

END OF CHILDHOOD INDEX

JRC Week on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards



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End of Childhood Index

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B. Usage of the Index: Engagement with policy makers

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END OF CHILDHOOD INDICATOR

Ender	Indicator
Child dies	Under-5 mortality rate
Child is malnourished	Child stunting (%)
Child is out of school	Out-of-school children, adolescents and youth (%)
Child begins work life	Child labor (%)
Child marries	Adolescents currently married or in union (%)
Child has a child	Adolescent birth rate
Child is a victim of extreme violence	Population forcibly displaced by conflict (%)
Child is a victim of extreme violence	Child homicide rate

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WHY THESE 8 ENDERS AND NOT OTHERS?

Most significant enders for which reliable and comparable data are widely available.

Sexual violence and trafficking were excluded due to insufficient data, end a childhood, and they would have been included had there been sufficient data.

Selected indicators point to an unequivocal loss of the care, opportunities and protection children need to develop to their full potential.



- **Reported on different scales (i.e., percentages, per 1,000, per 100,000)**
- **Normalized so scores range between 0 (i.e., the worst possible score) and 1 (i.e., the best possible score)**
- **Best and worst values (the "goalposts") are held constant so that index scores can be - and have been - compared over time.**

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SCORE CALCULATION

- **The overall index score is calculated by averaging the eight indicator scores and then multiplying by 1,000.**
- **Countries are then sorted from high to low, with 1,000 being the best possible score, and then ranked from best to worst.**
- **In 2019, 176 countries had sufficient data to be ranked.**



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DATA PARTNERS

- **Launched in 2017, Index developed over a two year period with input from technical and programmatic experts at Save the Children in partnership with:**
- **UNICEF Innocenti**
- **Overseas Development Institute**
- **Middlebury Institute of International Studies**



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CHILDHOOD ENDER	CHILD DIES	CHILD IS SEVERELY MALNOURISHED	CHILD IS OUT OF SCHOOL	CHILD BEGINS WORK LIFE	CHILD MARRIES	CHILD HAS A CHILD	CHILD IS A VICTIM OF EXTREME VIOLENCE		CHILDHOOD INDEX 2019						
INDICATOR	Under-5 mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births)	Child stunting (% children aged 0-59 months)	Out-of-school children of primary and secondary school age (%)	Children engaged in child labor (% ages 5-17)	Adolescents currently married or in union (% girls aged 15-19)	Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19)	Population forcibly displaced by conflict (% of total)†	Child homicide rate (deaths per 100,000 population aged 0-19)	Score (out of 1,000)	Rank (out of 176)					
	2017	2013-2018*	2013-2018*	2013-2018*	2013-2018*	2016	2018	2016							
Afghanistan*	67.9	40.9	41.9	x	25.4	16.9	b	48.8	14.9	c	596	158			
Albania	8.8	11.3	a	6.9	5.1	xy	a	20.7	1.0		908	61			
Algeria*	24.0	11.7	xx	9.7	5.0	y	b	10.4	0.0		907	63			
Angola	81.1	37.6	36.4	x	23.4			154.5	0.1		581	163			
Antigua and Barbuda	7.4	...	18.9		...	...		44.7	0.1		--	--	
Argentina	10.4	8.2	x	2.9	4.4	xy	x	63.0	0.0		881	74			
Armenia	12.6	9.4	7.1	x	8.7	y		24.0	0.8		908	61			
Australia	3.5	2.0	x	2.4	...		b	13.3	0.0		975	15			
Austria	3.6	...	...	...		2.7	x	7.2	0.0		--	--
Azerbaijan	23.0	18.0	6.4		6.5	xy	xx	52.6	6.4		849	89			
Bahamas	7.2	...	11.2		...	2.4	x	28.0	0.2	10.1	901	68			
Bahrain	7.3	...	2.3		...	5.3	bx	13.5	0.0		958	33			
Bangladesh	32.4	36.1	17.4		4.3	y	xx	84.4	0.0		738	127			
Barbados	12.4	7.7	x	4.5	1.9	xy	xx	39.2	0.1		915	54			
Belize	3.7	4.5	x	2.4	1.4	xy	x	18.0	0.1		951	34			
Belgium	3.8	...	1.6		...	2.2	x	5.1	0.0		979	10			
Belize	14.2	15.0		10.2	3.2	y	a	64.7	0.1	11.9	801	101			
Benin	98.3	32.2	a	23.8	32.9	a	a	88.1	0.0		631	148			
Bhutan	30.8	33.6	x	19.1	2.9	xy	x	22.1	0.9		811	98			
Bolivia	34.9	16.1		11.7	26.4	xy	x	69.0	0.0		766	116			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.7	8.9	x	...	5.3	xy	x	10.4	4.7		940	38			
Botswana	37.6	31.4	x	...	9.0	xy	x	31.7	0.0		800	102			
Brazil	14.8	7.1	x	7.2	6.6	y	xx	62.7	0.0	17.7	806	99			
Brunei Darussalam	10.5	19.7	x	9.1	...		bx	10.9	0.0		907	63			
Bulgaria	7.5	...	7.9		...	8.4	x	40.3	0.0		923	49			
Burkina Faso	81.2	27.3		38.5	39.2	xy	x	106.5	0.2		565	167			
Burundi	61.2	55.9		20.6	xy	xy	a	27.4	6.3		676	140			
Cabo Verde	17.4	...	20.5		6.4	xy	x	74.7	0.0		840	91			
Cambodia	29.2	32.4		22.5	x	19.3	y	15.6	0.1		755	120			
Cameroon	84.0	31.7		22.6	47.0			108.8	1.1		582	161			
Canada	5.1	...	2.4		...	1.7		9.8	0.0		971	23			
Central African Republic	121.5	40.7	x	49.1	x	28.5	xy	54.8	x	105.8	29.3	c	...		
Chad	123.2	39.9		46.1	51.5			164.5	1.1		7.7	...	408	174	
Chile	7.4	1.8		4.2	6.6	xy	x	46.6	0.0		1.9	...	916	55	
China*	9.3	8.1		7.6	x	...		3.1	b	6.5	0.0	e	...	941	36
Colombia	14.7	12.7	x	7.9	7.8	y		49.5	16.1	c	20.9	...	761	118	
Comoros	69.0	32.1	x	28.1	22.0	xy	x	67.2	0.1			...	684	135	
Congo*	47.5	21.2		11.0	xx	23.3	a	114.1	3.4		3.7	...	715	130	
Costa Rica	9.0	5.6	x	5.3	4.1	xy		54.6	0.0		3.3	...	900	69	
Côte d'Ivoire	88.8	21.6		30.9	31.3	a	a	133.4	0.2		6.7	...	608	153	
Croatia	4.6	...	6.3		...		x	9.4	0.7		0.2	...	965	29	
Cuba	5.4	...	6.6		...	11.1		45.0	0.2		1.3	...	918	53	
Cyprus	2.7	...	3.0		...		x	4.7	0.0		0.5	...	977	13	
Czech Republic	3.3	0.9	x	10.2	0.0		0.2	...	--	--	--
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	19.0	19.1	a	...	5.1	a	a	0.3	0.0		2.7	...	906	65	
Democratic Republic of the Congo*	91.1	42.6		16.6	x	38.4		21.3	125.2	6.6	c	...	556	168	
Denmark	4.3	...	3.8		...	3.5	x	4.2	0.0		0.3	...	971	23	
Djibouti	61.7	33.5	x	52.9	7.7	xy	bx	19.4	0.3		3.4	...	732	126	
Dominican Republic	29.9	7.1		10.8	12.8		18.1	96.1	0.0	794	106	



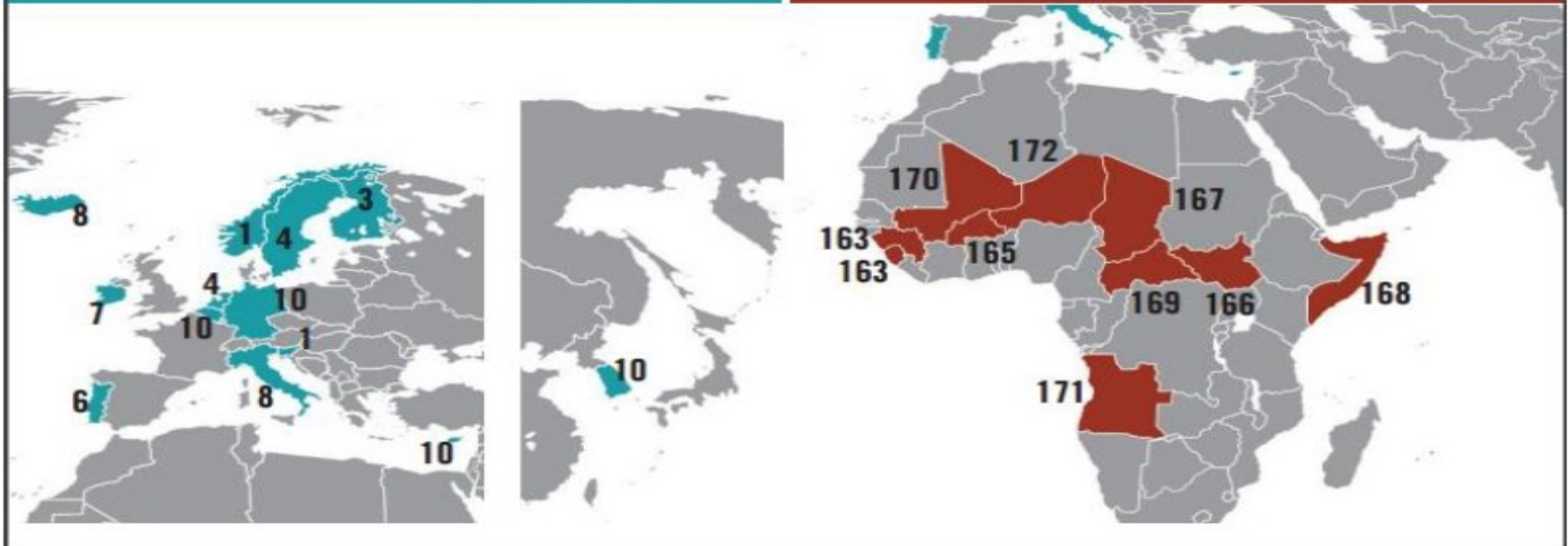
END OF CHILDHOOD INDICATORS RANKING

Top 10

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| 1 Norway | 6 Portugal |
| 1 Slovenia | 7 Ireland |
| 3 Finland | 8 Iceland |
| 4 Netherlands | 8 Italy |
| 4 Sweden | 10 Belgium; Cyprus;
Germany, South Korea |

Bottom 10

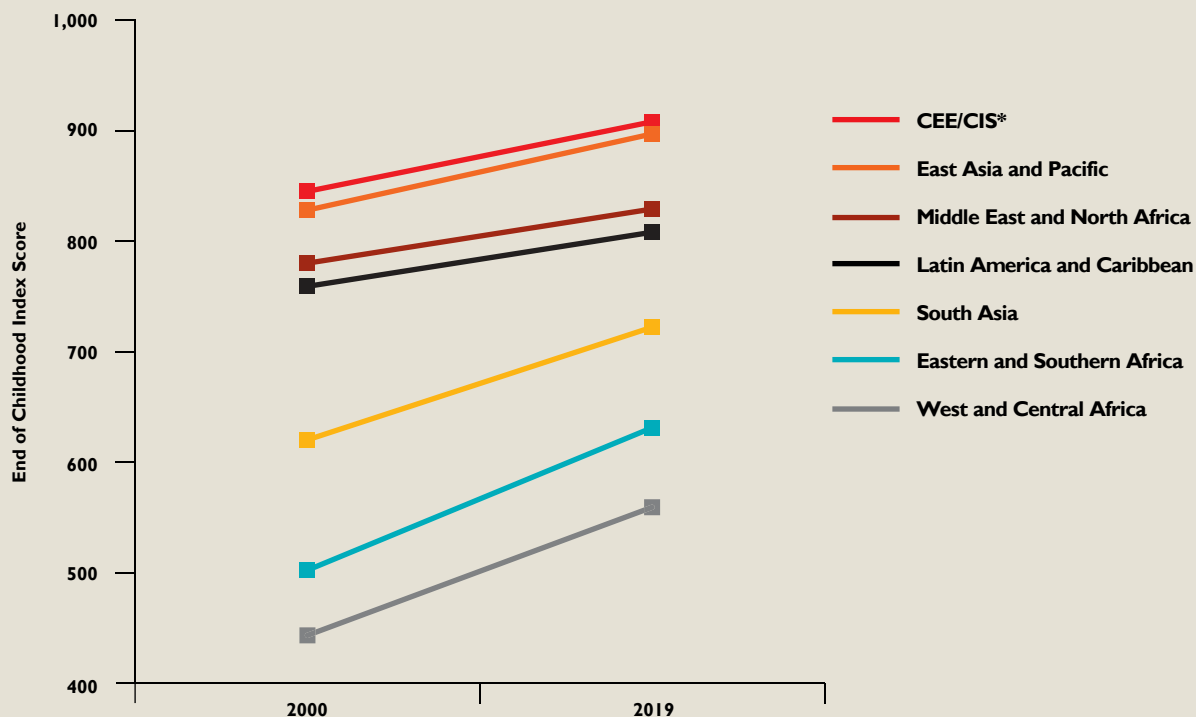
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| 163 Guinea | 168 Somalia |
| 163 Sierra Leone | 169 Central African
Republic |
| 165 Burkina Faso | 170 Mali |
| 166 South Sudan | 171 Angola |
| 167 Chad | 172 Niger |



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2019 REPORT: KEY FINDINGS

END OF CHILDHOOD INDEX SCORES ARE BETTER NOW IN ALL REGIONS



*Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States



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KEY MESSAGES

- **All countries should adopt a National Action Plan to reduce and eliminate child poverty.**
- **All governments should ensure that children in poverty (and their families) benefit from Universal Social Protection measures.**
- **Increased investment in protection, mental health and psychosocial services, and education in emergencies. Currently less than 5 percent of humanitarian funding goes to these sectors.**
- **Financial support and access to a quality education for children affected by conflict should be prioritized by governments and supported by donors.**
- **States and non-state armed actors should endorse and implement the Safe Schools Declaration to prevent education from coming under attack.**
- **Countries and donors should invest and support initiatives to achieve gender equality, including increasing spending and monitoring budgets designed to close gender gaps.**



Countries should raise the legal age of marriage to 18, close legal loopholes, implement costed action plans, and address harmful

- **African Union:**
 - 55 Member States
- **Regional level: 25 countries**
 - East and Southern Africa:
 - West and Central Africa
- **Country/national level: presence in over 90 countries worldwide**

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CHALLENGES

- ✓ **Discrepancies in the timing of data collected**
- ✓ **Ranking: perceived as naming and shaming (winners and losers binary overlooks the grey areas)**
- ✓ **Source of the data often challenged by national governments: confrontations with governments**
- ✓ **Limited systematization in the development of regional or thematic annexes due to cost associated with production of the global report**

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EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA RANKING

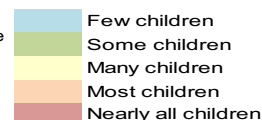
TOP 5

BOTTOM 5

RANK	COUNTRY	RANK	COUNTRY
52	Mauritius	163	Angola
82	Seychelles	165	Lesotho
102	Botswana	166	Mozambique
113	South Africa	171	Somalia
119	Namibia	172	South Sudan

CHILDHOOD ENDER	2000 End of Childhood Index		2019 End of Childhood Index		Change in score 2000- 2019
	Score	Tier	Score	Tier	
Rwanda	503		744		241
Ethiopia	414		651		237
Angola	369		581		212
Zambia	422		623		201
Eritrea	429		606		177
Kenya	573		747		174
Mozambique	394		567		173
Malawi	446		615		169
Uganda	523		683		160
Burundi	530		676		146
Madagascar	463		596		133
South Africa	639		769		130
Tanzania	493		604		111
Eswatini	637		747		110
Zimbabwe	569		677		108
Lesotho	472		579		107
South Sudan	358		461		103
Comoros	597		684		87
Namibia	676		760		84
Sudan	539		615		76
Botswana	741		800		59
Mauritius	869		919		50
Somalia	449		468		19
Seychelles	864		865		1

Shading reflects the extent to which children are missing out on childhood. For details, see Methodology and Research Notes.



* Most of the available data for these countries pre-date escalations of violence and do not reflect the harsh realities for children in these settings.

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WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA RANKING

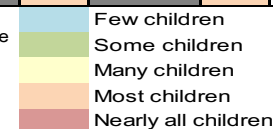
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RANK	COUNTRY	RANK	COUNTRY
91	Cabo Verde	170	Nigeria
111	Gabon	173	Mali
117	Ghana	174	Chad
121	Sao Tome and Principe	175	Niger
130	Congo	176	Central African Republic

BOTTOM 5

CHILDHOOD ENDER	2000 End of Childhood Index		2019 End of Childhood Index		Change in score 2000- 2019
	Score	Tier	Score	Tier	
Sierra Leone	345		591		246
Niger	167		402		235
Burkina Faso	345		565		220
Guinea-Bissau	388		597		209
Liberia	417		599		182
Equatorial Guinea	411		581		170
Guinea	366		531		165
Senegal	528		691		163
Mali	271		430		159
Ghana	623		763		140
Sao Tome & Principe	618		751		133
Chad	277		408		131
Cameroon	457		582		125
Côte d'Ivoire	483		608		125
Gabon	664		775		111
Nigeria	395		504		109
Togo	576		679		103
Congo	614		715		101
Benin	534		631		97
Mauritania	487		582		95
Gambia	571		661		90
Dem Rep Congo	472		556		84
Cabo Verde	811		840		29
Central African Republic	385		394		9

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ENGAGEMENT

LESSONS LEARNED

- **Adaptation: One size does not fit all:**
- **Multiple rankings increases degree of acceptability among decision makers**
- **Conversation starter with policy makers on neglected or controversial issues**
- **Development of targeted briefs/annexes to engage policy makers and Media**
 - ✓ AU brief: double ranking pan-African and global
 - ✓ Country brief: positive narrative with a focus on gains and not just the negative
- **Dialogue with government at national level prior to the official release of the index to mitigate negative reactions**
- **Support government in the implementation of the report recommendations**
- **Develop FAQs for general media to maximize coverage**
- **Work with children and champion as messengers**



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PROGRES IN THE BOTTOM 10

Niger was the lowest-ranked country on the index in 2017 and 2018, but in 2019 it rises from the bottom to 2nd-to-last place – a reduction in child mortality of 62% and a doubling of school enrolment rates since 2000 are the key drivers of this progress.

Sierra Leone is one of the latest countries to take important steps to provide children with a free and compulsory education, specific efforts to reduce gender disparities in school enrolment and completion (thereby reducing early marriage), and setting minimum age for labor and employment.

THANK YOU



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