



KIDSRIGHTS  
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# The KidsRights Index 2025

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

### PARAGUAY



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#### OVERALL

**RANK: 139**

**SCORE: 0,565**

#### LIFE

**RANK: 96**

**SCORE: 0,804**

#### HEALTH

**RANK: 78**

**SCORE: 0,922**

#### EDUCATION

**RANK: 100**

**SCORE: 0,691**

#### PROTECTION

**RANK: 130**

**SCORE: 0,671**

#### ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

**RANK: 163**

**SCORE: 0,167**

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: PARAGUAY

	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>Paraguay 2010</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	NA
<b>Paraguay 2024</b>	2	1	1	NA	1	1	1

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS - PARAGUAY

1. Establish clear laws and regulations that ban all types of discrimination based on social background, ethnicity, disability, sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, while also promoting a positive view of children as individuals with rights. **(Non-Discrimination)**
2. Develop and apply specific policies and programs aimed at ending discrimination against children, especially those with disabilities, Indigenous children, those living with HIV/AIDS, children experiencing homelessness, and children who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex, ensuring they have access to healthcare, education, and a decent quality of life. **(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 children's opinions are genuinely taken into account within the family, at school, in court proceedings, and throughout all relevant administrative, healthcare, and related processes that concern them. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
5. Organize programmes and awareness campaigns to encourage the active and empowered involvement of all children, especially girls and those in vulnerable situations, and provide them with information about the existing channels through which they can express their views. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
6. Increase the capacities of legal support systems for children, independent complaint mechanisms for school and alternative care environments to report cases of violence and discrimination. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
7. Reconsider the issuance of the "Protocol for Maintaining Public Order in the Event of Road Closures", which took effect on 15 December 2023, sanctioning the presence of children at protests in violation of their right to assembly. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
8. Expand the scope of the national policy on children to ensure it fully covers all areas of the Convention. Based on this policy, develop a comprehensive strategy with clear indicators, a defined timeline, and adequate human, technical, and financial resources. **(Enabling Legislation)**
9. Establish a budgeting process informed by a cost analysis of investment gaps in fulfilling children's rights, with clearly defined allocations for children across

relevant sectors and agencies. Include specific indicators and a tracking system to assess the adequacy, effectiveness, and fairness of resource distribution, and commit to utilizing existing fiscal space to fully implement the CRC. (Best Available Budget)

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. Foster a climate of trust and collaboration with civil society by actively involving communities and civil society organizations, including NGOs and children's organizations, in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, plans, and programs related to children's rights. (State-Civil Society Cooperation)