WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

The International Bureau for Children’s Rights is a non-governmental organisation that has been upholding the rights of the child for more than 25 years in 45 countries across Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East. Using an approach that is both participative and sustainable, we work with our partners in the field to promote and protect the rights of children, including those who are in contact with the legal system or affected by a humanitarian crisis caused by armed conflict or natural disaster. We also aim to prevent child exploitation, violence, abuse and neglect in all forms, particularly those involving sexual mistreatment.

In all our initiatives, we ensure that children are protected and given the chance to participate and have their voices heard.
THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD AS A TOP PRIORITY IN ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING CHILDREN

Non-discrimination

The right to life, survival and development

The child’s right to participate and share personal opinions

The IBCR also helps governments meet their commitments to children’s rights. Our priorities include promoting the adoption and application of appropriate legislation, supporting legal reform and the implementation of national action plans, assessing the child justice system, and providing access to child protection mechanisms during humanitarian interventions.

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EVALUATE, RAISE AWARENESS and MOBILISE

We believe that before we can see a significant improvement in children’s rights, we must first raise awareness among individuals, communities and nations about the issues affecting children. By performing exhaustive contextual analyses and holding discussion workshops at the national and regional levels, we aim, above all else, to generate reactions and motivate each individual, community or institution to mobilise and become an agent of change.
“A WORLD IN WHICH EVERY CHILD, BOY OR GIRL, ENJOYS RIGHTS EQUALLY AND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES”

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