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THE HUMAN CAPITAL PROJECT: WILL ACCELERATE MORE AND BETTER INVESTMENTS IN PEOPLE GLOBALLY

1. **Human Capital Index:** Make the case for investment in the human capital of the next generation.

2. **Measurement:** Improve measurement and provide analysis to support investments in human capital formation.

3. **Country engagement:** Support Early Adopters, and ultimately all countries, to prepare national strategies that accelerate progress on human capital.
HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX: THE STORY

“How much human capital will a child born today acquire by the end of secondary school, given the risks to poor health and poor education that prevail in the country where she was born?”

Three ingredients reflect building blocks of the next generation’s human capital:

**SURVIVAL** – Will children born today survive to school age?

**SCHOOL** – How much school will they complete and how much will they learn?

**HEALTH** – Will they leave school in good health, ready for further learning and/or work?
HCl INGREDIENTS:

1. **SURVIVAL TO AGE FIVE**
   - UNDER-FIVE MORTALITY

2. **QUALITY OF LEARNING**
   - EXPECTED YEARS OF SCHOOL
   - LEARNING

3. **HEALTH**: Two broad indicators of overall health:
   - **Stunting Rate**: Fraction of kids under 5 more than 2 reference standard deviations below reference median height-for-age
   - **Adult Survival Rate (ASR)**: Fraction of 15 year-olds who survive to age 60