

SEE MY RIGHTS THROUGH MY EYES

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC)



1923

The founder of Save the Children, Eglantyne Jebb, co-wrote the first Declaration of the Rights of the Child.



1989

The CRC was adopted. For the first time in history, ALL children became universal citizens with rights: rights to be healthy, safe, learn, play and participate in society.



2014

The CRC is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history. States agree to respect, promote and fulfil the rights of all children in their country.

194 OUT OF 197
STATES HAVE RATIFIED THE CRC.

POSITIVE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN GLOBALLY

WITH CHILDREN AT THE CENTER OF POLICIES, LAWS, PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS.

50%

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5 THAT DIE EACH YEAR FROM PREVENTABLE CAUSES HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 50%.

50M

NEARLY 50 MILLION MORE CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL.

37%

IMPROVED ACCESS TO FOOD HAS REDUCED STUNTING BY 37%.

CHILDREN ARE MORE EMPOWERED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR SOCIETIES.

70

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ARE DEFENDED BY OVER 200 INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN MORE THAN 70 COUNTRIES.

78M

THE NUMBER OF CHILD LABORERS HAS DROPPED BY 78 MILLION OVER THE LAST DECADE.

42

42 STATES HAVE BANNED CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN.

YET, THERE ARE REMAINING CHALLENGES!

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ARE STILL VIOLATED EVERY DAY, EVERYWHERE.



Just over 1 billion children live in countries or territories affected by armed conflict.



The lack of sufficient investment in children remains one of the biggest barriers to realizing children's rights.



Nearly half of all deaths in children under 5 are attributable to under-nutrition.



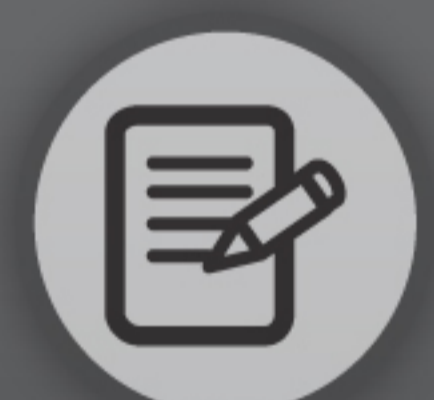
57 million children are still unable to go to school and 250 million children are either out of school or not learning.



Up to 1.5 billion children experience violence annually.



3 out of every 4 children experience violent discipline at home.



230 million children are not registered at birth, excluding them from policy making and public services.



Some Governments still limit the space and freedom of speech for civil society to defend children's rights.



The poorest and most vulnerable children suffer from inequalities. In many countries, they are three times as likely to be out of school, nearly three times as likely to be underweight and twice as likely to die before the age of five as the wealthiest children.



Over 650 million children worldwide live in extreme poverty and these children suffer particularly severe deprivations in terms of health, nutrition, education and protection.

CHANGE IS POSSIBLE AND PROGRESS CAN BE MADE QUICKLY. STATES MUST DO MORE FOR CHILDREN BY:

TACKLING child poverty head-on by expanding social protection programs that benefit children and supporting families in the face of disasters, conflict and disease.

COMMITTING to protect and support all children in emergencies and armed conflicts.

PUTTING IN PLACE ways to support children's voluntary participation in society.

RATIFYING the CRC and its 3 Optional Protocols, and removing all reservations.

ENSURING that every child has access to high quality health care.

PRIORITIZING budget allocation and spending on children.

BANNING physical and humiliating punishment against children in all settings.

ENSURING good quality education for all children, especially the most marginalized.

ENSURING AN ENABLING environment for civil society to defend child rights, where the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly are guaranteed in law and practice.

AGREEING on a global set of goals to replace the Millennium Development Goals that is ambitious, actionable and equitable, with children's rights and an end to extreme poverty at the center.

CHANGE REQUIRES ACTION. ACTION REQUIRES POLITICAL WILL AND REAL INVESTMENTS.

LET'S MAKE THE CRC A REALITY FOR ALL CHILDREN!