

SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTING

Background of Social Intelligence Reporting (SIR)

SIR is a Kenyan initiative led by government through the Ministry of Devolution and Planning and supported technically by UNICEF Kenya Country office: SIR is a tool for gathering data and information for monitoring the status of public social services (notably Education services within primary schools, health services within facilities, community and school water points, Sanitation in schools, Nutrition from health facilities, social protection and child protection). The SIR has since 2010 been manually operated with huge time lags in reporting. The SIR manual data collection method often struggled to capture timely, reliable data and display and disseminate it in meaningful ways. However data is hardly ever shared between counties/districts, and rarely made public for informed decision making. Even worse, facility managers on the frontlines and beneficiaries rarely receive feedback or even have access to this critical data information collected by SIR. The current coverage of SIR is two sub counties per county. It is against this background that the Ministry of Devolution and Planning proposes to develop a real time reporting system for SIR through a benchmarking exercise.

Development of a Real Time System for Social Intelligence Reporting

The Objective of real time SIR system

The objective of real-time reporting is to make data and information publicly available as soon as possible to facilitate corrective action by various levels of programme implementers and policy makers. Real-time reporting will also bring improved functionality to facility managers and enforcement agencies, compared with the former annual-oriented reporting system. The system will ensure that the collection, processing, analysis, visualization and dissemination of information collected through the SIR tools is digitized.

The real time reporting system for Social Intelligence Reporting(e-SIR) will improve the Information Life Cycle of data on social sectors to support informed decision making at the national and subnational levels. The e-SIR would also enhance public accountability for social services, particularly for the realisation of

children's rights under the Constitution. The principal elements of this system will enable rapid transfer of information from the field, production of regular reports and interactive queries as well as public accessibility to the information.

The redesigned functionality of SIR is expected to eventually merge several layers of information and data from social sectors with spatial basic socio-economic/demographic data, Expenditures/budgets, identified key infrastructure points notably health facilities, primary schools, water points, etc) and ultimately provide timely status reports from facilities/communities, local CBOs/NGOs on how children are enjoying their rights.

Expected Results

The real-time system is finally expected to help the national Government, County Governments and NGOs to better prioritize child sensitive interventions as well as facilitating immediate follow-up on issues such as remedial actions on drug stock-outs, drop outs etc and create the demand for better services by communities through advocacy and demand for accountability. The SIR system will thus facilitate programme implementers from all agencies to obtain more regular timely routine reports of issues requiring timely remedial action more quickly than was previously possible.

Rolling out of the E-SIR System

The E-SIR system initially be piloted in three counties notably Gaissa , Turkana and Kilifi then it will be rolled out to all 47 counties in a phases (15 counties every year starting FY2017/18)