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20 Years of Child Friendly Cities
20 Years of Child Friendly Cities and Reflections on the Future

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A “Child Friendly City” is a city, town, community or any system of local governance committed to fulfilling child rights as articulated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

It is a city or community where the voices, needs and priorities of children are an integral part of public policies, programmes and decisions influencing their lives and future.
A quick History of CFCI
1962: UNICEF starts working on Urban
1992: The Mayors Defenders of Children initiative
1996: CFCI launched UN HABITAT II Conference
2000: CFCI Research Secretariat at the UNICEF Innocenti
2004: CFCCI Framework for Action
2012: State of the World of Children
What have we learned from two decades of Child Friendly Cities?
The global minimum criteria

1. Demonstrated results for children
2. Meaningful and inclusive child participation
3. Demonstrated dedication to eliminating discrimination

We are moving in the same direction
CFCI Framework for Action

- Five goals and results areas
- No results without a plan
- No plan without resources
Evidence is a driver for the CFCI

• Knowledge about the situation of children, deprivation and opportunities, results

• Meaningful data & analysis

• Monitoring changes and assessing impact
The CFCI is for children, with children

- Child participation must be meaningful and inclusive
- Strengthen inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized children
CFCI is about partnerships and empowerment

Local Government

CSO

Children and Families

Local Business
The CFCI is about improving the lives and well-being of children, not about creating perfect cities. The CFCI is a transformative process to achieve more and better results for children.
We are on the same path
A Child Friendly City is...

- A global **movement**
- A programme that strengthens social **inclusion**
- A promoter of child and youth **participation**
- A change of **priorities** in all decision making
- A **practical** tool
- A holistic approach to **sustainability**
Thank you!