

Initiative on Child Rights in the Global Compacts



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Aims:

To ensure that the rights of children who are on the move or impacted by migration are respected and fulfilled

Global compacts are child focussed and identify child focused goals, targets and indicators similar to, and in line with, the SDG

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- 1) Non-discrimination
- 2) Best interests of the child
- 3) Child protection
- 4) Child immigration detention
- 5) Access to services for refugee and migrant children
- 6) Sustainable solutions in children's best interests Agenda

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I. **NON DISCRIMINATION: GOALS**

- I. Adopt and implement measures to foster an open and non-discriminatory society, including by **preventing xenophobia, racism and discrimination** against refugee and migrant children, starting from the moment of their arrival.
- II. Adopt and implement measures that proactively support reciprocal **inclusion between host and refugee and migrant communities** and the social inclusion of refugee and migrant children, including as regards their **access** to legal identity, nationality, education, health care, justice and language training.
- III. **Repeal provisions that criminalize** the provision of services to any refugee and migrant children or require service providers to share personal data for immigration enforcement

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2. **BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD GOAL**

Ensure that the best interests of the child will be a primary consideration in all matters concerning refugee and migrant children, whether they are accompanied or unaccompanied.

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3. CHILD PROTECTION: GOALS

I. National law for the **protection of refugee and migrant children** and their participation from the time of first reception, and continuing until family re-unification.

II. **Identification of children at risk**

III. Ensure appropriate and **integrated child protection care and services**

IV. Establish **appropriate alternative care options for unaccompanied and separated children**

V. Ensure effective **cross-border coordination** between national child protection services to provide a continuum of protection throughout the migration cycle for refugee and migrant

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4. CHILD IMMIGRATION DETENTION:

End the immigration detention of children and other practices that result in the deprivation of liberty of children for immigration-related reasons.

Targets to be included in the Global Compacts

- 1) By 2021, identify and initiate implementation of **alternatives to detention** that respect the rights of the child (and are in their best interests)
- 2) 2) By 2023, enact legislation and/or policies to **prohibit the detention** of children whether accompanied or unaccompanied

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5. Access to Services

1. Grant immediate **access to appropriate health services** regardless of immigration status
2. Provide **safe shelter** for refugee and undocumented migrant children upon arrival in a State.
3. Register the birth and provide relevant **documentation** for accessing services
4. Access to **quality education** and early years care on an equal footing to national children and that new arrivals have access to developmental care or education within two months of arrival

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6. SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS IN CHILDREN'S BEST INTERESTS

1. Clear **procedures for determining the status** of refugee and migrant children and children's right to participate
2. **Cooperation** between states for identifying and implementing sustainable solutions in line with the best interests of the child
3. Develop the **capacity of local communities**
4. **Best interests of the child and returns.**

Collective Action

During the development of the compacts and beyond to **deliver on the Promise for children on the Move:**

CHILDREN ON THE MOVE ARE CHILDREN FIRST AND FOREMOST.

TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED, CARED FOR AND SUPPORTED TO LEARN AND FLOURISH

WHEREVER THEY ARE.

WHEREVER THEY ARE FROM

THANK YOU