



Save the Children

Balancing needs, local contexts and safeguards when working with vulnerable populations

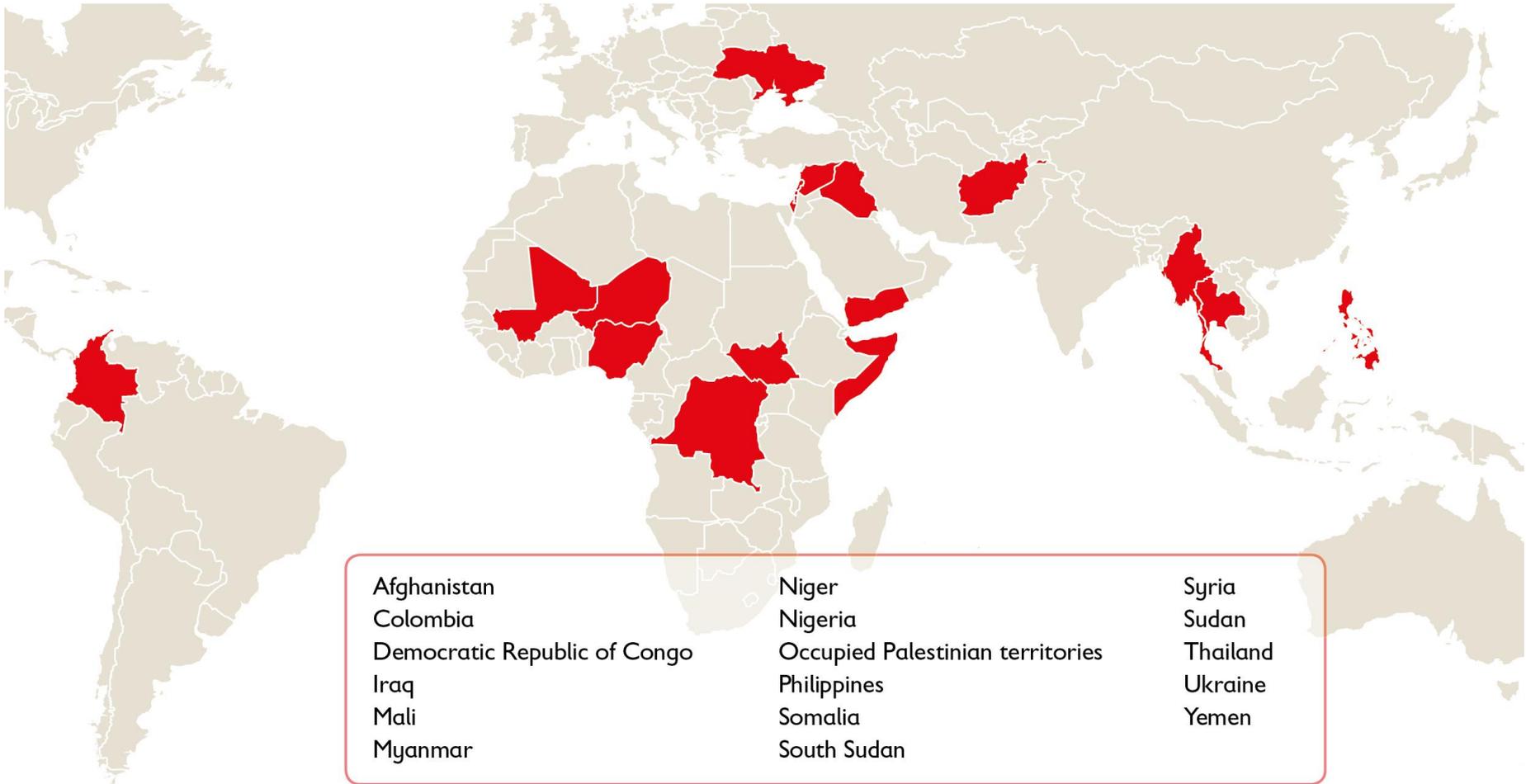


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One hundred years on from its establishment in the UK, there are 29 national Save the Children organisations who are members of the Save the Children Alliance, a global network of nonprofit organisations supporting local partners and Save the Children International in approximately 120 countries around the world.

Geographical Scope – an example of where we did some research (witch vulnerable children) in the past two years.



Some of the things we are trying to balance when collecting primary data...



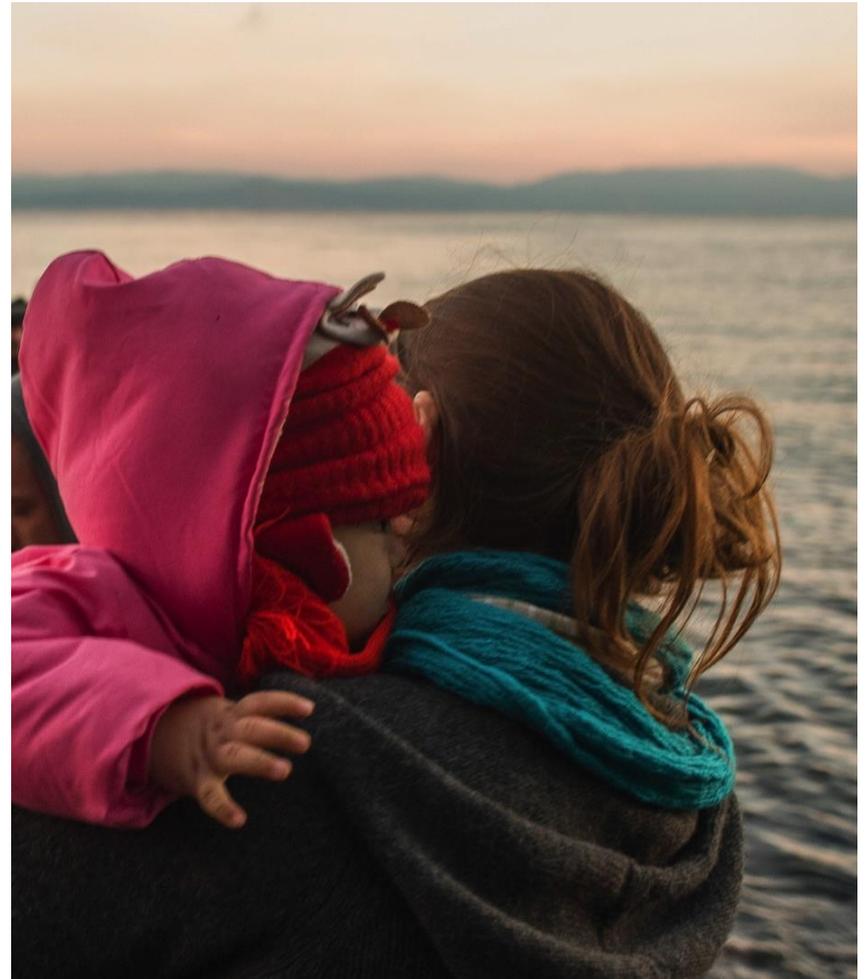
Two Save the Children members have a Research Policy

Save the Children USA:

Research Review Process set up in 2016. Internal review for minimal risk data collection from human subjects, external review by commercial IRB for more than minimal risk.

Save the Children UK:

Research Review Process set up in 2018. Independent committee reviews all human subject research and evaluations meant for external



How we developed one in Save the Children UK: many steps, a long timeframe!

•2013 – Market Scoping – What's the effective approach/structure to Ethics?

•2015 – SCUUK Board Approval

•2016: two reviews of governance challenges in research in humanitarian

•2016 – Chair Recruitment (Q1) and Committee Members (Q4)

•2017: kick off meeting

•2018: policy is approved

•2019: review of policy



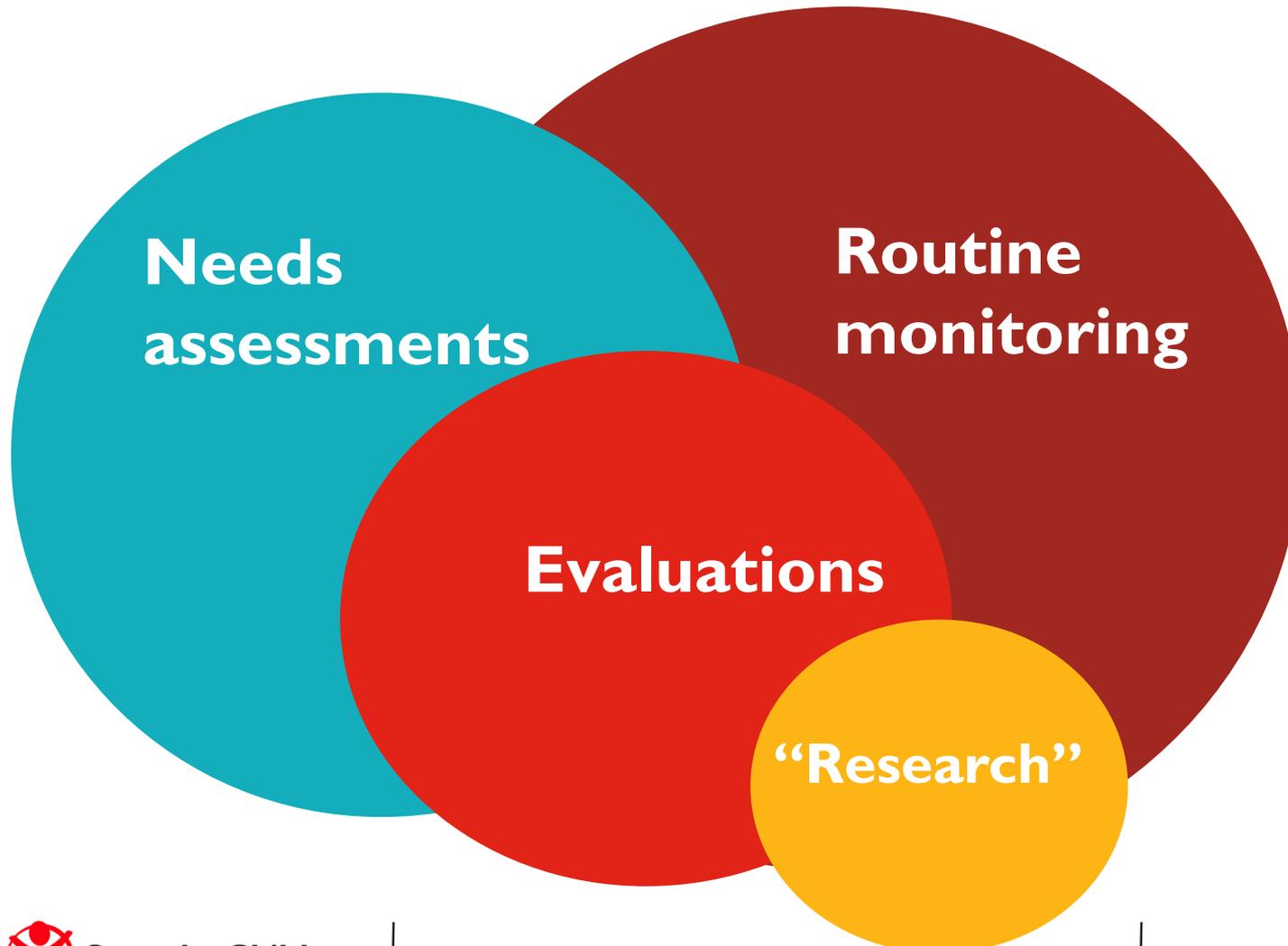
Questions that are emerging through the journey...



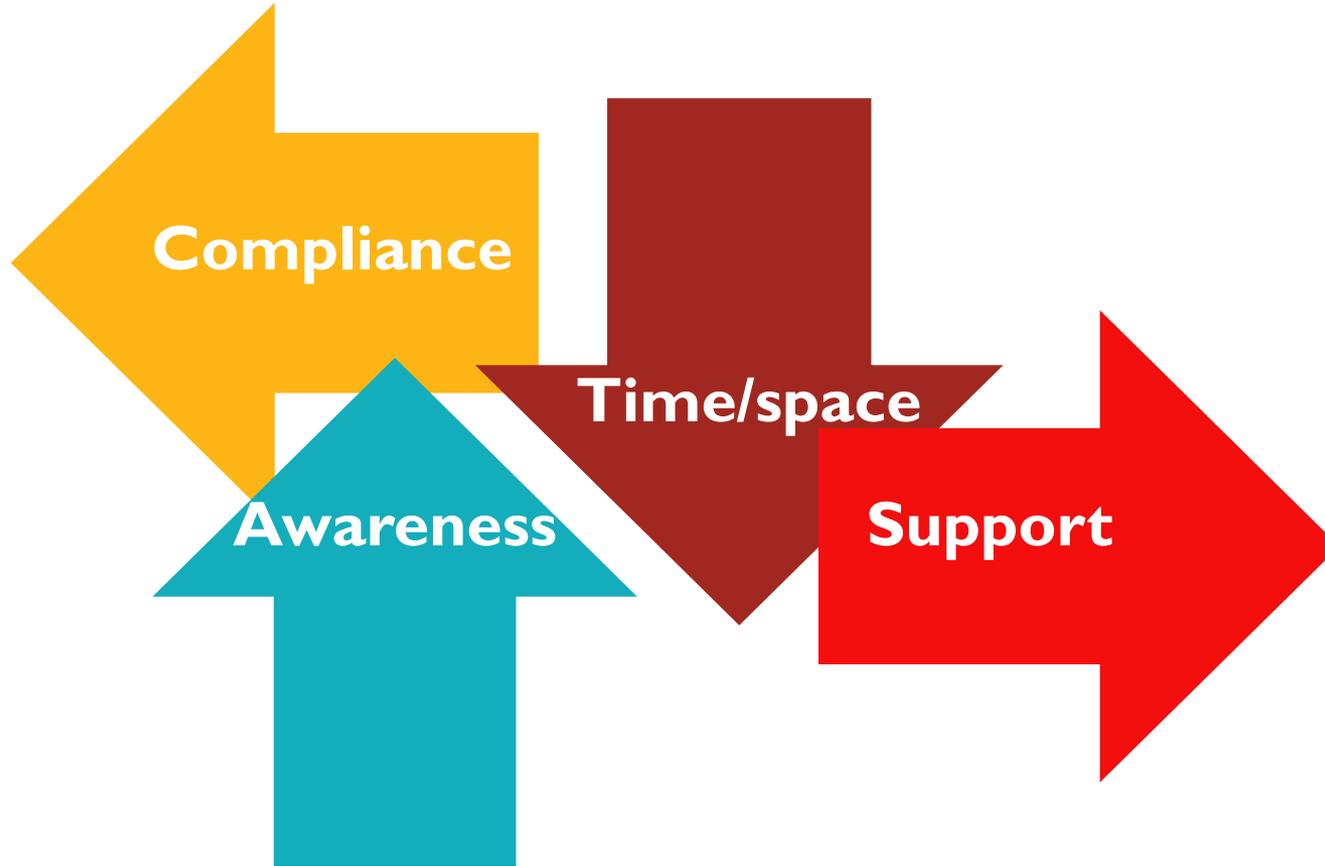
Who is best placed to assess risks and suggest safeguards?



What is “Research”? When is ethical overview needed?



What can be provided? What is needed?



What are we thinking about?

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- **Ethical imperative of NOT doing (unnecessary) research**
 - **Tension between ethical imperative of sharing data (to enable others not to collect unnecessary data VS difficulty in evaluating risks**



Where may we be headed?

- **Alignment between the two existing systems;**
- **Expansion of offer to other SC members (and to partners?)**
- **Regionalisation of review and advice to have reviewers with more localised knowledge?**



Want more information?

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