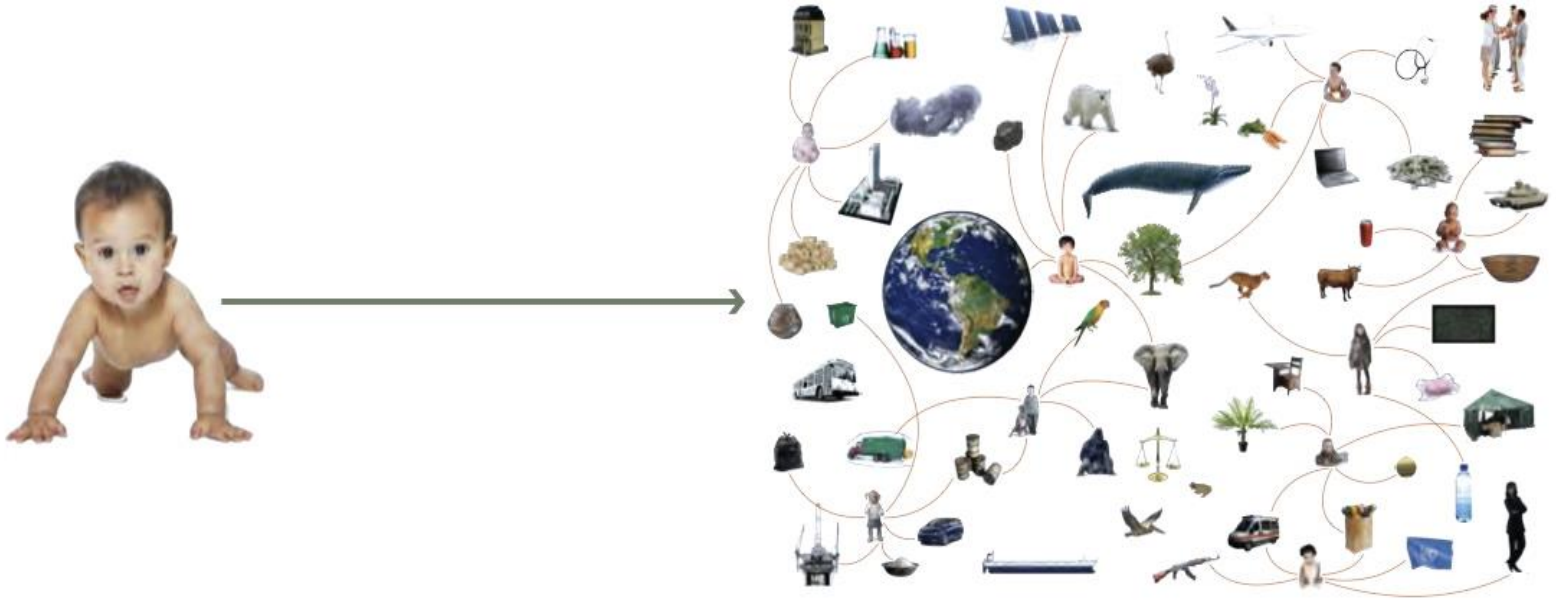


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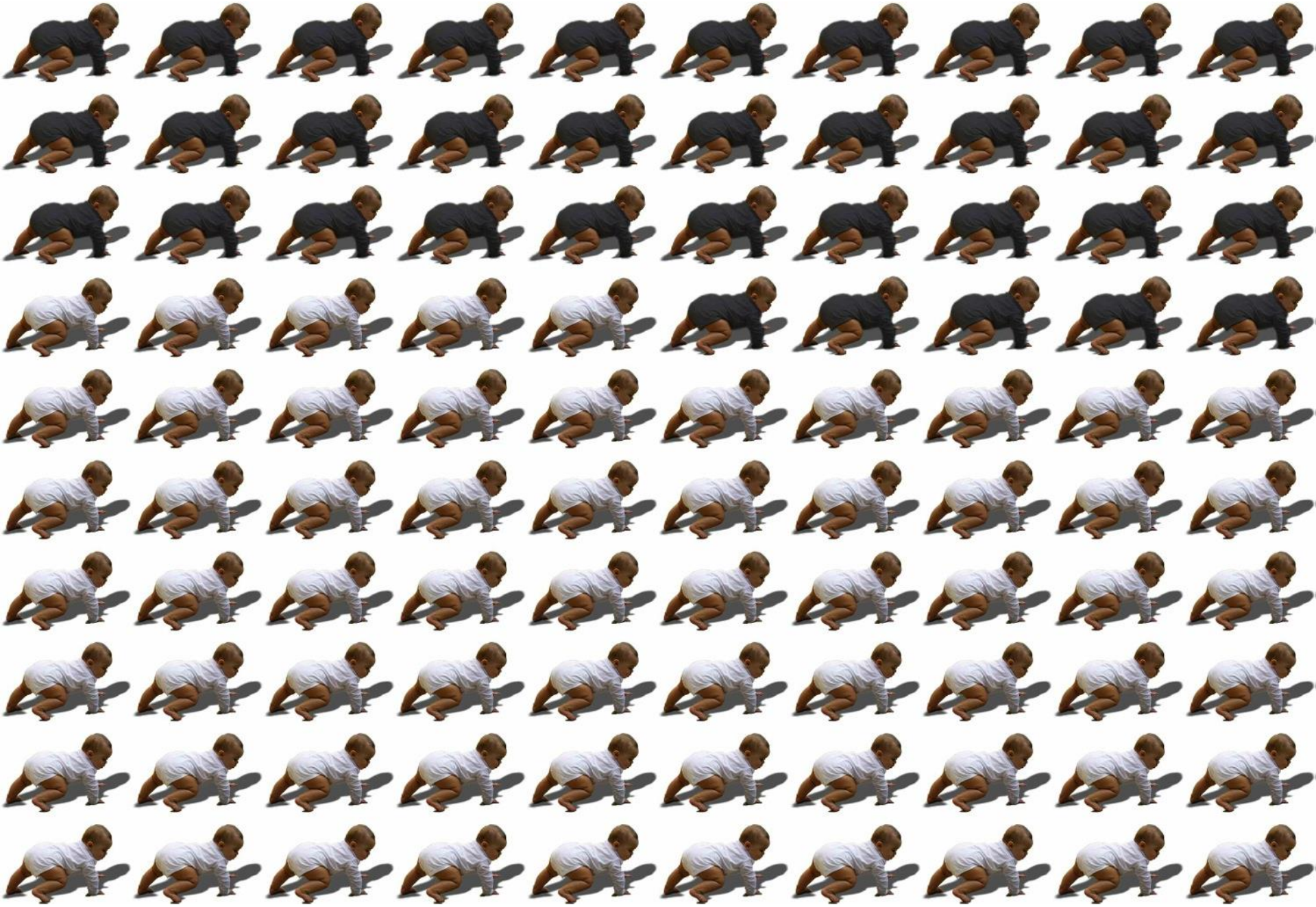
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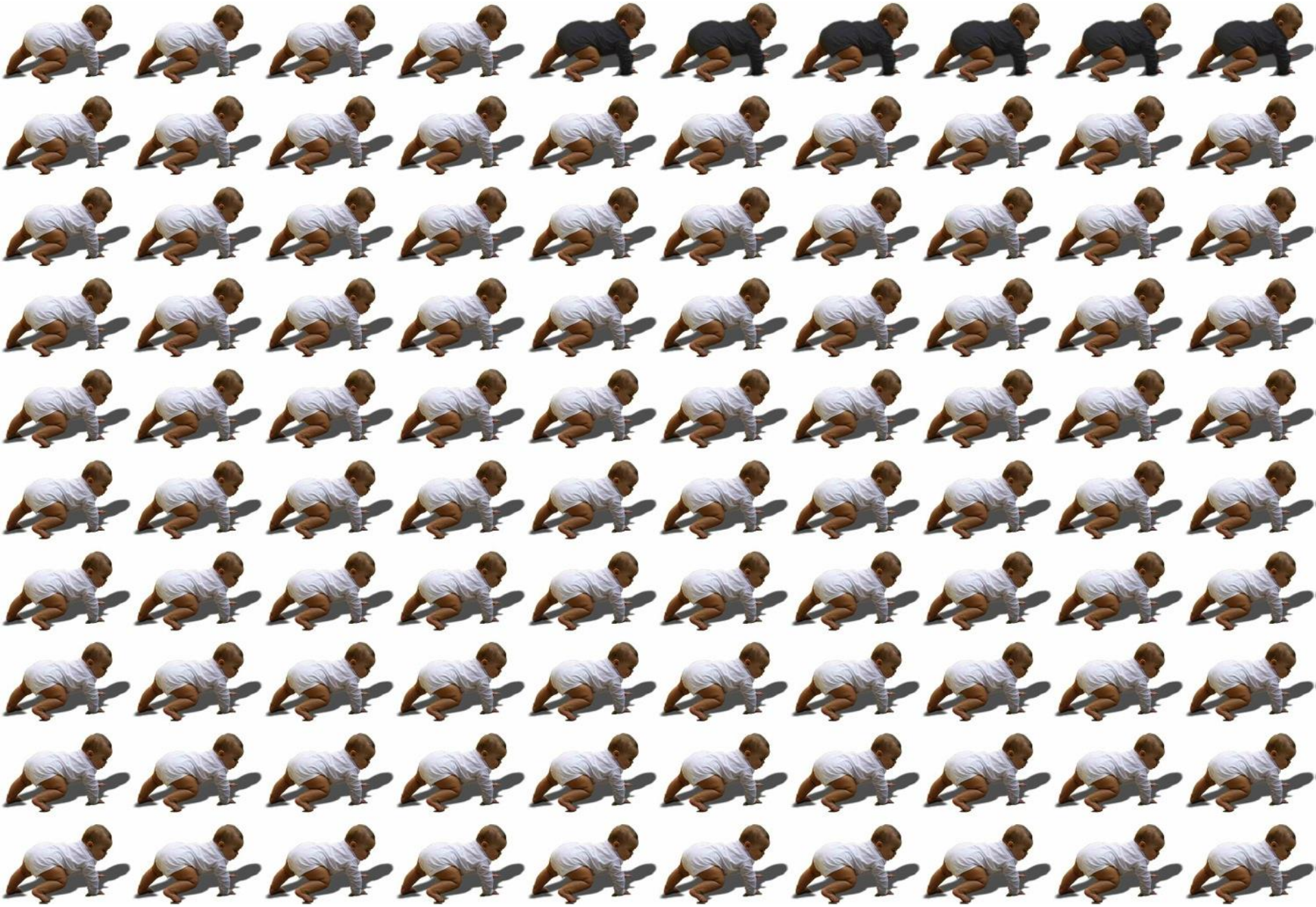
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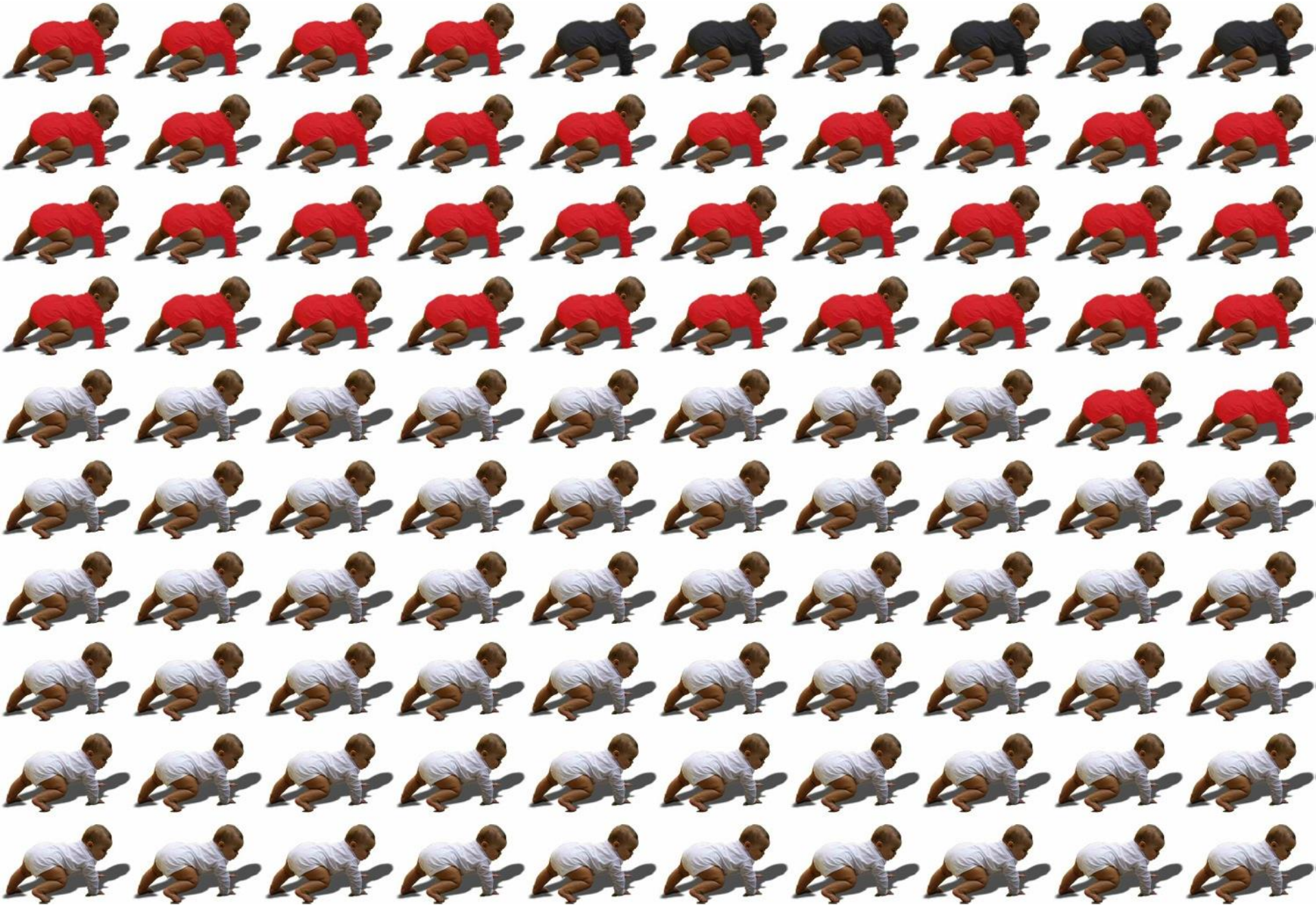
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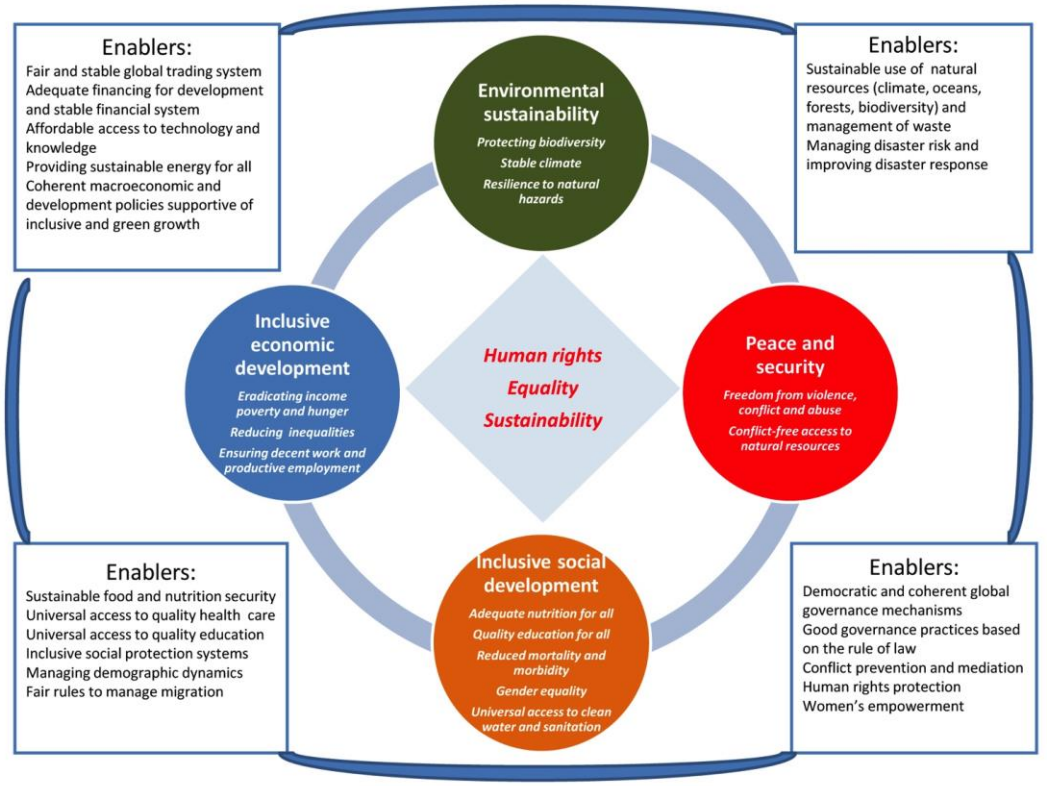
Where is ECD?



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Framework for Post-2015

Figure 1. An integrated framework for realizing the "future we want for all" in the post-2015 UN development agenda



UN System Task Team on the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda (2012) *Realizing the World We Want for All.* Report to the Secretary-General

Formal Inception of the Process

Structure



- UN Secretary General
- High-level Panel of 27 Eminent Persons
  - Co-chairs:
    - His Excellency President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (Indonesia)
    - Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Liberia)
    - His Excellency Prime Minister David Cameron (United Kingdom)
- UN System Task Team led jointly by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), to lead system-wide preparations for the post-2015 UN development agenda with support from all UN agencies and in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- County Consultation Teams

Post- 2015 Work Streams

- High Level Panel Report
- Private Sector Compact
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- Open Working Group

Where is ECD?

High Level Panel Report (May, 2013) Goals & Targets

- Empower Girls and Women to Achieve Gender Equality (reduction of gender based violence)
- Provide Quality Education and Life Long Learning(increase in % of children with access to pre-primary education)
- Ensure Healthy Lives (reduction in mortality and increase in immunization)
- Ensure food security and good nutrition (reduction in stunting, wasting and anemia by age 5 years)
- Ensure good governance and effective institutions (birth registration)
- Ensure Stable and Peaceful societies (reduction in violence against children)

The age period is addressed – but do these goals and targets address "development?

Where is ECD?

Sustainable Development Solutions Network (Sept, 2013) The Future of Our Children: Lifelong, Multi-Generational Learning for Sustainable Development

- Ensure effective learning for all children and youth for life and livelihood
  - All children under the age of 5 reach their developmental potential through access to quality early childhood development programs and policies
  - Sample indicators:
    - Suffer pre-term birth and low birth-weight
    - Stunted growth; Receiving nutrition interventions
    - Living in households above poverty
    - Rate of developmental delays
    - Access to 1 year quality pre-primary
    - Public spending
    - Basic competencies by age 8

Chavan, Yoshikawa, & Bahadur, 2013

Secretary General's Synthesis Report (Dec, 2014)

Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives, & Protecting the Planet



EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT IS INCLUDED

Next Phase: Work Streams Going Forward

- Goals, Targets & Indicators
  - ECD target
- Means of Implementation
  - Finance for Development

HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE OUR GOAL?





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