

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area L: The Girl Child



Policy Context

Childhood is a pivotal experience. The first weeks and months of the girl child should open the gateway to justice and equal opportunities. The exposure to rights and justice regarding her wellbeing in health and education, and the different treatment of girls and boys contribute to her overall educational, social, and professional success. Girl children are more vulnerable to gender-based violence, including sexual abuse, pornography and trafficking. Other forms of violence against women include girls in large children and marriage. Daily girls have recently experienced such as cyberbullying, hate for women and abuse, girls with disabilities, female genital mutilation, and violence against women. Additionally, young health, education and social health have a profound impact on their experience of different rights and laws.

Conclusions of the Council of the EU regarding the Slovenian Presidency Report (2006)

- Think EU policies and commitments regarding children, not only gender equality.
- Stress that joint state practices to girl-specific challenges is only part of the state's responsibility of discrimination and violence such as female genital mutilation.

European Union Agenda for the Rights of the Child (2010)

- Seeks to foster effective implementation of the provisions of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, addressing children's rights and of the UN CRC.
- Proposes a number of concrete actions, including: identifying, preventing children in vulnerable situations, fighting violence against children and members of the EU.

Directives of the European Union (2011-12)

- Identify children in particular at risk of violence and commit to develop a framework for action protection. Directive 2011/36/EU on human trafficking and Directive 2011/25/EU on combating sexual violence against children.
- Emphasize that specialized services for vulnerable groups are needed to support women victims of abuse and their children. Directive 2012/29/EU on victims of violence.

Advisory Report to the European Commission and EPSCO Council Conclusions (2012)

- Address the impact of the economic and transitional conditions.
- Recognize children's heightened risk of poverty and social exclusion.
- Stress that gender equality and the fight against all violence on all grounds faced by children should be part of any effort to tackle child poverty and social exclusion.
- Recognize children as independent rights holders and call for action targeting child-specific needs by strengthening early child learning and violence against children.


The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- L.1. Eliminate all forms of discrimination against the girl child.
- L.2. Eliminate negative cultural attitudes and practices against girls.
- L.3. Promote and protect the rights of the girl child and increase awareness of her needs and potential.
- L.4. Eliminate discrimination against girls in education, health, employment and training.
- L.5. Eliminate discrimination against girls in health and nutrition.
- L.6. Eliminate from prison exploitation of child labor and protect girls' rights at work.
- L.7. Foster care without neglect the girl child.
- L.8. Promote the girl child's awareness of and participation in her social, economic and political life.
- L.9. Strengthen the role of the family in improving the status of the girl child.

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