



KIDSRIGHTS  
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# The KidsRights Index 2025

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

### LITHUANIA



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OVERALL

RANK: 20

SCORE: 0,823

LIFE

RANK: 57

SCORE: 0,884

HEALTH

RANK: 80

SCORE: 0,921

EDUCATION

RANK: 39

SCORE: 0,830

PROTECTION

RANK: 33

SCORE: 0,976

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

RANK: 47

SCORE: 0,571

THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX AND INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DOMAINS, INDICATORS AND METHODOLOGY ARE  
ACCESSIBLE ON [WWW.KIDSRIGHTS.ORG/KIDSRIGHTS-INDEX/](http://WWW.KIDSRIGHTS.ORG/KIDSRIGHTS-INDEX/)

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

## DOMAIN 5: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILD 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.

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<sup>1</sup> These data are drawn from <https://data.unicef.org/>, [www.hdr.undp.org/data](http://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: LITHUANIA

	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
<b>Lithuania 2013</b>	2	1	2	2	2	2	NA
<b>Lithuania 2024</b>	2	2	1	2	2	2	2

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS - LITHUANIA

1. Increase efforts to counter discriminatory behaviors and social norms through media campaigns promoting tolerance and respect for diversity. **(Non-Discrimination)**
2. Enforce anti-discrimination legislation diligently with particular regard to vulnerable children and children in disadvantaged situations. **(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. Ensure that legislation guaranteeing the respect for the views of children is implemented effectively in all matters affecting children. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
5. Conduct research to identify issues relevant for children and to hear their views on the aforementioned issues. This aims to examine whether/how their voices are heard in decision-making processes affecting them and to ultimately determine appropriate channels for children to influence such processes at the national and local level. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
6. Ensure that the implementation and enforcement measures of the the Law on the Fundamentals of Protection of the Rights of the Child are facilitated through the adequate allocation of human, technical, and fiscal resources. **(Enabling Legislation)**
7. Assess the budgetary needs of children and allocate budgetary resources accordingly to address disparities concerning the indicators related to children's rights under the Convention of the CRC. **(Best Available Budget)**
8. Implement a tracking system for the allocation of budgetary resources monitoring the use of resources for children. This aims to facilitate the assessment of investments to realize children's rights. **(Best Available Budget)**
9. Further increase the capacities of the national data collection system to ensure the collection of disaggregated data covering all aspects of the CRC. **(Collection and Analysis of Disaggregated Data)**
10. Facilitate the sharing of statistical data and children's rights indicators among ministries concerned with the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of all relevant policies and acts related to the implementation of the CRC. **(Collection and Analysis of Disaggregated Data)**

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11. Review the existing legal framework to facilitate the independent operation of CSOs in the field of children's rights. (State-Civil Society Cooperation)