team, the World Vision Operations Team at National Office; Sikapale Chinzewe, Reverend Everest Kabwe, Victor Simuchimba, Judy Mwalunyunje, Masida Chisambi and Dr Fletcher Tembo; Programme managers of the three Area Development Programmes, Noble Mutenekwa, Isabel Zumani, Gilda Ngoma, Siping Zhang, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, UNICEF, Zambia and Richard Arden, Education Adviser, DFID Zambia.

Research questions and consultation framework

The following questions were suggested as a guide to consultation workshops.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- ▶ What do we like about our community: what are our strengths and resources?
- ▶ What are our problems: what things need to improve?

WHERE WOULD WE LIKE TO BE?

- ▶ How would we like things to be different for us in 10 years time?

HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE THIS DREAM FOR THE FUTURE?

- ▶ What can we do?
- ▶ What barriers do we face?
- ▶ What support do we need from others to overcome the barriers?

WHAT WOULD WE LIKE TO SAY TO PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF POWER?

- ▶ Local leaders
- ▶ National leaders
- ▶ International leaders / agencies

◀ Workshop facilitators used the chart at left to tabulate and organize responses against the main themes of the MDGs and the UNCRC, providing us with the main organizational framework used throughout this report.

Child Rights and MDGs	Strengths and resources	Problems	Dreams
Survival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduce child mortality ▶ Improve maternal health ▶ Combat HIV/AIDS and other diseases 			
Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Eradicate extreme poverty & hunger ▶ Universal primary education ▶ Gender equity and empowerment of women ▶ Environmental sustainability 			
Participation			
Protection			



The following non-governmental organisations and faith groups are members of the Grow Up Free from Poverty Coalition. They share a vision to end the outrage of child poverty. As part of their efforts to ensure that this vision is owned internationally they have prepared this report.

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