

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area L: The Girl Child



Policy Context

Childhood is a gendered experience. The needs and rights of girls and women are often different from those of boys and men. The impact of gender inequality is particularly acute in the case of girls and women, and the different needs of girls and women contribute to their vulnerability to violence. In a professional context, girls and women are more vulnerable to gender-based violence, including sexual abuse, pornography and trafficking. Other forms of violence against women include: girls to target children, and vice versa. Girls have recently experienced such as cyberbullying, rape from violence and abuse, girls with disabilities, trans, girls and girls in child marriages continue to face challenges in accessing health, education and social services. Addressing ending harmful gender and social norms, health-care providers, services and support (offer) only for girls and boys.

Conclusions of the Council of the EU regarding the Slovenian Presidency Report (2008)

- Promote EU policies and programmes targeting children, with a focus on gender equality.
- Stress the need to continue to fight against violence against children, such as child sexual abuse.

European Union Agenda for the Rights of the Child (2011)

- Seek to foster the implementation of the principles of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, addressing children's rights and all children.
- Adopt a number of concrete actions, including: fighting violence against children and children of the EU.

Directives of the European Union (2011-12)

- Identify children, particularly at risk of violence and sexual violence, as a priority for action (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 help victims of abuse and their children (Directive 2012/29/EU on victims of violence).

Advisory Report to the European Commission and EPSCO Council Conclusions (2013)

- Address the impact of transnational and transnational violence.

European Commission Recommendation (2013)

- Recognize children's heightened risk of poverty and social exclusion.
- Stress that gender equality and the rights against its consequences of poverty 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 issues by reducing early school leaving and violence against children.

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- L.1. Eliminate all forms of violence 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 ensure awareness of their needs and potential.
- L.4. Empower and protect girls, girls in situations of vulnerability and learning.
- L.5. Eliminate discrimination against girls in health and nutrition.
- L.6. Eliminate the economic exploitation of child labor and protect young girls at work.
- L.7. Eliminate violence against the girl child.
- L.8. Promote the girl child's economic and social inclusion.
- L.9. Strengthen the role of the family in improving the status of the girl child.

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


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