Measuring and analyzing public investments for the realization of children’s rights in Armenia

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Armenia – key facts

- Lower middle income country
- **Population**: app. 3 mln people
  - App. 690,000 children of 0-17
- **GDP**, current US$ billion - 10.5 (2016)
- **GDP growth**: 0.2% (2016)
- **Poverty** rate: 29.8, child poverty rate: 33.7
- Urban-rural disparities
Child-focused Expenditure Measurement (CPEM)

Child-focused public expenditure in Armenia, 2014-15

Classification of child-focused expenditures:
- Direct
- Indirect
- Expanded expenditure
- Public goods
- Not relevant to children

Distribution of child-focused expenditures by function (2014-15)

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\text{Child Targeting Index (1)} = \frac{\text{Total spending on children}}{\text{total budget spending}} \times \frac{0-17 \text{ population}}{\text{total population}}
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\text{Child Targeting Index (2)} = \frac{\text{direct spending on children}}{\text{total social spending}} \times \frac{0-17 \text{ population}}{\text{total population}}
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Public spending on children and adolescents by child right (2014-15)

Allocation of child-focused public expenditures by age groups (2014-15)

Expenditures by age groups and child rights (2015)
Other activities

• Costing, cost-benefit analysis and modelling of early childhood education services
  • Approximate cost of one kindergarten annually 42,000 USD
  • Approximate cost of alternative services: 9,000 USD for 4 settlements

• Cost-benefit analysis and costing of alternative care institutions vs. institutional care
  • Ongoing reform
  • Efficiency of resource allocation
  • Redistribution
  • Reaching more vulnerable children

For every child, a family

- Per child expense in an orphanage – 5307 USD
- Per child expense in a foster family – 3600 USD
THANK YOU!!!

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