**Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plans**

**Overview**

The overall M&E framework in the child-friendly accountability field manual will serve as the basis for monitoring and evaluating the activities described in Objective 2.

(See “Annex 3 (M&E): Global CFAcc Monitoring and Evaluation Logical Framework” on page 28 of the Child-friendly Accountability field manual, attached.)

ChildFund Alliance will also develop comprehensive M&E plans related to Objectives 1 and 3. The description below emphasizes the M&E scheme for Objective 2 (implementation of Child-friendly Accountability at the field level) because of its centrality to the overall initiative.

**M&E set-up**

* Establish the M&E team (i.e. hire Child-friendly Accountability coordinator [who will serve as the M&E focal point] and contract an M&E specialist).
* Develop standardized child-friendly accountability objectives for use by all country teams.
* Develop M&E indicators for monitoring outcomes related to amplifying children’s voices and perspectives in international forums (objective 1) and strengthening information management (objective 3).

**Baseline assessment**

* Country offices conduct a baseline assessment at the outset of each project and periodically review to keep it relevant.
* Country offices create country-specific indicators.
* M&E focal point collects baseline data for international-level child participation and information management systems (e.g. Objectives 1 and 3).

**Ongoing monitoring**

* Country offices use the web-based platform and other tools for collecting information about project outputs.
* M&E specialist conducts periodic interviews with child participants related to the objectives on international-level child participation and organizational learning.
* ChildFund Alliance uses the data collected through monitoring activities to inform program decisions and redesign in a feedback loop.

**Outcome and impact monitoring**

An external consultant(s) periodically conducts outcome-level assessment(s) and impact-level evaluation(s), which evaluate all international and field-level objectives.

**Additional activities**

* As appropriate, ChildFund Alliance will provide additional support to country teams related to M&E.