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Measuring Progress in the Implementation of the Alternative Care Guidelines

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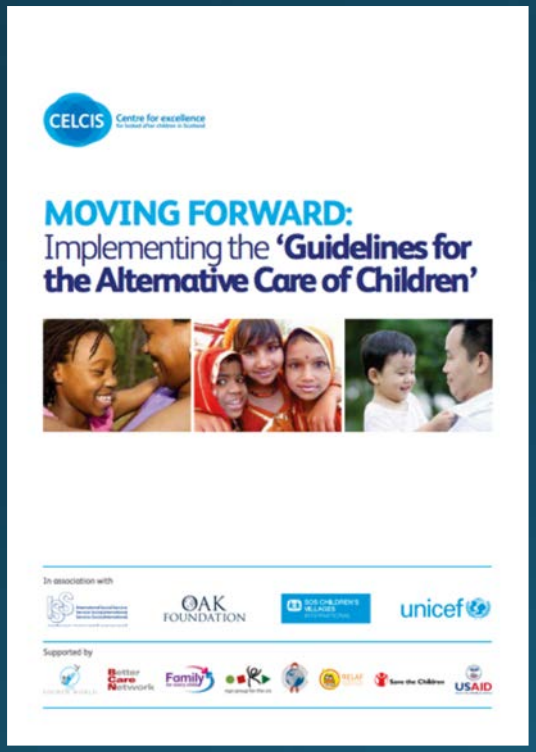
The Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children

- Endorsed by UN General Assembly in 2009
- Authoritative guidance on implementation of UN CRC and other international standards relating to children's care
- Focus on preventing child-family separation and ensuring provision of appropriate alternative care

Inter-agency support to implement the Guidelines

The Handbook



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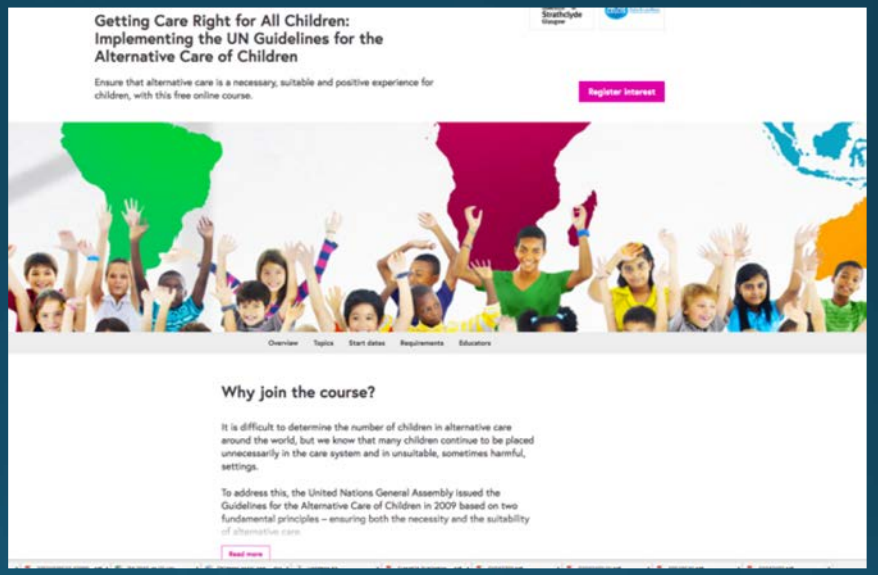

The Tracking Tool

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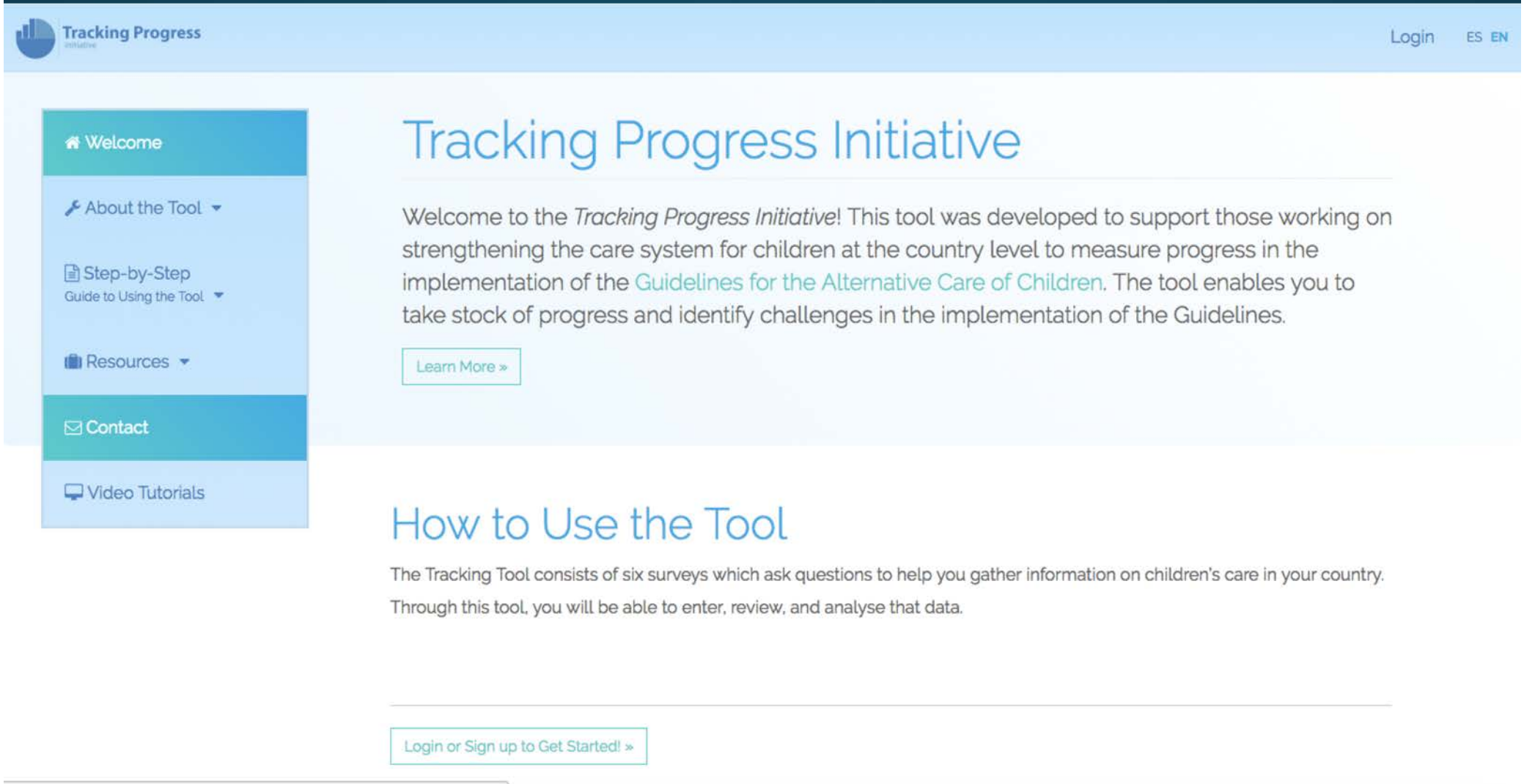
Aims of the tool

- Support national level actors to determine the extent to which their country is effectively implementing the Guidelines
- Enable cross sectoral collaboration and planning based on evidence
- Provide comprehensive framework for national care reform strategy
- Strengthen accountability by tracking progress over time

HOW DOES IT WORK?



WEB BASED INTERACTIVE TOOL

FRAMED BY THE ALTERNATIVE CARE GUIDELINES

Q1

Is care genuinely needed?

Q2

Is the care appropriate for the child?

Reduce the perceived need for formal alternative care

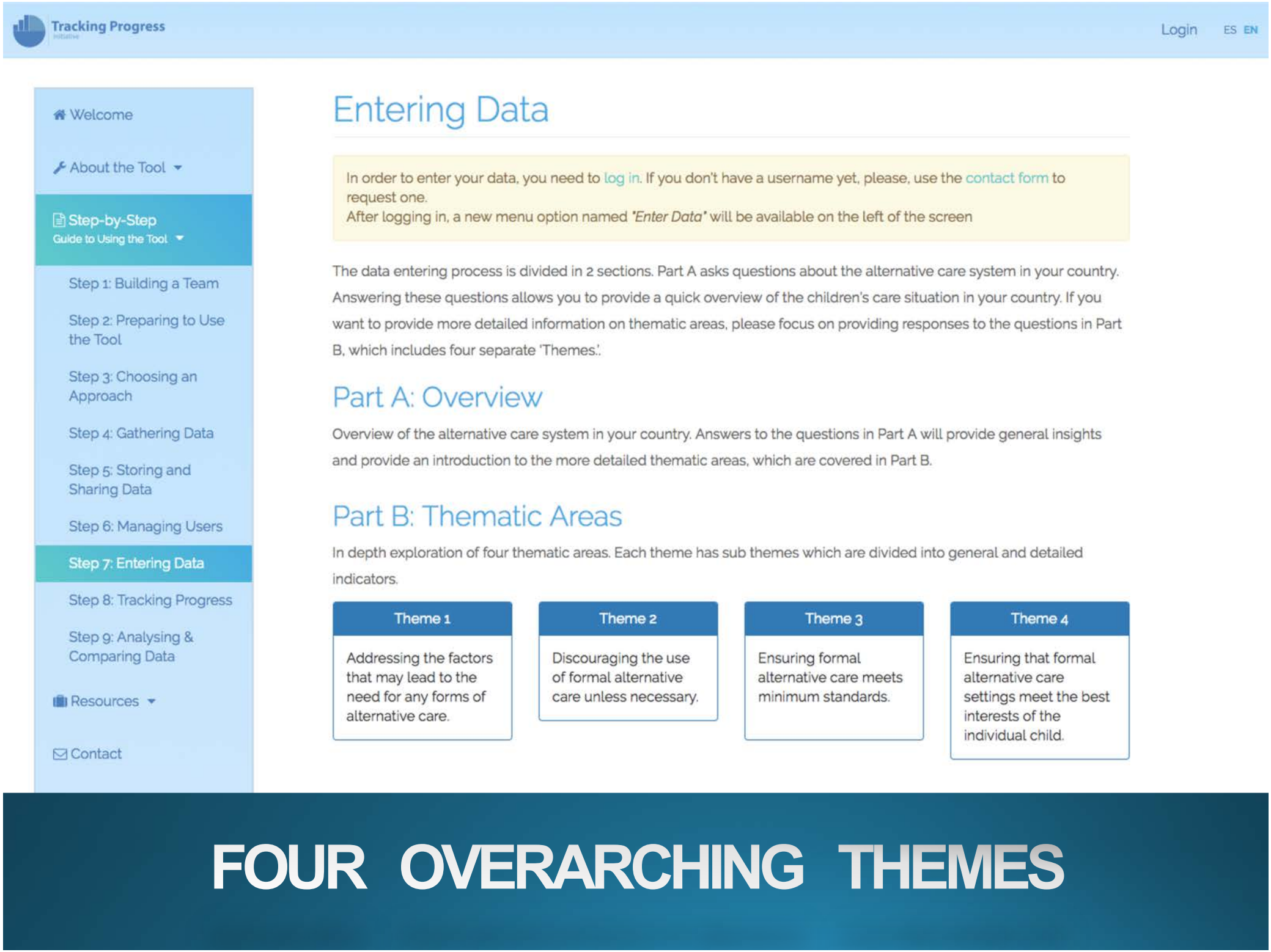
Discourage recourse to alternative care

The Necessity Principle

Ensure formal alternative care settings meet minimum standards

Ensure that the care settings meets the needs of the child

The Suitability Principle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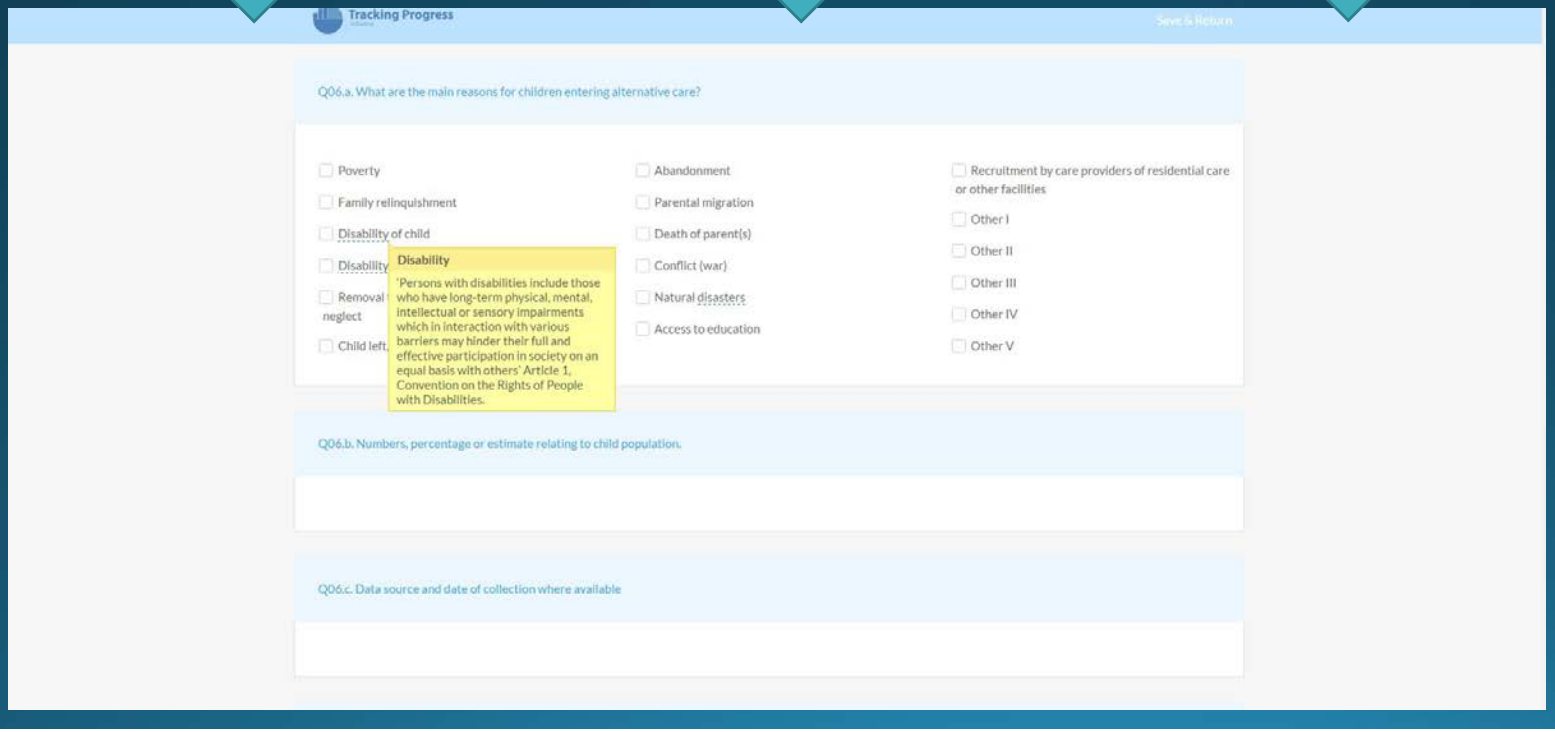
Entering Data
In order to enter your data, you need to log in. If you don't have a username yet, please, use the contact form to request one.
After logging in, a new menu option named "Enter Data" will be available on the left of the screen
The data entering process is divided in 2 sections. Part A asks questions about the alternative care system in your country. Answering these questions allows you to provide a quick overview of the children's care situation in your country. If you want to provide more detailed information on thematic areas, please focus on providing responses to the questions in Part B, which includes four separate 'Themes'.
Part A: Overview
Overview of the alternative care system in your country. Answers to the questions in Part A will provide general insights and provide an introduction to the more detailed thematic areas, which are covered in Part B.
Part B: Thematic Areas
In depth exploration of four thematic areas. Each theme has sub themes which are divided into general and detailed indicators.
Theme 1
Addressing the factors that may lead to the need for any forms of alternative care.
Theme 2
Discouraging the use of formal alternative care unless necessary.
Theme 3
Ensuring formal alternative care meets minimum standards.
Theme 4
Ensuring that formal alternative care settings meet the best interests of the individual child.
FOUR OVERARCHING THEMES

It asks questions to help you gather information on children's care in your country

Input and share data (qualitative and quantitative)

Identify gaps in data and implementation

Set priorities and agree on plan to address them

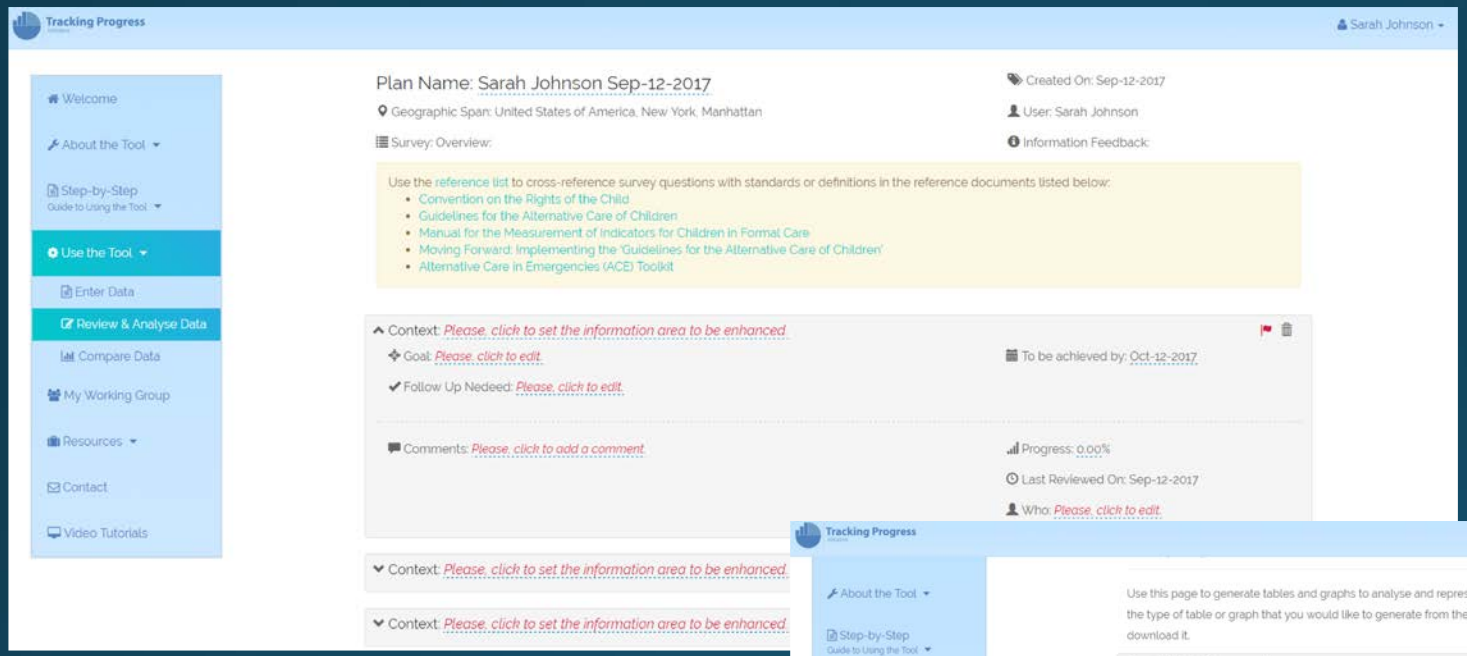


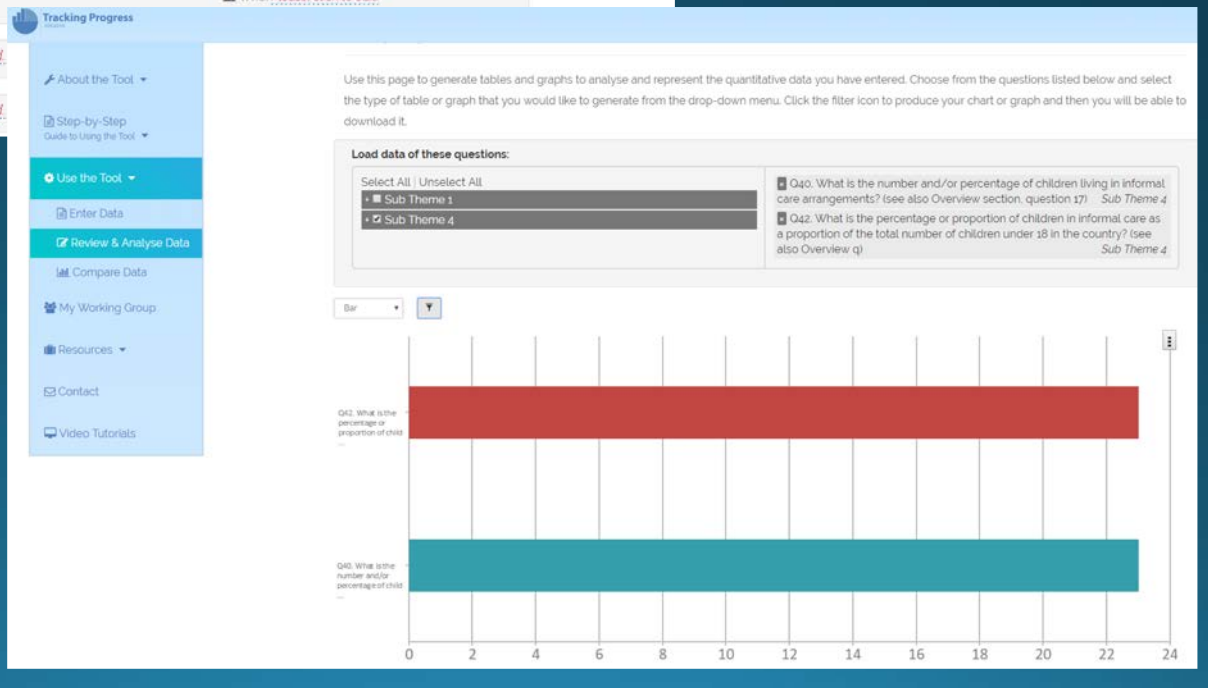
UNDER EACH KEY THEME, USERS CAN…

Update data regularly

Analyse the data over time

Measure change & track progress





Extract data and report

Who can use it?

- Best supported by a national working group of key actors working on children's care and care reforms
- Brings together Government, UN Agencies, civil society and other stakeholders
- Owned and managed at the national level: Data and tool can be hosted on local server or global server
- 'Open source' – Free tool that can evolve with needs in context and over time

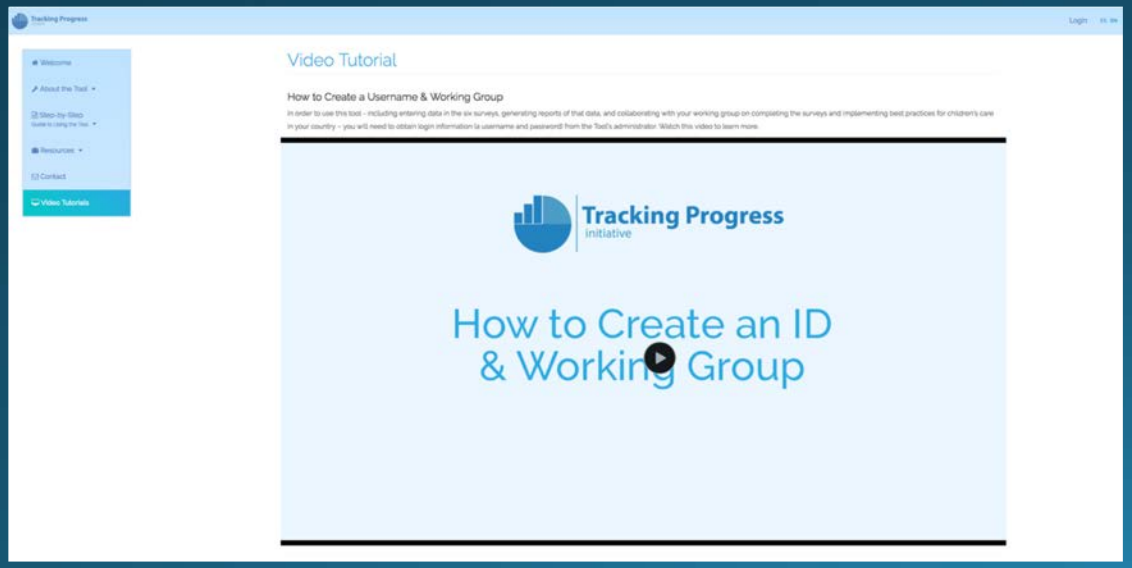
What Next?

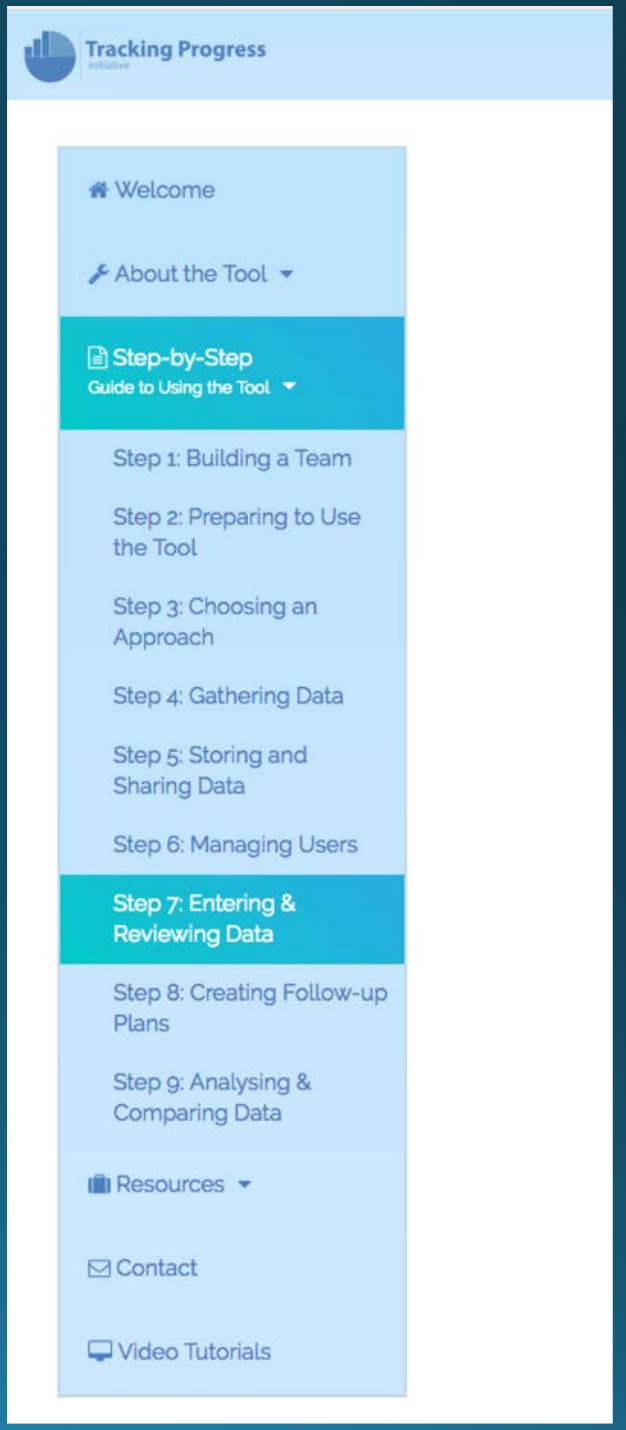
- **Explore the Tool!** www.trackingprogressinitiative.org
- **Review the questions and information needed to respond (a PDF of questions is available online)**
- **Identify who needs to be involved and what mechanism is in place to use the tool successfully**
- **How can the tool support current care reform efforts and strategies?**
- **What is a realistic timeframe and what resources are needed?**

Questions?

- The online Tool includes a Step by Step guide

- Video tutorials are provided to guide you through key functions





More Questions?

For questions on registration and operating the tool:

- **support@trackingprogressinitiative.org**

For questions on technical content and using the tool as part of care reforms:

- **Reach out to the agencies who helped develop the tool operating in your country or reach out to the co-chairs:**

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