

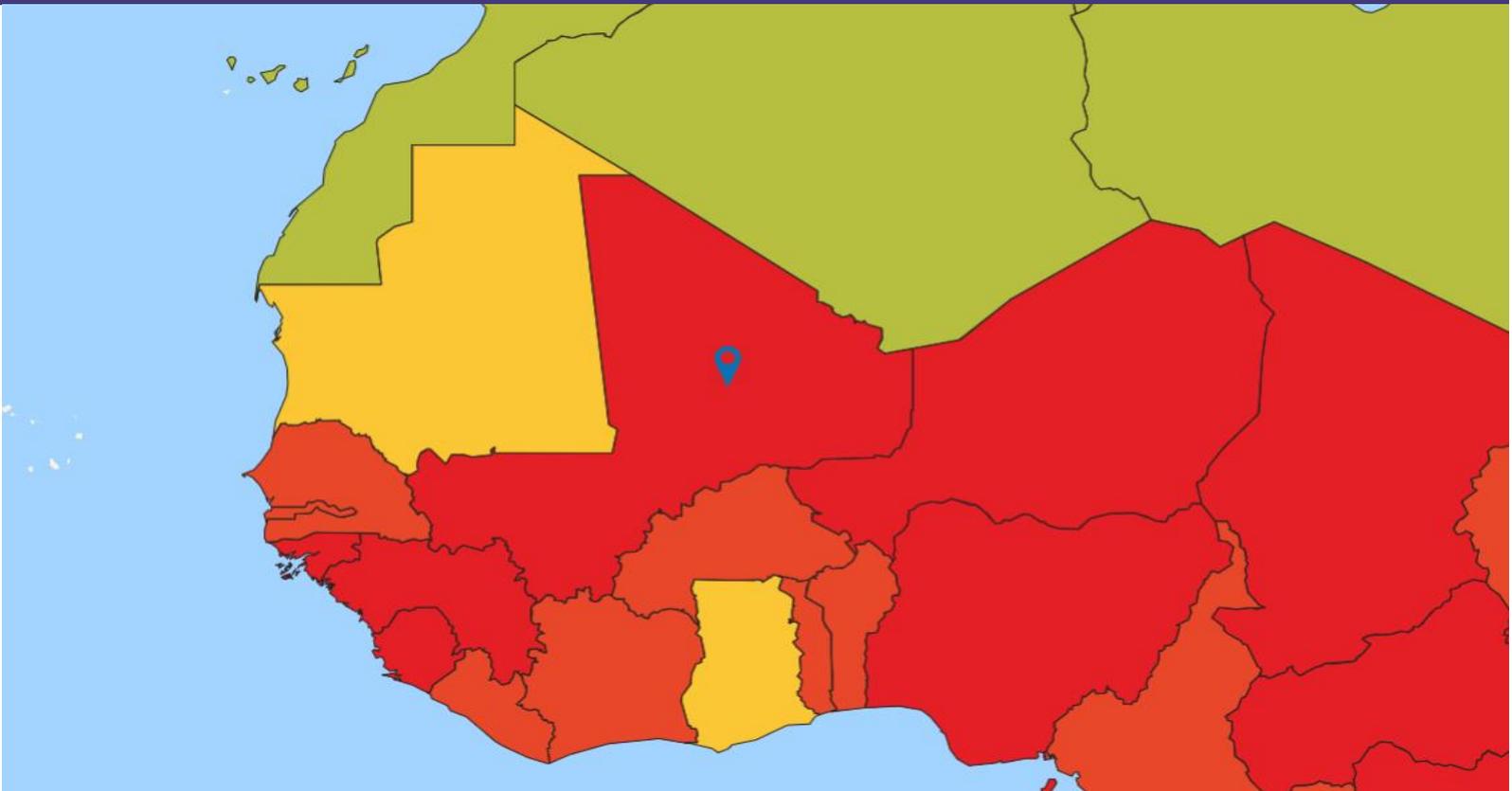


KIDSRIGHTS
Index

The KidsRights Index 2025

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

MALI



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OVERALL

RANK: **183**

SCORE: **0,351**

LIFE

RANK: **184**

SCORE: **0,344**

HEALTH

RANK: **160**

SCORE: **0,579**

EDUCATION

RANK: **186**

SCORE: **0,335**

PROTECTION

RANK: **148**

SCORE: **0,558**

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

RANK: **169**

SCORE: **0,143**

THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX AND INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DOMAINS, INDICATORS AND METHODOLOGY ARE
ACCESSIBLE ON 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.¹

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.

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: MALI

	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
Mali 2007	2	NA	2	3	1	2	3
Mali 2024	1	1	2	1	1	1	2

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS - MALI

1. Enhance legal and institutional frameworks to ensure that children are protected from discrimination in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). (Non-Discrimination)
2. Increase efforts to counter discriminatory behaviors and social norms through media campaigns promoting tolerance and respect for diversity. (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. Expedite the adoption of the Child Protection Bill while ensuring that its full compliance with the CRC. (Enabling Legislation)
7. Introduce legislation to criminalize female genital mutilation and amend the Personal and Family Code of 30 December 2011) to set the minimum age for marriage at 18 years of age. (Enabling Legislation)
8. Assess the budgetary needs of children and allocate budgetary resources accordingly to address disparities concerning the indicators related to children's rights under the CRC. Particular regard shall be paid to social sectors and education. (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)

11. Amend Law No. 2018-003 and the corresponding Implementation Decree to remove unreasonable burdens for human rights defenders to obtain the necessary identification.² Ambiguities in the implementing legislation additionally allow the State Party to make arbitrary decisions as to who qualifies (or does not qualify) as a human rights defender.³ (State-Civil Society Cooperation)
12. Ensure the systematic involvement of communities and civil society in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of legislation and policies related to children's rights. This shall include non-governmental and children's organizations. (State-Civil Society Cooperation)

² International Service for Human Rights, 'Mali', <https://ishr.ch/defenders-toolbox/national-protection/mali/>.

³ Ibid.