

Call for Papers:

Children's lives: International Conference on Children and their families using the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS)

2nd & 3rd September 2024
University of Bristol, UK
Hybrid Conference (In-person & online)

Background and motivation

The Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) programme was developed in the 1990s. Since then, six rounds have been completed, with the 7th round (2023-2026) ongoing. During this time, 118 countries have carried out over 350 surveys. Microdata is available for the majority of surveys (see <https://mics.unicef.org/surveys>)

UNICEF, in collaboration with the Graduate Program on International Affairs at the New School organized an international conference to promote the use of MICS data in 2004. A selection of papers was published in Minujin *et al* (2006) [*Human Rights and Social Policies for Children and Women: The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey \(MICS\) in Practice*](#), New York, New School.

Twenty years later, as the seventh round is underway, a new conference will be held in Autumn 2024. The conference is a collaboration among [UNICEF](#), [Bristol Poverty Institute](#) (University of Bristol) and [Equity for Children](#) (The New School).

Call for papers: Content

Papers based on analysis of MICS data, dealing with children, adolescents, youth and their families and households, will be considered.

Proposed papers can be focused on one country or survey or a comparison across two or more countries or surveys. The papers can use data from any round or multiple rounds of MICS.

Proposed papers can address a specific topic or methodological work (i.e. regarding protocols, data quality, etc.). The latter could include topics of measurement, survey design and implementation, but they must be focused on MICS.

While proposed papers can address any topic, special consideration will be given to papers relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Timeline and venue

An abstract of between 100-300 words should be submitted to: mics@unicef.org by 6th June 2024 - with the subject line "Paper proposal for International Conference on MICS". Please specify if you would prefer to present your paper in-person or online.

Abstracts will be reviewed by a committee comprised of members from the University of Bristol, Equity for Children and UNICEF.

Notifications will be sent in early July.

The conference will be held at the [University of Bristol](#) in England and online.



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