



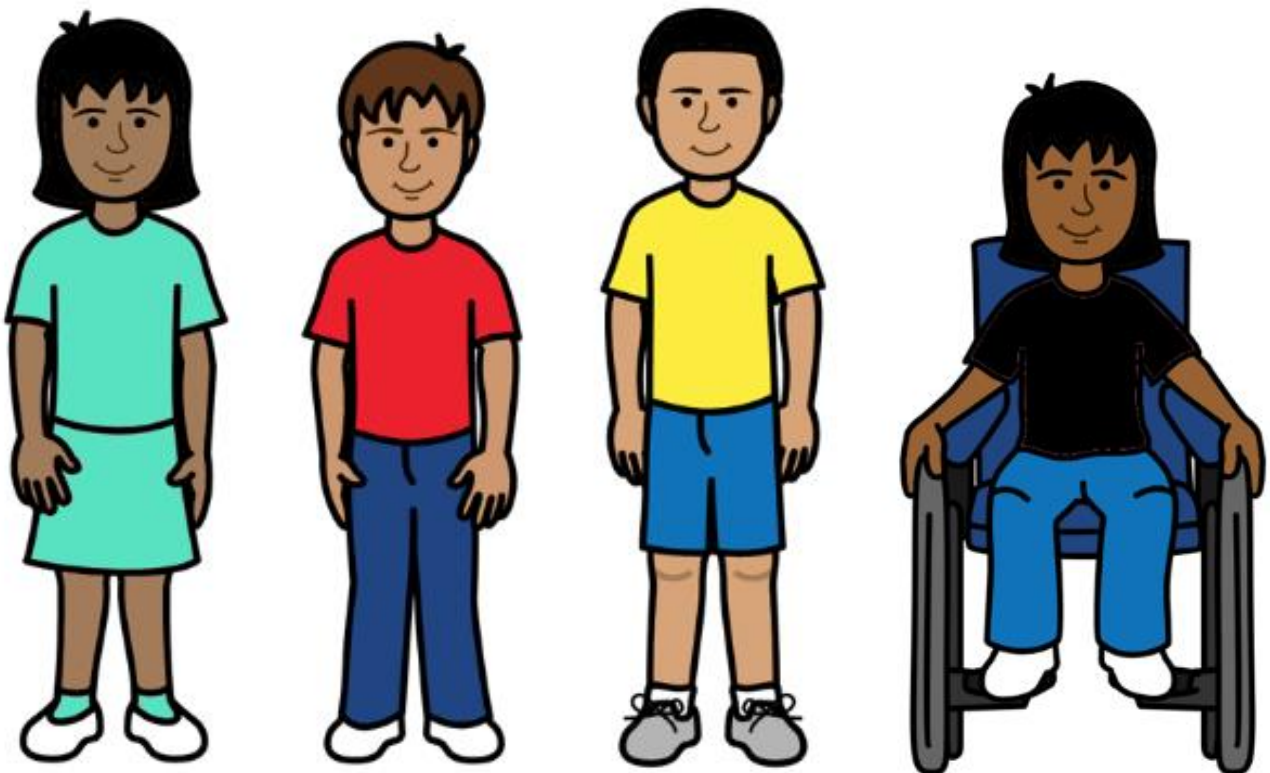
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United Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights



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How to help all of the United Nations to include children and their rights more in everything it does

That means making sure all of the United Nations does more to make the lives of children better.





About us

We are called the **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**.

Or **OHCHR** for short.



We are part of the **United Nations (UN)**.

The United Nations is a group of countries that works together to make the world better and safer.



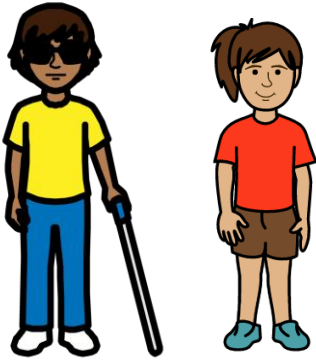
Our work is about making sure that everyone gets their **human rights**.



Human rights are about what should happen in all our lives.

For example, we all have the right to be safe and treated fairly.

That means everyone in the world should be safe and treated fairly.



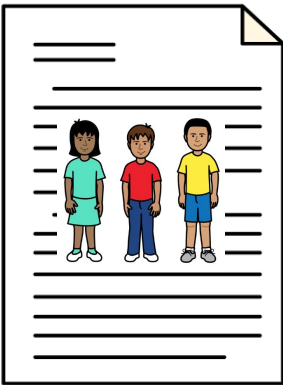
About this report

This report is about making life better for all children in the world.



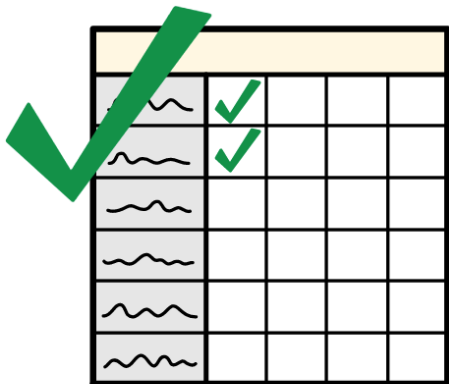
The United Nations works hard to make life better and safer for everyone.

But it needs to do more to make sure that all children are treated fairly and get their human rights.



There is an important law in the world about the rights of children.

It is called the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**.



The United Nations is already making children and their rights a bigger part of its work.

But it needs to do more to follow the law about the rights of children.



We are part of the United Nations.

We can help with the work on children and their rights.

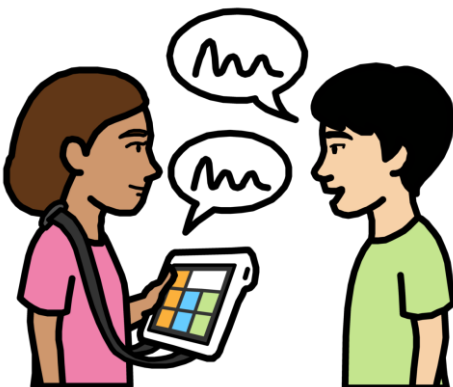
We would work with other parts of the United Nations to do that.

For example, there is a part of the United Nations that works on children's rights called **Unicef**.



This report is about:

- What children told us they want the United Nations to do.
- Some things that we and other parts of the United Nations are already doing to support children and their rights.
- How our work could help all of the United Nations to make life better for children.



Many children and organizations from around the world gave us their ideas for this report.

What children told us they want the United Nations to do



- 1. Children want to help the United Nations to make decisions about the work it does.**

That means the United Nations must support children to say what they think and listen to what children say.



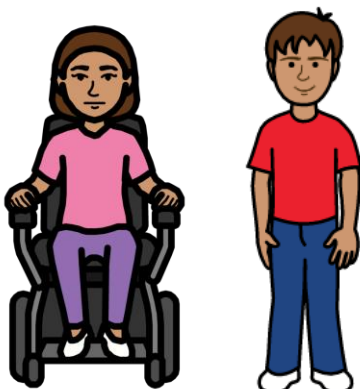
- 2. Children want the United Nations to tell people about their rights.**

That means telling people and organizations about the rights of children and why they are important.



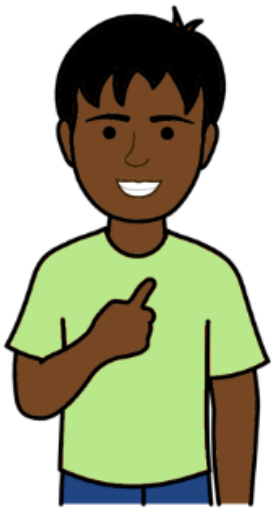
- 3. Children want the United Nations to help them to get the right support if they are treated badly.**

For example, support from the police or courts.



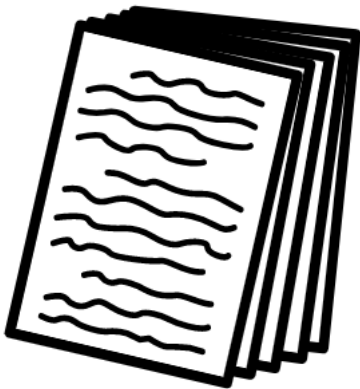
- 4. Children want the United Nations to think about what all children need.**

Children are not all the same. They might need different things.



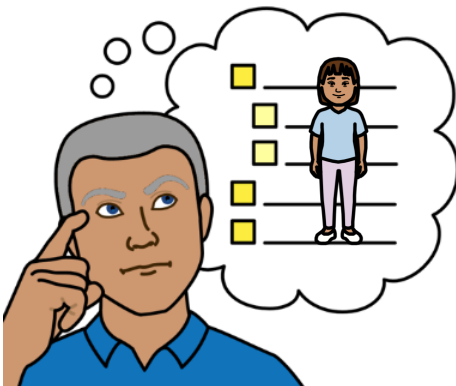
What the United Nations is already doing

The United Nations wants to support children to have the best life they can.



In 2023 the leader of the United Nations made some information about children and their rights.

The information is about how all of the United Nations should do more to make children's lives better.



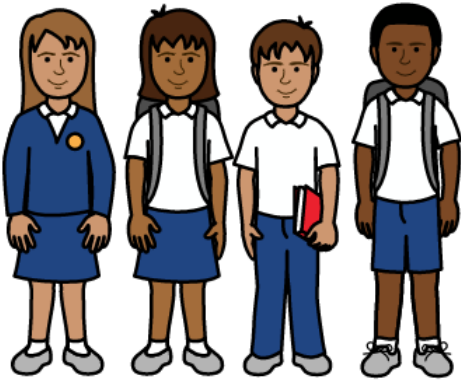
That means the United Nations should find out what children need in all the work it does about children's lives.

What we are already doing



We are in charge of human rights work for all of the United Nations.

We have already made children and their rights a bigger part of our work.

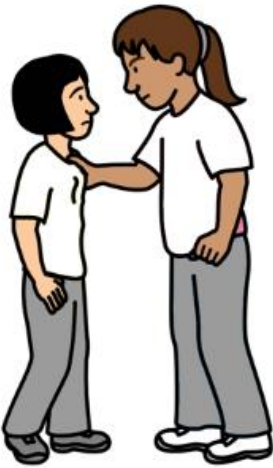


For example, we help to check what life is like for children in different countries.

We work to stop any big problems that are happening to children.

Like girls not being able to go to school.

Or violence that is happening to children.



We also support other parts of the United Nations to help make life better for children.

For example, we worked on a project to help stop violence that happens to some children at school.



We have also helped more children to say what is important to them.

For example, we have supported children to help to make decisions about how to keep countries safe.



We have many people working for us who know about the rights of children.

And we want even more people in the future.

What other parts of the United Nations are doing

Some other parts of the United Nations have also done good work to include children and their rights.

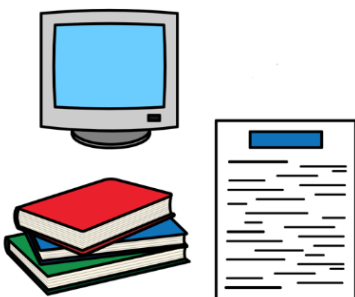
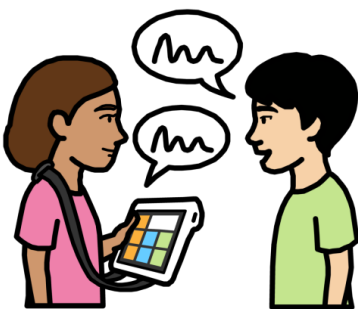
That includes parts of the United Nations that do the following things:

- Work in different countries to solve big human rights problems and keep people safe.
- Support countries to follow laws in the world about the rights of children.
- Check what countries are doing to follow laws about human rights.

For example, some parts of the United Nations are having more meetings with children to find out what they need.

They are also making it easier for children to take part in meetings.

And they are writing more reports about what should happen to make life better for children.

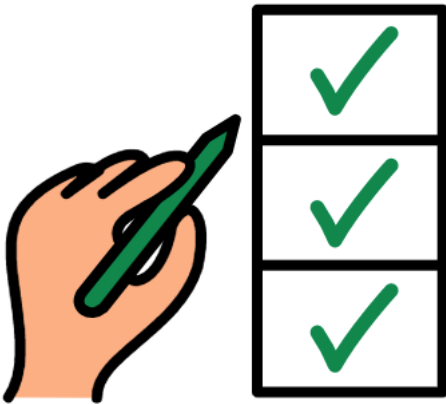


What should happen next



Some things we want to do next

We are in charge of human rights work for all of the United Nations.



We want to do more to include children and their rights in our work.

And we want to support the rest of the United Nations to do more as well.



But we need more money and staff who know about the rights of children first.



That would help us to do the things we want.

For example, we want to make a plan about how we can do more to support children and their rights.



We want to help more people and staff to know about the rights of children.



We want to help people who know a lot about the rights of children to work together across the United Nations.



We want to get better information about what life is like for children and the problems they are having.

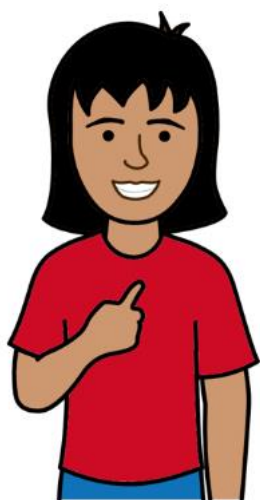
We must get this information in a safe and fair way for children.



We want to give better support to countries.

We want to help them to follow laws about making life better for children.

What should happen next across all of the United Nations



The United Nations has already done some good work to include children.

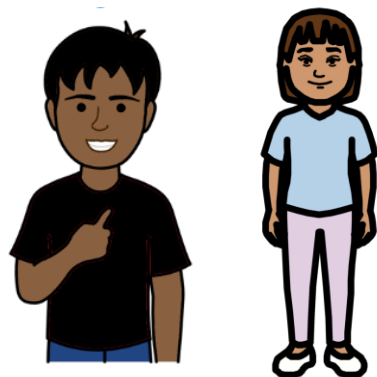
But it needs to do more to include children and their rights in a better way.

There are some things that all parts of the United Nations should do.

For example, all parts of the United Nations should work more with children and listen to what they say.

That includes making sure that children can speak at meetings and help to make decisions.

This is to make sure that plans and decisions work well for all children.





It should be easy and safe for **all** groups of children to take part in the United Nation's work.

For example, it might be safer for some children to take part on the internet.

And some children might need extra support to take part in meetings.



There needs to be better rules about how children can take part.



Information should be easy for different groups of children to understand.

That means information about the work of the United Nations and how to take part.



It also means information like forms to fill in.

For example, some children might need to fill in a form to say how they have been treated badly.



There needs to be training and information for some parts of the United Nations about how to include children.



For example, some staff might need training about how to speak to children if something bad has happened to them.



The United Nations also needs to look into why children are hurt or treated badly and how to stop it happening.



Countries can also do more to include the rights of children.

For example, they should work with children to make plans and decisions about their lives.



All of this will help the United Nations to make life better and safer for all children.