

# A CHILD FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS

*This tool is designed to assess the child friendliness of a community from the perspective of **parents of children 7 years of age or below**. It asks questions about the context in which children grow, develop and experience their rights. As such, the tool is designed to supplement other data on children and their living conditions available to cities. Used in conjunction with the children's and adolescents' community assessment tools it can help guide the actions of communities and municipal authorities.*

*Feel free to use the space at the end of each question group to note down any comment or idea that may be relevant to the discussion. Further guidance on the use of this tool is provided in the "Facilitators Guidebook for Child Friendly Community Assessment".*

**SESSION PROFILE**

Date					
Facilitator(s)					
Place/location of workshop					
Number of participants by age	13-18	19-39	40-59	60 +	
Gender of children	Parents with children aged 7 and below				
	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>		
Total number of participants					
Area, or approximate locations, of the participant's homes					

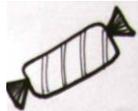
# KEY:

## Scores:

	<b>Never True</b>
	<b>Sometimes True</b>
	<b>Mostly True</b>

## Comments:

Use the comment box to make notes about any aspect of the process that may be important for the interpretation of the results (such as “parents had difficulty answering this question,” or “parents feel girls are not treated the same way as boys on this issue”).

<b>Practice Questions</b>		<b>Never True</b>	<b>Sometimes True</b>	<b>Mostly True</b>	<b>Does Not Apply</b>	<b>Comments</b>
						
	1. My children like sweets/candy					
	2. My children help out with chores at home					
	3. I like it when it's raining					

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Play & Leisure		Never True	Sometimes True	Mostly True	Does Not Apply	Comments
						
	1. My children have a safe place to play right outside my home					
	2. In my community my children have places for play, games and sports					
	3. My children have time to play, rest and enjoy themselves					
	4. The places for play in my community can also be used by children with physical disabilities					
	5. There are places in my community where my children can be in contact with nature					
	6. My children participate in, or observe festivals and events of cultures and religions different from my own					
	7. My children participate in programs, groups or activities outside of school					

<b>Participation &amp; Citizenship</b>		<b>Never True</b>	<b>Sometimes True</b>	<b>Mostly True</b>	<b>Does Not Apply</b>	<b>Comments</b>
						
	1. I help with projects to change my community					
	2. I am involved in planning or decisions for my community					
	3. I have heard about children's rights on public television or radio					
	4. I give my opinion about the budget for programs and services for children					

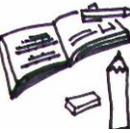
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<b>Safety &amp; Protection</b>		<b>Never True</b>	<b>Sometimes True</b>	<b>Mostly True</b>	<b>Does Not Apply</b>	<b>Comments</b>
						
	1. If my child is in danger, I know where to report it and get help					
	2. My children are protected from gangs/armed groups*  *Could be related to armed conflict					
	3. My children feel protected from a stranger taking them away					
	4. My children feel safe from violence and abuse *  *abuse could be verbal, physical or sexual					
	5. In our community children are respected regardless of their color, religion, nationality, culture or disabilities					

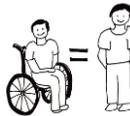
Health & Social Services		Never True	Sometimes True	Mostly True	Does Not Apply	Comments
						
	1. There is a place where I can get advice about my children's health and development					
	2. There is a place in my community I can go to for health check-ups and when my children are sick					
	3. I know of mental health care services (such as counseling) for children					
	4. There are emergency care facilities that are close by and can be used when my children get hurt or fall very ill					
	5. Children are registered at birth					
	6. There is a place or person where my children can be taken care of if I need it					
	7. My children receive all of the immunizations they need					
	8. There are places where families can get food when needed if they do not have it and are hungry					

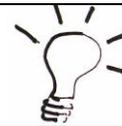
<b>Health &amp; Social Services</b>		Never True	Sometimes True	Mostly True	Does Not Apply	Comments
						
	9. There are public toilets my children can use safely and easily					
	10. My community is free of garbage and dirty water					
	11. The air in my community is clean, smoke-free and stench free					

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<b>Educational Resources</b> (“school”, below, refers to any kind of regular child-care: nursery, pre-school, kindergarten, etc.)		Never True 	Sometimes True 	Mostly True 	Does Not Apply	Comments
	1. My children go to school					
	2. My children have access to affordable school in places close to my home					
	3. The school schedule is convenient to my family					
	4. Boys and girls are treated the same way at my children’s school					
	5. My children have affordable books, paper, pencils and other school supplies					
	6. My children receive enough attention from their teacher when they need it					
	7. My children’s ideas are listened to by teachers in school					
	8. There is free time in school for my children to play games and sports, rest, and spend time with friends					
	9. My children have enough good water in school for drinking and for washing					

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	10. The toilets in school are clean and my children can use them easily and safely					
	11. In school all children are respected regardless of their color, religion, nationality or culture					
	12. In school children with disabilities are respected and given equal treatment					
	13. My children use the school or community library					
	14. At school, children are disciplined without being physically hurt					
	15. I have opportunities to give my opinion regarding school decisions					
	16. My children respect each other at school without the risk of being hassled or bullied					
	17. The school is accessible to children with disabilities					

Home Environment		Never True	Sometimes True	Mostly True	Does Not Apply	Comments
						
	1. My children have enough safe water to drink at home					
	2. My children have a clean toilet they can use at home or nearby					
	3. There is enough water for washing at home					
	4. The air in my home is healthy for my children and it is free from smoke and pollution					
	5. My house has electric light					
	6. My home provides adequate shelter for all weather conditions					
	7. We have a home that we can afford and cannot be easily taken away from us					
	8. My home has enough space for my children					
	9. My children feel safe at home					