

FARE Project

Guidelines for Selection of Index Child in Families at Risk of Family-Child Separation

HH ID	
Name of Interviewer	
Name of respondent	
Date of interview	

The index child is selected from the families screened as beneficiaries of FARE project (families at very high risk of family-child separation) in the target areas. These are the children that will respond to the family integration assessment tools in each of the families in this category.

Selection of the index child should be undertaken after the HVAT and Caregiver's Family Integration Status Assessment Tool are administered in a household.

Please note that:

Child in conflict with the law means that a child (anyone under 18 years) comes into contact with the justice system (including police, courts, local councils or probation and social welfare office among others) as a result of being suspected or accused of committing an offence

A disability is a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities

An orphan is child who has lost one or both of his/her biological parents

Selection criteria:

- Write all names of children in the household as indicated in the HVAT
- Tick all issues that are applicable to every child in the table.
- Total up the scores for every child in the household
- Mark the child who scores the highest scores/experiences most multiple issues and select him/her as the index child in this household
- In case two or more children tie with similar scores, the one closest to age 9 should be selected.
- After identifying the child that will be selected as an index child, circle his or her score.
- Write his/her name in the space provided below the table.

The Index child should be the first to be allocated an ID number in the household. For example, in the first household under Retrak (RT-P-001); the index child's ID number should be: RT-P-001-C-01.

Selection Table

Names of children (Ages 5-17)	Child's Age (copy from HVAT)	Has [name] ever lived away from home to work for a family member, because they had just ran away, were living on the street, left because of conflict in family or	Has [name] been abused physically, emotionally or sexually in or outside the household	Has [name] been or is currently abusing drugs or alcohol	Has [name] worked fully or part time to be paid (for any form of payment)	Has [name] been in conflict with the law in the last 3 years	Is [name] out of school	Does [name] have a disability?	Is [name] HIV positive or falls sick very often?	Does [name] usually escape from home to known or unknown place	Is [name] often isolated or never associates with other	[name] is an orphan?	[name] is not a biological child in the family?	Does [name] have difficulties in associating with parents?	Does [name] have any embarrassing or stigmatizing issues such as wetting the bed?	Total No. of issues applicable
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Name of index child (selected).....