

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 equity for her future. The explicit rights and/or gender-specific responses to needs and realities, 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 girls include girls to large children, and more specifically girls have recently experienced such as cyberbullying (also for sexual harassment), girls with disabilities, female genital mutilation (FGM), and girls in child marriages continue to face challenges in economic health, education and social services. Additionally, young girls, gender and social health have a profound (through positive experiences) differently taught and long.

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

- Think EU policies and commitments regarding children, not sufficiently gender-sensitive.
- Stress that particular attention to girls' specific disadvantages is only paid in the areas of: termination 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, protecting 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 victimisation: a framework for action (Directive 2011/36/EU on human trafficking and Directive 2011/25/EU on combating sexual offences committed against children).
- Emphasize that legislation should be developed for vulnerable groups (including 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.
- European Commission Recommendation (2012):
- Recognize children's heightened risk of poverty and social exclusion.
- Stress that gender equality and the fight against discrimination 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 (eg. better targeting of social housing 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 gender-related violence 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, skills, employment and training.
- L.5. Eliminate discrimination against girls in health and nutrition.
- L.6. Eliminate from prison exploitation of child labour and protect girls' rights at work.
- L.7. Foster care workers against the girl child.
- L.8. Promote the girl child's awareness of anti-corruption, human rights, economic and political life.
- L.9. Strengthen the role of the family in improving the status of the girl child.

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