



KIDSRIGHTS
Index

The KidsRights Index 2025

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

MEXICO



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OVERALL

RANK: 129

SCORE: 0,582

LIFE

RANK: 84

SCORE: 0,833

HEALTH

RANK: 103

SCORE: 0,872

EDUCATION

RANK: 72

SCORE: 0,750

PROTECTION

RANK: 94

SCORE: 0,859

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

RANK: 170

SCORE: 0,143

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 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: MEXICO

	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
Mexico 2015	2	2	2	2	2	1	NA
Mexico 2024	1	1	2	2	1	1	1

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS - MEXICO

1. Introduce legislation to explicitly prohibit all forms of discrimination on the following grounds: Social and national origin, ethnicity, disability, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation. Additionally, the State Party shall promote a positive depiction of all children as rights holders. **(Non-Discrimination)**
2. Put in place affirmative action policies with sufficient resources to assist children in vulnerable positions to close to gap between them and less vulnerable children. **(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. Facilitate the due consideration for children's views in all processes affecting them, including in matters related to family, school, courts, administrative procedures and health. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
5. Implement legislation mandating the consultation of children in all matters affecting them accompanied by widespread systematic consultations with children and adolescents. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
6. Enhance the implementation efforts connected to the General Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents (GARCA), including by improving monitoring and enforcement measures particularly regarding key areas such as the protection of children in vulnerable situations. **(Enabling Legislation)**
7. Advance the harmonization of legislation at the federal and state levels to ensure conformity with the CRC. **(Enabling Legislation)**
8. Stimulate public spending to realize the realization of children's rights by ensuring budget classification for children at the state level, particularly in health, education, social protection, protection from violence, and ensuring children's participation. **(Best Available Budget)**
9. Include goals related to children's rights in the formulation of federal and state budget guidelines, as well as in criteria for providing programmes with financial resources. **(Best Available Budget)**
10. Strengthen the National Institute of Statistics and Geography to allow the information provided by the institute to inform policymaking and facilitate the establishment of information systems in accordance with GARCA. **(Collection and Analysis of Disaggregated Data)**

11. Enhance efforts to safeguard and support the work of human rights defenders, including those focused on child rights, environmental issues, and children's rights, ensuring they can freely exercise their rights to freedom of expression, association, and opinion without fear of threats or harassment. This includes independent investigations into reported acts of violence and accountability for those responsible. (State-Civil Society Cooperation)