**The Data**

To measure the effect of CHILDREN´s engagement on the organizations we use the data they collected from 2011 to 2019. In each year they send a survey to the organizations with several questions. They include numbers like the average eaters per meal or the amount of the subsidy CHILDREN gives the organization but also general questions about the well being or health of the kids. In some organizations one employee fills in the survey and in others they handle it as a team. Since the kids are not asked directly, their wellbeing is documented through the perception of the employees. The collected variables change over the years, but some of them are included for every year. The data was split in one dataset for each year from 2011 to 2019, but we mostly??? focus on the years till 2018 since 2019 is imperfect. We did several steps to get a full dataset that we can use to analyse the effects of CHILDREN’s engagement. Firstly, we outlined a hierarchical file structure enabling us to use relative file paths throughout. Afterwards we made sure that variables with names containing non-standard characters like German “Umlaute” are correctly read in and established naming conventions. We created a file reading the excel sheets and we reviewed and aligned new English-language variable names across the years. Moreover, we systematically compared variable names between years and created a correspondence table, ordered first by variables of 2019, then of 2018 and so on???wirkung. As a next step, we merged the different datasets to one dataset, including all years and variables CHILDREN collected. To be able to work with the variables, we created a function that automatically changed the data type of all variables (containing only certain numbers (in lieu of categories)???) from "numeric" to "ordinal". Furthermore, we created several new variables: we added the German states to each organization-ID and Dummies for each ID and every year.