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In October 1990, UNICEF's Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office brought together a number of specialists to analyse child survival, protection and development data with a view to identifying new trends and issues emerging in the region. This meeting established the parameters of a regional profile of children and women in Eastern and Southern Africa. The trends and issues which were identified and analysed over the subsequent year are grouped under the headings poverty, children's and women's health, nutrition, education, women's development, urbanization, children in especially difficult circumstances, and conflicts and wars. In addition, the book contains an introductory economic overview and a concluding statistical annex which provides the most recent and comprehensive CSPD data for the region.

This book is intended primarily to alert UNICEF country offices to emerging issues in their countries, to establish thematic and programmatic priorities for UNICEF in Eastern and Southern Africa and to assist UNICEF Representatives, Senior Officers and Headquarters colleagues, as well as UNICEF partners, in their advocacy for Eastern and Southern Africa's needs. Such an initiative is especially important in light of the World Summit for Children and the Goals for the Year 2000 since it will enable UNICEF and its partners to monitor their progress. Each chapter suggests a number of initiatives which the whole development community may pursue. UNICEF recognizes that the enormity of Africa's development needs will be met only with the full participation of Africa's governments, their development partners and—above all—Africa's people.



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