Equity for Children is a trailblazer in revealing childhood inequalities and pushing forward a policy agenda to address them. We shine a light on innovative and practical solutions that improve child wellbeing around the world.

Moving the conversation into action, an international conference organized by Equity for Children: “Addressing Inclusion Among Children & Adolescents Living in Poverty” In Fall 2018, 100 child advocates, field practitioners, scholars and students gathered for discussions with a panel of experts from top child advocacy organizations. Statistics specialists and economists proposed ways to include “non-visible” children, who are not counted in standard surveys. Violence against children was analyzed by a panel composed of child protection experts, who came up with a series of policy recommendations that include youth participation in the prevention of violence. The conference made a concrete contribution to understanding, defining, measuring and addressing social inclusion and violence prevention among boys and girls living in poverty.

(to find out more visit https://bit.ly/2PWQvR1)

Helping governments measure child poverty: Equity for Children partnered with UNICEF Panama and a local team to develop multidimensional child poverty measures for the country. The results, published in September, led to a presentation by Panama’s President at the United Nations General Assembly about the importance of using a Multidimensional Poverty Index to guide innovative policies that help to eradicate all dimensions of poverty. The measurements look beyond income and also consider housing, sanitation, health, nutrition, education, protection and recreation. Partnering with UNICEF and the National Statistical Office of Ecuador, a similar program is in development for Ecuador, which will be the first time the country systematically measures child poverty.

Urban Poverty and Inequality in NYC - Building bridges between academia and practice: In Spring 2018, Professor Alberto Minujin and his students in the Urban Poverty and Inequality course at Milano School of International Affairs, Management and Urban Policy gathered and analyzed evidence to improve the condition of poor families in NYC. This research was done in collaboration with LSA (Little Sisters of the Assumption) Family Health Service, located in El Barrio/East Harlem; Voces Latinas, in Queens; and NYCHA-REES (NYC Housing Authority – Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability), in Brooklyn.

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Sharing knowledge on child-led climate change action: Concluding Equity for Children’s research on climate change and children, the team published an article in a special section of *Children, Youth and Environments*. The article highlights the measurable and strategic contributions adolescents have made to mitigation advocacy and adaptation actions in the U.S. and in the Pacific Island countries. The article serves as a capstone to a series of events and publications by Equity for Children on children in a changing climate.

Setting a new milestone towards equitable national budgets for children: In August, Equity for Children met with representatives of the government of Equatorial Guinea to share the findings of a child public expenditure assessment. The landmark study, which Equity for Children conducted in collaboration with UNICEF and the Office of National Statistics, was one of the first in sub-Saharan Africa and lays the foundation for an equity and child rights perspective in national budget decisions. Given that Equatorial Guinea has some of the world’s highest rates of child poverty and inequality, the assessment can contribute to significant, positive change in children’s lives.  

Finding synergies between structural family therapy and advocacy for poor families. On April 12, more than 100 practitioners from the fields of child advocacy, policy, social work, government and other professional areas attended the Equity for Children-hosted session “Working with Families of the Poor: Taking Forward the Legacy of Salvador Minuchin” at The New School. Other participants from 10 countries including Argentina, Brazil and Nigeria joined by simulcast. The event examined the lack of equal access to therapy and quality care in governmental justice systems and offered a collaborative way forward to benefit children. 
*to find out more visit* [https://bit.ly/2DYBw3P](https://bit.ly/2DYBw3P)

Monitoring urban child wellbeing in Nigeria: Based on its model developed in Latin America, Equity for Children was invited by UNICEF to introduce monitoring of urban child wellbeing and inequalities in Ondo State, Nigeria. This experience has provided valuable lessons on urban monitoring in a deeply different context, where data is not as readily available and cities have limited autonomy. Equity for Children facilitated workshops for UNICEF and a wide range of ministries in Ondo State, leading to a call for action. Data gathering is currently underway and will be presented before the end of 2018. The experience demonstrates the value of monitoring child wellbeing in cities and the potential for transforming lives.

An urban strategy to fulfill child rights for Latin America and the Caribbean: Equity for Children was chosen by UNICEF to develop an urban strategy for the region that puts children at forefront. Equity for Children will conduct a quantitative analysis of inequalities among urban children next and map good practices and organizations working with urban issues. This will guide the definition of actions to cope with the challenging situations faced by children and adolescents living in cities.