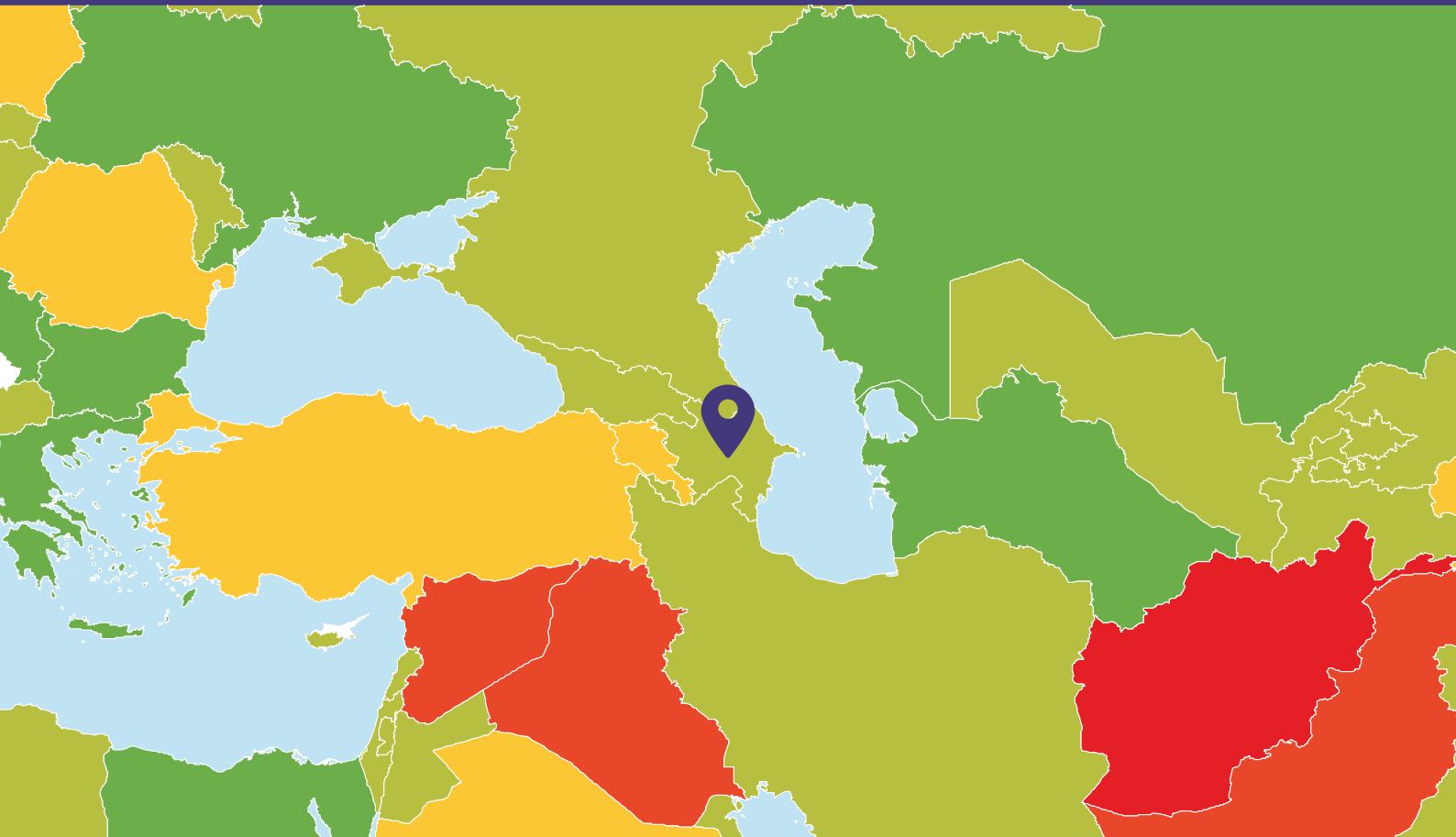


The KidsRights Index 2024

Azerbaijan scores 77th
on global ranking for Children's Rights.



AZERBAIJAN

OVERALL SCORE
RANK: **77**
SCORE: **0,725**

LIFE
RANK: **111**
SCORE: **0,774**

HEALTH
RANK: **73**
SCORE: **0,934**

EDUCATION
RANK: **74**
SCORE: **0,740**

PROTECTION
RANK: **84**
SCORE: **0,873**

CHILD RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT
RANK: **86**
SCORE: **0,429**

THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX AND INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DOMAINS, INDICATORS AND METHODOLOGY
ARE ACCESSIBLE ON WWW.KIDSRIGHTSINDEX.ORG

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 the performance records of states on the most crucial aspects of children's lives for which comparable data is available. In addition, the Index charts how states are faring in mobilizing the enabling environment for children's rights that the CRC requires them to have. 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 Child Rights**

The KidsRights Index ranks countries on each of these five domains which in turn generate a comprehensive overall ranking. The content of the Index is a sound basis for making concrete recommendations on how the children's rights record of specific countries could be improved.

SOURCES OF THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX

The KidsRights Index pools data from three reputable sources: quantitative data published and regularly updated by **UNICEF** (<https://data.unicef.org>) and **UNDP** (www.hdr.undp.org/data)¹, and qualitative data published by the **UN Committee on the Rights of the Child** (www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crc/pages/crcindex.aspx) in the detailed individual country reports (the so-called Concluding Observations) that it adopts for all states that are parties to the CRC. The KidsRights Index aims to make the data more accessible to a broader audience, in an effort to stimulate dialogue about children's rights. Since the United States of America is the only state in the world that is not yet a party to the CRC, there is no material for scoring the country on domain 5 and thus it cannot be included in the KidsRights Index.

DOMAIN 5: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILD RIGHTS

Domain 5, the 'Enabling Environment for Child Rights', is an important and unique domain of the KidsRights Index. 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 scores on domain 5 are derived from the Concluding Observations adopted by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. These Concluding Observations (COs) finish off the state reporting procedure under the CRC and represent the Committee's views on the level of realization of children's rights in a particular country.

¹ The data for the KidsRights Index 2023 was downloaded from the listed UNICEF and UNDP sources in January 2023. In addition, the latest available Concluding Observations for each country were used.

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 domain 5 is used to generate scores on a scale between 1 and 3. The actual score assigned to each sub-indicator is exclusively based on the language used by the Committee in the document. The resulting final scores are standardized.

KidsRights Index Scoring System:

Score 1 'bad'	= only negative remarks
Score 2 'average'	= negative and positive remarks
Score 3 'good'	= only positive remarks
NA	= not addressed

Color	Meaning
Red	Negative change
Orange	Stayed the same
Green	Positive change

DOMAIN 5: AZERBAIJAN

	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
Azerbaijan 2012	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Azerbaijan 2023	2	1	2	2	2	1	2

Azerbaijan has experienced a moderate decline in the enabling environment domain, as it dropped by 16 ranks and its currently at 86th place with a score of 0,429. The only indicator that experienced a positive change is non-discrimination. The Best interests of the child as well as the Collection and analysis of disaggregated data are in decline in comparison to the previous years. The rest of the indicators remained unchanged.

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS 2023 - AZERBAIJAN

ON NON-DISCRIMINATION (SCORE 2):

Recommendations

- Implement measures to combat discrimination stemming from traditional and cultural social norms, especially those affecting girls. This includes addressing sex and gender stereotypes that lead to son preference, violence against girls, and their concentration in traditionally female-dominated sectors.
- Undertake proactive steps to address the discrimination faced by children with disabilities (CWDs), who are often perceived primarily as a vulnerable group, potentially leading to their social isolation. It is crucial to promote inclusivity and ensure equal opportunities for CWDs in all aspects of society.

ON BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD (SCORE 1):

Recommendations

- Ensure that the principle of the best interest of the child is explicitly integrated into legislation and consistently applied in all administrative and judicial proceedings, as well as in policies and programs affecting children.
- Systematically provide comprehensive capacity-building for the judiciary, police, social service workforce, and health professionals to apply the best interest principle.
- Develop and disseminate tools and guidelines to facilitate the application of the best interest principle in various contexts.

ON RESPECT FOR THE VIEWS OF THE CHILD (SCORE 1):

Recommendations

- Implement mechanisms to ensure children's right to be heard is respected.
- Provide opportunities for all children, including CWDs and those in remote areas, to participate in decision-making processes that affect them.

ON ENABLING LEGISLATION (SCORE 2):

KidsRights welcomes the positive developments in the State party's legislation and policies to protect children's rights.

Recommendations

- Expedite the adoption of pending legislation and ensure its full compliance with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocols.
- Establish guidelines for the direct application of the CRC and provide training to relevant officials, including law enforcement and the judiciary.

ON BEST AVAILABLE BUDGET (SCORE 2):

KidsRights acknowledges the increase in the allocation of social benefits and anti-corruption efforts.

Recommendations:

- Substantially increase the budget allocations to social services, including health and nutrition, education, and child protection.
- Introduce results-based planning and budgeting, particularly for child development programs.

- Establish a child-friendly budgeting process, as previously recommended.

ON COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DISAGGREGATED DATA (SCORE 1):

Recommendations:

- Strengthen sectoral management information systems.
- Enhance the children's databank to cover all areas of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
- Ensure that the databank facilitates the collection, analysis, and monitoring of disaggregated data on children's rights.

ON STATE-CIVIL SOCIETY COOPERATION (2):

KidsRights acknowledges the establishment of the Agency for State Support to NGOs.

Recommendations:

- Increase support to and recognition of NGOs.
- Facilitate registration procedures and access to funding opportunities for NGOs.
- Systematically involve NGOs and academia in policymaking, programming, and legislative processes concerning children's rights.



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