



INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Promoting and Protecting
Children's Rights Worldwide

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 nearly 50 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 an emergency situation. We also aim to prevent children from all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse.

In all our initiatives, we ensure that children are protected and given the chance to participate and have their voices heard.

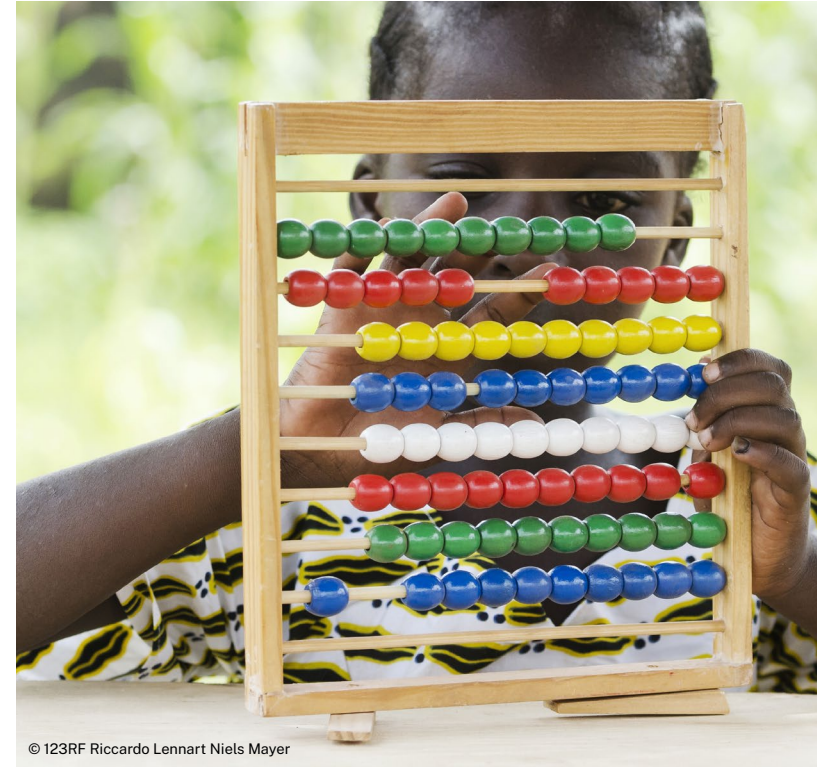
OUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Systematic consideration of the best interest of the child

Non-discrimination

The right to life, survival and development

Children's right to participation and freedom of expression



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ISSUES

- 420 million children, nearly one in five, now live in a conflict zone
- 33 million children are uprooted, including 19 million who have been forced to move to escape violence
- Every year, one in two children worldwide is a victim of physical, sexual or psychological violence
- 12 million girls under the age of 18 are married each year
- 160 million children are forced to work, more than a third of them are not in school

Sources: UNICEF, International Labour Organization, World Health Organization, Save the Children, Girls Not Brides

OUR SOLUTIONS



EVALUATE,
RAISE AWARENESS
and MOBILISE

We believe that, to 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 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.



REINFORCEMENT of
CHILD PROTECTION
SYSTEMS

Children grow up in environments where various stakeholders play a role in their protection. These include girls and boys themselves, who, as subjects of the law, have certain freedoms, as well as their families, the community, the state and its institutions, and the international community. By working with our partners to offer these stakeholders training on children's rights and to build their capacity to address issues affecting children, we help create safer environments in which children can enjoy their rights.



INSTITUTIONAL
SUPPORT

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.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

More than **430**
employees of Canadian
institutions and police
officers deployed abroad,
trained on child protection

4,617
children consulted
throughout our
projects

154
civil society
organisations
reinforced in Africa,
the Americas, Asia
and the Middle East

Participated in
**CAMPAINS
AND WORKING
GROUPS** promoting and
protecting children's rights at
the global level

Provided training on
children's rights to
more than
64,300
professionals of
the child protection
system in **38**
COUNTRIES

across Africa, Asia,
Latin America and
the Middle East

The rights of more than **4 MILLION** children
are better protected thanks to our actions

In 2005, the United Nations adopted the
GUIDELINES on Justice in Matters involving **CHILD
VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CRIME**,
elaborated by the IBCR

“FOR A WORLD IN WHICH
EVERY CHILD ENJOYS RIGHTS
EQUALLY AND IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES”



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