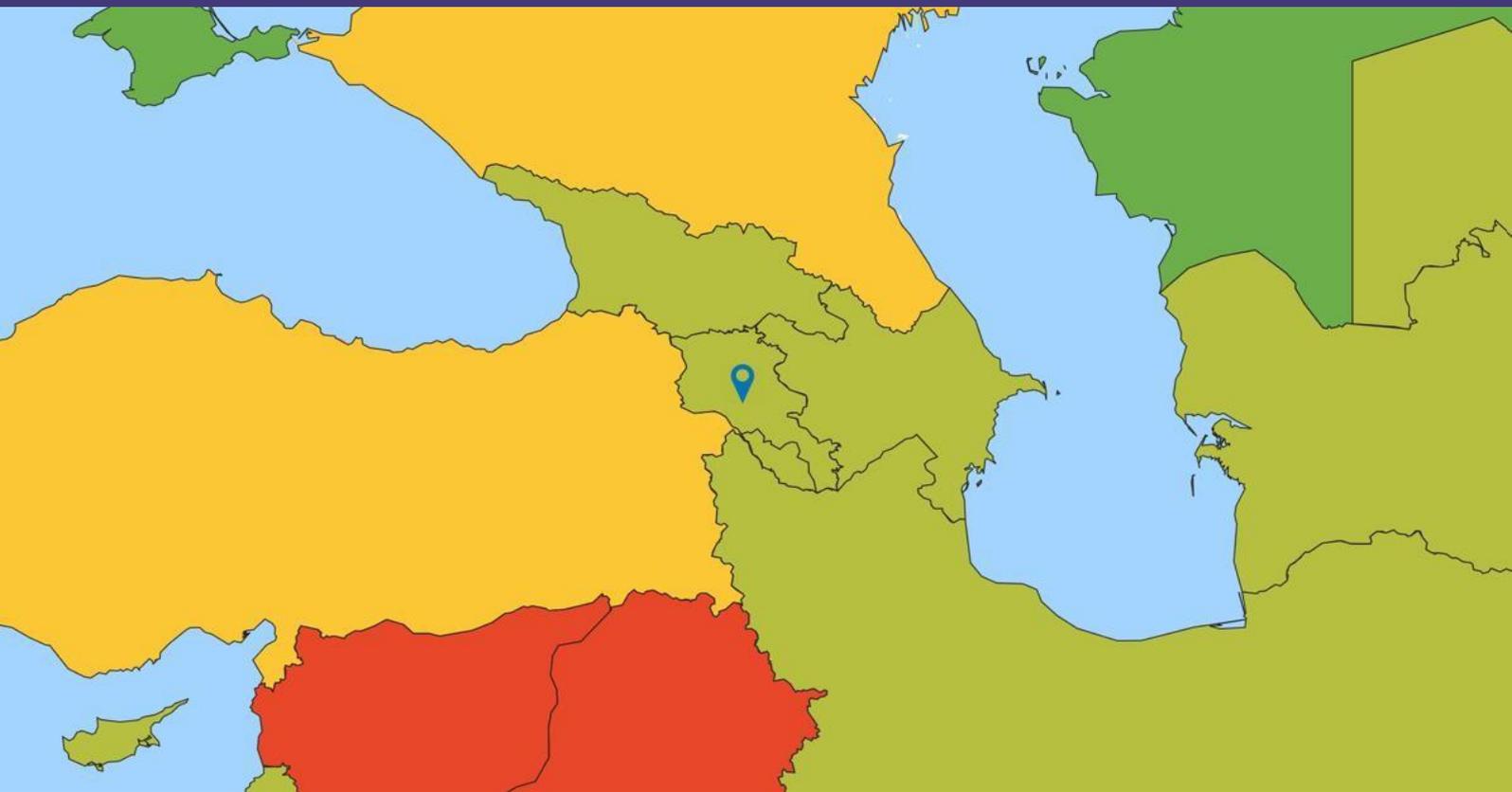




The KidsRights Index 2025

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

ARMENIA



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OVERALL

RANK: **69**

SCORE: **0,729**

LIFE

RANK: **73**

SCORE: **0,856**

HEALTH

RANK: **54**

SCORE: **0,955**

EDUCATION

RANK: **69**

SCORE: **0,753**

PROTECTION

RANK: **61**

SCORE: **0,939**

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

RANK: **110**

SCORE: **0,357**

THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX AND INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DOMAINS, INDICATORS AND METHODOLOGY ARE
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INTRODUCTION TO THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX

The KidsRights Index is the only annual global ranking on how countries worldwide are adhering to children’s rights. Based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Index synthesizes and ranks the children’s rights performance records of state parties to the CRC in relation to the most crucial aspects of children’s lives for which global and comparable data is available. Overall, the KidsRights Index presents an accessible, general, and comparative overview of state performance on selected children’s rights. It also creates a basis for making concrete and evidence-based recommendations on how governments might improve on various children’s rights matters. The five domains that jointly make up the Index are:

- 1. Right to Life**
- 2. Right to Health**
- 3. Right to Education**
- 4. Right to Protection**
- 5. Enabling Environment for Children’s Rights**

DATA SOURCES OF THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX

The KidsRights Index focuses on more generic issues which in principle are equally relevant for all states parties to the CRC and for which, on the whole, reliable data are available. The KidsRights Index is the outcome of an integrated analysis of existing, high-quality data published by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.¹

DOMAIN 5: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN’S RIGHTS

Domain 5, the ‘Enabling Environment for Children’s Rights’, is an important and unique domain of the KidsRights Index. This Domain charts how states are faring in creating the conditions that need to be in place for realizing children’s rights and/or for making children’s rights policies and putting them into effect. It reveals the extent to which countries have operationalized the general principles of the CRC (non-discrimination; best interests of the child; respect for the views of the child/participation) and the extent to which there is a basic ‘infrastructure’ for making and implementing child rights policy (in the form of enabling national legislation; mobilization of the ‘best available’ budget; collection and analysis of disaggregated data; and state-civil society cooperation for child rights). The Domain 5 scores for the respective countries are derived from the latest Concluding Observations adopted by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

¹ These data are drawn from <https://data.unicef.org/>, www.hdr.undp.org/data, and the ‘Concluding Observations’ published by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child at the end of the periodic state reporting procedure for all states that are legally bound by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Domain 5 - 'Child Rights Environment' - is based on the Concluding Observations adopted by the CRC Committee. The Committee's assessment of the country performance on the earlier mentioned 7 indicators that make up the Domain 5 is used to generate scores on a scale between 1 and 3. The actual score assigned to each indicator is exclusively based on the language used by the Committee in the Concluding Observation. The resulting final scores are standardized.

KidsRights Index scoring system for the Domain 5 indicators:

Score 1 'bad'	= only negative remarks
Score 2 'average'	= negative and positive remarks
Score 3 'good'	= only positive remarks
NA	= not addressed

DOMAIN 5: ARMENIA

	Non-discrimination	Best interests of the child	Respect for the views of the child	Enabling legislation	Best available budget / Resources	Collection and analysis of disaggregated data	State-civil society cooperation for child rights
Armenia 2013	1	1	2	2	1	1	NA
Armenia 2024	2	1	2	2	2	1	1

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS - ARMENIA

1. Amend the 2024 Draft Law on Ensuring Equality and Protection Against Discrimination to expressly include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected grounds to safeguard children belonging to these marginalised groups.² (Non-Discrimination)
2. Reconsider the shutdown of the Monitoring Group for Institutions of Children, Older Persons, and Persons with Disabilities.³ (Non-Discrimination)
3. Ensure due consideration for the best interests (BI) of the child in all processes and decisions affecting them, including by undertaking capacity building training of professionals involved in such processes and decision-making. (BI of the Child)
4. Undertake legislative reforms to ensure children's views are heard and are given due consideration in processes and decisions concerning them, by keeping in mind their evolving capacities (Article 5, CRC). Children's age should not be a determining factor in such instances.⁴ (Respect for the Views of the Child)
5. Increase children's participation in national law-making procedures through the Children's Parliament by providing adequate financial and non-fiscal support. (Respect for the Views of the Child)
6. Expedite the adoption of the draft law on the Rights of the child and the system of protection of the child in conjunction with the accompanying legislative acts on child protection and social assistance. (Enabling Legislation)
7. Introduce a tracking system on the allocation and subsequent use of the budget accompanied by child rights impact assessment to evaluate how investments in a specific sector can serve the best interest of children. (Best Available Budget)
8. Establish a comprehensive data-collection system disaggregated data which covers all areas under the CRC and its Ops and mandate relevant ministries to utilize such data to inform the implementation and evaluation of the relevant policies and programs. (Collection and Analysis of Disaggregated Data)
9. Facilitate the involvement of NGOs and children's rights organizations in processes related to implementation of the CRC and its OPs. Safeguard the independence of

² Human Rights Watch, 'Armenia: Events of 2024', 2024, <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2025/country-chapters/armenia>; CSO Meter, 'Armenia: New draft law on antidiscrimination is now open to public discussion', 31 July 2024, <https://cso-meter.info/updates/armenia-new-draft-law-antidiscrimination-now-open-public-discussion>.

³ Ibid.

⁴ The Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Albania, 'Alternative Report on the Status of Commitments under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols by the Republic of Armenia: For the Years 2013-2024', 5 November 2024, p 7.

such organisations to allow them to freely operate and express their views. (State-Civil Society Cooperation)