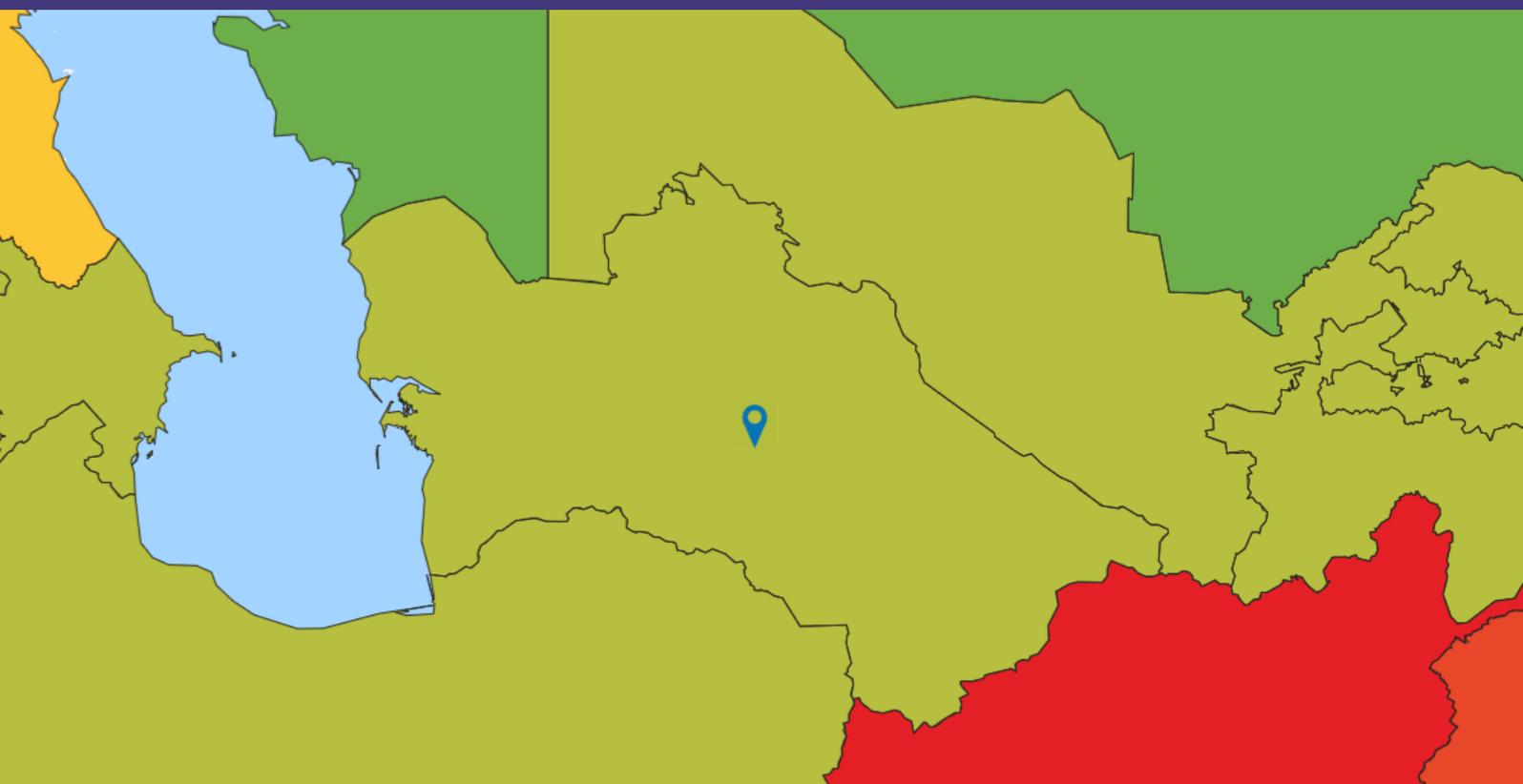




# The KidsRights Index 2025

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

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OVERALL	LIFE	HEALTH	EDUCATION	PROTECTION	ENABLING ENVIRONMENT
<b>RANK: 82</b>	<b>RANK: 129</b>	<b>RANK: 29</b>	<b>RANK: 78</b>	<b>RANK: 46</b>	<b>RANK: 125</b>
<b>SCORE: 0,708</b>	<b>SCORE: 0,717</b>	<b>SCORE: 0,978</b>	<b>SCORE: 0,740</b>	<b>SCORE: 0,962</b>	<b>SCORE: 0,357</b>

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: TURKMENISTAN

	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>Turkmenistan 2014</b>	2	2	1	3	2	2	2
<b>Turkmenistan 2024</b>	1	2	2	2	2	1	1

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS - TURKMENISTAN

1. Implement legal and policy measures to address and remove inequalities in the fulfillment of rights for all children, particularly those from ethnic minorities, girls, children with disabilities, and those living in poverty. **(Non-Discrimination)**
2. Launch wide-reaching awareness campaigns, with a focus on rural communities, to challenge and change discriminatory beliefs related to gender, disability, nationality, ethnicity, and religion, and to foster a culture of inclusion. **(Non-Discrimination)**
3. Integrate the principle of the child's best interests as a primary consideration into all laws, policies, administrative and judicial decisions, and initiatives that affect children, ensuring consistent interpretation and application. **(BI of the Child)**
4. Build the capacity of all professionals working with children to effectively evaluate and prioritize the best interests of the child through regular training and the development of clear procedures and assessment criteria. **(BI of the Child)**
5. Guarantee the full implementation of laws upholding children's right to be heard, especially in legal and administrative processes, by creating child-friendly procedures and training relevant professionals such as judges and social workers. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
6. Encourage the active and meaningful participation of all children, in families, communities, and schools, ensuring that those from marginalized or disadvantaged backgrounds are included in decisions that impact their lives. **(Respect for the Views of the Child)**
7. 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)**
8. Finalize and enforce by-laws and decrees for the Law on State Guarantees of the Rights of the Child, ensuring they are backed by sufficient resources, effective monitoring, and enforcement systems. Additionally, update outdated regulations, such as those on juvenile affairs and guardianship, to align fully with the CRC and its Optional Protocols. **(Enabling Legislation)**
9. Establish specific budget lines for all groups of children, with a focus on those in vulnerable situations, such as children with disabilities and those in rural or remote areas, ensuring targeted support through affirmative social measures. **(Best Available Budget)**

10. Enhance the national data collection system to comprehensively cover all areas of the CRC and its Optional Protocols, ensuring data is disaggregated by key factors such as age, gender, disability, location, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status to support evidence-based policymaking, especially for vulnerable children. (Collection and Analysis of Disaggregated Data)
11. Promote transparency and coordination by ensuring that data and indicators related to children’s rights are shared across ministries and made publicly available to support informed analysis and policy development. (Collection and Analysis of Disaggregated Data)
12. Remove existing restrictions on civil society organizations, particularly those advocating for children’s rights, to ensure their meaningful and consistent participation in the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the CRC and its OPs. (State-Civil Society Cooperation)