Background
Improving health outcomes for children under and over 5 years of age is a priority for WHO, UNICEF and partners. An implication of the priority accorded to child health by the international global health community is an increase in the number of organizations collecting data to monitor child health activities in countries across a wide range of domains, including education, nutrition, mental health and environment, to name a few. Data are often captured by different sectors with different socio demographic characteristics and are not always comparable, making the sharing and use of the data complicated. Many countries also report having an increased burden of reporting to international aid partners and other organizations. In addition, there are documented measurement gaps that need to be addressed with rigorous methodologies and validation studies.

Objectives of CHAT:
The objectives of the CHAT technical advisory group are to:
- provide advice to ongoing measurement efforts;
- prioritize metrics;
- identify measurement gaps;
- provide guidance and evaluate existing tools; and
- Create a catalogue of validated tools for measuring and monitoring health indicators for children 28 days to 9 years of age.

CHAT-TAG Secretariat:
The group will function similarly to that of the Technical Advisory Group for Mother and Newborn Information for Tracking Outcomes and Results (MoNITOR), a group of 14 experts that guides WHO’s efforts around maternal and newborn measurement. MoNITOR, CHAT and a Technical Advisory Group for Adolescent measurement efforts will work together to provide a standard set of harmonized indicators for the continuum of care from pregnancy to adolescence. Our joint work will include holding joint meetings to ensure synergy among participants of the three technical advisory groups. The first meeting will be held from the 28th to the 30th of November 2018.

Selection of TAG members
Members of the CHAT TAG must have excellent technical knowledge including but not restricted to:
- Broad knowledge of child health epidemiology;
- Familiarity with the means of collecting country-level information on health, education and WASH information including use of health facility surveys, household surveys, routine systems and demographic surveillance systems in developing country contexts;
- Experience with child health programmes at the country-level;
- Quality assurance of country level data;
- Past experience in normative working groups of a technical nature;
- Tracking progress towards coverage of key services for children;

1 Neonatal indicator harmonization is being done through Mother and Newborn Information for Tracking Outcomes and Results (MoNITOR) technical advisory group.
• Tracking progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), especially those aimed at reducing child mortality and morbidity;
• Monitoring and evaluation capacity development in a wide range of low and middle income countries; and
• Health information systems management;

In addition, the CHAT TAG will include members who have experience working at the national level in child health with monitoring and evaluation expertise. The group will have geographical and gender balance.

Process to identify members:
1. An open call for nominations for independent experts in monitoring and evaluation of child health will be placed on WHO/MCA/RHR/HSI websites and actively circulated among networks. The call for nomination will include the posting of the Terms of Reference.
2. Candidates will be requested to submit:
   a. A brief curriculum vitae (2-3 pages)
   b. A list of authored papers to demonstrate area(s) of expertise and how he or she has contributed to the field of measurement
   c. One example of a work product or report
   d. A short statement discussing their measurement challenge priority (200 words max)
3. Short-listed nominees will be contacted by the WHO/UNICEF Secretariat to determine their interest and potential availability.
4. The Secretariat will review the nominations and identify up to 12 proposed members, considering:
   a. Gender balance
   b. Geographic balance
   c. Technical expertise with regards to metrics research, epidemiology, monitoring & evaluation of child indicators/health, as related to:
      i. Types of data collection instruments and analysis
      ii. Data collection methodology
      iii. Statistical methodology and analysis
      iv. Demographic principles and analysis
      v. Issues of accountability and human rights
5. The Secretariat will contact all proposed members with information on the 1st meeting to be convened on the week of the 26th November 2018 in conjunction with the WHO’s Mother and Newborn Information for Tracking Outcomes and Results technical advisory group (MoNITOR). The specific dates for the CHAT technical advisory group are 28-30 November 2018. Attendance at this first meeting is mandatory.
6. All nomination submissions should be sent to Dr Kathleen Strong (strongk@who.int) with copy to Ms Gersende Moyse (moyseg@who.int), labelled “CHAT Nomination”.