

Concluding Observation Committee on the Rights of the Child CRC/C/IRN/CO/3-4 para 20

Full recommendation:

In the light of its general comment No. 5 (2003) on general measures of implementation, the Committee urges the State party to strengthen its data collection system. The data should cover all areas of the Convention and should be disaggregated by age, sex, disability, geographic location, ethnic origin and socioeconomic background, in order to facilitate analysis on the situation of all children, particularly vulnerable children. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the data and indicators be shared among the ministries concerned and be used for the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects for effective implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee also recommends that the State party provide the necessary human and financial resources to support the new database and that it strengthen its technical cooperation with, among others, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Assessment

- A. The Committee urges the State party to strengthen its data collection system. The data should cover all areas of the Convention and should be disaggregated by age, sex, disability, geographic location, ethnic origin and socioeconomic background, in order to facilitate analysis on the situation of all children, particularly vulnerable children. The Committee recommends that the data and indicators be shared among the ministries concerned and be used for the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects for effective implementation of the Convention. The Committee also recommends that the State party provide the necessary human and financial resources to support the new database**

There is no official and readily available information that might suggest that the Islamic Republic of Iran collect comprehensive and disaggregated data that cover all areas of the Convention. There is no readily and official information that might suggest that the Islamic Republic of Iran has been providing human and financial resources to support such data collection as well as gathering it into a database.

Different ministries and governmental bodies may carry collection of data relevant to their field, however, they are not comprehensive and disaggregated. For instance, the Welfare Organization publishes its annual statistics, which include the number of persons with disabilities who benefit from its services. These statistics are also categorized by type of disability.¹ However, there is no

¹ <https://www.behzisti.ir/news/11295/>

readily available information that indicates that disaggregated data on children with disabilities is collected for the Welfare Organization's annual statistics. There is no readily available information that might indicate that ministries share data among them.

According to the Supplementary Response of the National Body on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (NBCRC) regarding the Concluding Observation on the Combined third and fourth periodic reports of the Committee on the Rights of the Child for the Islamic Republic of Iran,² the NBCRC has set up a data collection system that collects information on “children in different circumstances, including studying children, educationally deprived children, street children, disabled children, law contracting children, children accompanying the women prisoners, their marriage status, etc.” Furthermore, the report claims that such data is accessible by the public and by private organizations to be used in planning, implementation, monitoring and assessment of their programs related to children. It is unclear whether this data is disaggregated and that it is shared among ministries to formulate, monitor and evaluate policies or whether the state has provided necessary human and financial funding to this data collection database.

B. Strengthen its technical cooperation with, among others, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

While it is difficult to estimate whether Iran has increased its cooperation with UNICEF, recent developments reported by UNICEF on their web platform point to a number of cooperation commitments being undertaken between the organization and the Iranian government, including joint action with the Ministry of Interior on the distribution of COVID-19 relief³, a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Sports and Youth⁴ and a similar agreement with the Statistical Center of Iran⁵, among other initiatives.^{6 7}

Recommendation Status:

This recommendation has been **PARTIALLY** implemented.

² https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CRC/Shared%20Documents/IRN/INT_CRC_COB_IRN_23480_E.docx

³ UNICEF: <https://www.unicef.org/iran/en/press-releases/unicef-iran-cooperation-ministry-interior-provided-covid-19-supplies-vulnerable>

⁴ UNICEF: <https://www.unicef.org/iran/en/press-releases/unicef-and-ministry-sports-and-youth-ink-new-cooperation-agreement>

⁵ UNICEF: <https://www.unicef.org/iran/en/press-releases/unicef-and-statistical-centre-iran-signed-new-partnership-agreement>

⁶ UNICEF: <https://www.unicef.org/iran/en/press-releases/unicef-iran-and-vice-presidency-science-and-technology-create-brand-new-partnership>

⁷ UNICEF: <https://www.unicef.org/mena/stories/first-time-iran-unicef-partners-irans-drug-control-headquarters>