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1) Round 3 data collection

We have started data collection for the third round of our household and child survey. This includes the introduction of a child questionnaire for the Younger Cohort (now they are aged 7 to 8 and old enough to respond for themselves) and a self-administered questionnaire for the Older Cohort (now aged 14 to 15), covering more sensitive issues about their health and well-being. We are also extending the data collection to include siblings of the Younger Cohort children to control for intra-household dynamics (e.g. gender biases) and to enhance the usefulness of the data. We are piloting the use of handheld computers with 50% of respondents in Peru and Vietnam with a view to using them in all 4 study countries in Round 4. The Round 3 survey should be complete by early 2010 and cleaned data will be available later in the year.

2) Research ethics and working with children

Following the publication of a paper outlining some of the ethical challenges we face, we have created an ethics page on our website. This has generated much interest and has been picked up by other researchers (notably an international blog on research ethics – ‘Finally some good news about research ethics’: www.researchethics.ca/blog and <http://www.younglives.org.uk/research-methodology-data/ethics>

3) New ways of looking at data

We have received seed money from an EU-funded project that is looking at new ways of communicating about development (IKM-Emergent) for a visualisation project to make our data more accessible to a wider range of users. The first tool we have developed is a ‘virtual village’ which gives an overview of some of the key indicators affecting children’s lives. Our next steps will be to work with the UK Data Archive to look at how we can present some of our variables longitudinally, and to develop an interactive tool on the Young Lives website to allow users to work with a sub-set of the complete Young Lives dataset. <http://www.younglives.org.uk/research-methodology-data/data-visualization>

4) New Publications

Our latest publications are now available on the Young Lives website:

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/publications>

Working Papers

Pathways through Early Childhood Education in Ethiopia, India and Peru: Rights, Equity and Diversity, Martin Woodhead, Working Paper 54, Aug 2009

The Ethics of Social Research with Children and Families in Young Lives: Practical Experiences, Virginia Morrow, Working Paper 53, Aug 2009

Early Childhood Education Trajectories and Transitions: A Study of the Experiences and Perspectives of Parents and Children in Andhra Pradesh, India, Uma Vennam, Anuradha Komanduri, Elizabeth Cooper, Gina Crivello, Martin Woodhead, Working Paper 52, July 2009

Promoting Early Childhood Development through a Public Programme: Wawa Wasi in Peru, Santiago Cueto, Gabriela Guerrero, Juan Leon, Alvaro Zevallos and Claudia Sugimaru, Working Paper 51, July 2009

Children Combining Work and Education in Cottonseed Production in Andhra Pradesh: Implications for Discourses of Children's Rights in India, Virginia Morrow and Uma Vennam, Working Paper 50, July 2009

Extra Classes and Subjective Well-being: Empirical Evidence from Vietnamese Children, Ivy Ko and Jing Xing, Working Paper 49, May 2009

Determinants of Child Labour: The Case of Andhra Pradesh, Sofya Krutikova, Working Paper 48, May 2009

Starting School: Who is Prepared? Young Lives Research on Children's Transition to First Grade in Peru, Patricia Ames, Vanessa Rojas, Tamia Portugal, Working Paper 47, May 2009

Technical Notes

Technical Note 18, *Young Lives Qualitative Research: Round 1 – Peru*, Patricia Ames, Vanessa Rojas, Tamia Portugal, July 2009

Technical Note 17, *Key Transitions and Well-being of Children in Ethiopia: Country Context Literature Review*, Yisak Tafere, Workneh Abebe and Asham Assazineu, June 2009

Technical Note 16, *Childhood Transitions and Well-being in Peru: A Literature Review*, Patricia Ames and Vanessa Rojas, May 2009

Journal Articles

Stefan Dercon and Pramila Krishnan (2009) 'Poverty and the Psychosocial Competencies of Children: Evidence from the Young Lives Sample in Four Developing Countries', *Children, Youth and Environments* 19(2)

Jo Boyden (2009) 'Risk and Capability in the Context of Adversity: Children's Contributions to Household Livelihoods in Ethiopia', *Children, Youth and Environments* 19(2)

Rozana Himaz (2009) 'Persistent Stunting in Middle Childhood: The Case of Andhra Pradesh Using Longitudinal Data', *IDS Bulletin* 40(4): 30-38

5) News

New work on risk and resilience: We have recently secured funding from the Oak Foundation to expand our work on risk and resilience through a series of research-to-practice activities. This will consist of country consultation groups in Ethiopia (focusing on orphanhood and parental absence) and in India (looking at child work and migration). We will use findings from our surveys and qualitative research to inform discussion documents to help identify the kind of research practitioners would find valuable for use in their own work, and then track how the research is used, including barriers to use.

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