



KIDSRIGHTS  
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# The KidsRights Index 2024

Bolivia scores 65<sup>th</sup>  
on global ranking for Children's Rights.



## BOLIVIA

OVERALL SCORE

RANK: 65

SCORE: 0,738

LIFE

RANK: 135

SCORE: 0,666

HEALTH

RANK: 129

SCORE: 0,794

EDUCATION

RANK: 41

SCORE: 0,833

PROTECTION

RANK: 111

SCORE: 0,774

CHILD RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT

RANK: 18

SCORE: 0,643

THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX AND INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DOMAINS, INDICATORS AND METHODOLOGY  
ARE ACCESSIBLE ON [WWW.KIDSRIGHTSINDEX.ORG](http://WWW.KIDSRIGHTSINDEX.ORG)

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## THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX

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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](http://www.hdr.undp.org/data))<sup>1</sup>, and qualitative data published by the **UN Committee on the Rights of the Child** ([www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crc/pages/crcindex.aspx](http://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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: BOLIVIA

	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>Bolivia 2009</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Bolivia 2023</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Bolivia has experienced a slight decline in the enabling environment domain, as it dropped by 2 ranks and its currently at 18<sup>th</sup> place with a score of 0,643. All indicators remained unchanged over the years.

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS 2023 - BOLIVIA

### ON NON-DISCRIMINATION (SCORE 2):

#### Recommendations

- Ensure compliance with the right to non-discrimination and effective application of regulations to ensure that all children, including Indigenous original campesino children and adolescents, have access to basic services without facing discrimination.
- Implement systemic investigation of cases of discrimination against children and taking further steps to address discrimination cases among children.
- Develop policies and awareness-raising measures targeting the root causes of de facto discrimination against children. These recommendations align with Target 10.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and emphasize the importance of proactive measures to safeguard children's rights and promote inclusivity.

### ON BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD (SCORE 2):

#### Recommendations

- Ensure that the principle of the best interest of the child is consistently applied across various contexts, including the implementation of programs and in legislative, administrative, and judicial proceedings, such as cases of separation of children from their families, high-conflict divorces, children in prison with incarcerated mothers, and children in care or in the child justice system.
- Provide guidance or tools to all professionals working with children to assess and determine the best interest of the child effectively.
- Expand specialized legal defense programs across Bolivia to safeguard the best interests of all children in contact with the justice system. These measures aim to strengthen the protection and promotion of children's rights in Bolivia.

### ON RESPECT FOR THE VIEWS OF THE CHILD (SCORE 2):

#### Recommendations

- Promote meaningful and empowered participation of all children within their families, communities, and schools, and involving children in decision-making processes on all matters concerning them, including environmental issues.
- Ensure that all relevant professionals, such as judges, teachers, and youth care professionals, who work with and for children, receive systematic and appropriate training on the right of the child to be heard and have their opinions considered, taking into account the child's age and maturity level.

### ON ENABLING LEGISLATION (SCORE 2):

KidsRights acknowledges Bolivia's recognition of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as supreme law and its integration into domestic legislation, including the adoption of the Children and Adolescents Code.

#### Recommendations

- Fully implement the Code, especially at the subnational level, to enhance the protection of children's rights.
- Undertake measures to align Indigenous customary laws with the CRC.

- Further strengthen monitoring and accountability mechanisms for law enforcement.
- Develop child-rights impact assessment procedures for all national and subnational legislation relevant to children.

## **ON BEST AVAILABLE BUDGET (SCORE 2):**

### **Recommendations:**

- Increase and continually monitor budgetary allocations across all relevant areas pertaining to children's rights, ensuring that public spending directly benefits children.
- Implement mechanisms for the meaningful participation of children in budget processes, allowing their voices to be heard and considered.
- Establish specific budgetary lines for all children, with particular attention to those in vulnerable situations, to address their unique needs effectively.
- Safeguard budgetary allocations for children's rights from being impacted by adverse economic conditions or emergency situations, ensuring consistency and stability in funding.

## **ON COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DISAGGREGATED DATA (SCORE 2):**

KidsRights acknowledges the improvements in the compilation of statistical information including the Child and Adolescent Information System.

### **Recommendations:**

- Facilitate intersectoral coordination between public institutions collecting data on children.
- Ensure the collection of data disaggregated by age, sex, gender, disability, socioeconomic situation, nationality, and ethnic origin.

## **ON STATE-CIVIL SOCIETY COOPERATION FOR CHILD RIGHTS (2):**

### **Recommendations:**

- Systematically involve civil society in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, plans, and programs concerning children's rights.
- Ensure civil society participation in the reporting process to the Committee and the follow-up to the Committee's concluding observations.



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