Title of paper: A report on child well-being in Spain. The

development of a comprehensive index and its results.

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Abstract:

Since 2009, UNICEF Spain has been working with the development of a national index of child well-being indicators. In June 2010, after a largely participatory process, a first edition of a set of 7 dimensions and 50 indicators was published, highly inspired by Report Card 7 (UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre) but still without national data. Due to the lack of

coherent measurement of children's situation in Spain, and taking advantage of

the publishing in September 2010 of the Final Observations made by the

Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the Spanish State Report (from

January 2008), UNICEF Spain went ahead publishing, in November 2010, its first

State of Children in Spain 2010-2011 Report. This document contained a first

complete version of the set of indicators developed earlier and has since its

publishing been widely consulted by scholars, politicians, NGO etc. Despite the

fact that the preceding participatory process was, from time to time, hard to

administer, the final broad consensus of the election of the indicators upheld

the sometimes difficult development of the final index. The set of indicators,

still being at its first phase of evaluation, is currently being updated with

new data as well as complemented with regional data, with the aim of a future

comparison in child well-being among Spain's 17 autonomous regions. At present,

UNICEF Spain is also starting up a research project concerning subjective child

well-being indicators, hereby intending to improve the indicators of dimension

number 7, using new and internationally comparable data. The paper to be

presented at the III ISCI Conference will contain a description of the

participatory working process, a presentation of the set of indicators (with

current national and regional data) and a first result report of the subjective

child well-being indicators research project.