The **Equitable Impact Sensitive Tool** (EQUIST) is a platform designed to help governments and the global health community improve equity in maternal, newborn and child health.

EQUIST is a medium-term strategic planning, modeling and monitoring platform that serves to improve child and maternal health as well as nutrition equity in developing and middle-income countries. The tool, designed by UNICEF and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, builds on previously-existing platforms including the Lives Saved Tool (John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health) and the Marginal Budgeting for Bottleneck tool (a cost estimator used by the World Bank), and on globally available data including MICS and DHS.

EQUIST helps design strategies that will lead to stronger, more resilient health systems. Applied at sub-national or national levels, it can serve as a solid background or follow-up analysis to support the WHO’s OneHealth software, primarily intended to inform sector-wide national strategic health plans and policies.

**Features**
- Set up and customize for any country, preloading globally-accepted statistics from a data bank (DHS, MICS, CHERG, IGME) - available for over 60 countries
- Display situational analysis of a country by profiles and frontiers
- Build and compare country scenario analyses
- Produce visualizations including tables, graphs and maps, to analyze trends and associations and share results in presentations or advocacy materials

**Benefits**
- Create an accurate picture of the health status of the most deprived children and women—identify which populations are at greatest risk, why they are at risk, and how many lives can be saved with appropriate action
- Confidently plan health interventions—identify the highest impact, most cost-effective strategies to level disparities
- Project the impact of health systems strategies and measure the potential effects in terms of lives saved and costs

**Facts**
- **Stakeholders**: UNICEF HQ
- **Geographic Area**: Global
- **Time Period**: 2016
- **Topics**: Child & Maternal Mortality
- **Tools**: Dashboard, website, database
- **Services**: Implementation services
- **Link**: [http://equist.info/](http://equist.info/)
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**Budget**