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1) Round 2 Country Reports

The initial reports from the second survey of the Young Lives children (carried out in 2006/7) are now available on the website. The reports provide preliminary analysis of our data and cover key aspects of childhood poverty - wealth and livelihoods, access to services, nutrition, education, and children's subjective well-being - highlighting some of the changes that have taken place in our sample children's lives since they were first surveyed in 2002. The reports are available here:

http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/YL_Rnd2_country_reports/

2) Young Lives seminar at DFID on 30 September 2008

The international team of Young Lives researchers will be at DFID to present lunchtime seminar on Tuesday 30 September and at Save the Children on 1 October 2008. Full programme here:

http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/YL_launch_dfid_30Sept08/

3) New Publications

Early Childhood Transition Research: A Review of Concepts

This paper provides an overview of early childhood transitions research, assessing the concepts and reviewing how transitions are structured. Recent research approaches are examined, including the role of children as active participants in transitions. Examples are given to show how multidisciplinary collaboration and culturally sensitive interventions can result in better participation of both parents and children in crucial early childhood transitions.

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/early-childhood-transitions/>

Technical Note 10: Children's Perspectives on their Young Lives: Report on Methods for Sub-Studies (Peru Pilot)

Alongside the Young Lives full-cohort surveys carried out every four years, Young Lives sub-studies are carried out to investigate pre-identified themes in greater depth. This Technical Note was prepared following a pilot study of qualitative methods for research with children in Peru in April 2006.

To download Technical Note 10:

http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/technical-notes-pdfs/TN10_Methods_Peru_Johnston.pdf (758 KB)

Technical Note 11: Methods, Tools and Instruments for Use with Children

This Technical Note focuses on the qualitative and quantitative research methods, tools, and instruments that can be applied for research with children in the second and subsequent phases of data collection in the Young Lives project.

To download Technical Note 11:

http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/technical-notes-pdfs/TN11_Instruments_Johnston.pdf (PDF 365 KB)

Technical Note 12: Children's Well-being in Contexts of Poverty: Approaches to Research, Monitoring and Participation

This paper outlines some of the major debates on research on child well-being. Well-being is understood by Young Lives to be about real people and the social contexts they inhabit. It can act as a lens - similar to culture - which recognises that outcomes of deprivation are influenced by children and their responses to and interpretation of events. Accessing children's views in the context of their communities is important and can increase the accuracy and credibility of research data.

To download Technical Note 12:

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/technical-notes-pdfs/TN12-ChildWellBeing.pdf> (PDF 469 KB)

4) Policy Brief 5: Effects of the global food crises on children

The sharp increase in food prices in the world market and in local markets since 2006 has raised serious concerns about the food and nutrition situation of poor families in many countries. Particularly in urban areas, where people cannot grow their own food, household budgets have been squeezed. The rapid price increases are particularly bad news for young children, as any disruption to their nutrition tends to have serious long-term implications, both in terms of growth and stunting and lower educational outcomes, affecting their earning potential in later life. This policy brief looks at longitudinal evidence from Young Lives to show how the food price crisis will have both short-term and long-term impacts on children's health and well-being.

The policy brief is available here:

http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/YL_policy_brief_5/

5) Young Voices: The camera never lies: children's views of health in their communities

In January 2008 Young Lives carried out a photovoice project in two rural Young Lives study sites in Oromiya and Southern Nations, Nationalities and People Region (SNNPR). Children aged 12 and 13 were asked to take photographs reflecting their views on health assets and concerns in their community. They then participated in a two-day workshop to discuss their pictures and presented their photos to their communities and in an exhibition to national policy-makers and NGO representatives in Addis Ababa in June 2008.

For more details see:

http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/Eth_Photovoice_views_health/

For more information about the event in Addis Ababa and some of the photos: <http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43836>

6) News

Young Lives Global Challenges Symposium, 12-13 December 2008

This invitation-only event will bring together leading thinkers around the central themes of the Young Lives study - the dimensions and dynamics of childhood poverty, and successful poverty reduction - in order to situate our work within the wider debates on children and poverty.

Full programme available here:

http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/global_symposium_dec08/

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