

The KidsRights Index 2026

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

HONDURAS



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OVERALL

RANK: **156**

SCORE: **0,509**

LIFE

RANK: **99**

SCORE: **0,802**

HEALTH

RANK: **90**

SCORE: **0,814**

EDUCATION

RANK: **169**

SCORE: **0,516**

PROTECTION

RANK: **128**

SCORE: **0,711**

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

RANK: **163**

SCORE: **0,143**

INTRODUCTION TO 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 and ranks the children's rights performance records of state parties to the CRC in relation to the most crucial aspects of children's lives for which global and comparable data is available. Overall, the KidsRights Index presents an accessible, general, and comparative overview of state performance on selected children's rights. It also creates a basis for making concrete and evidence-based recommendations on how governments might improve on various children's rights matters. 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 Children's Rights**

DATA SOURCES OF THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX

The KidsRights Index rankings are the outcome of an integrated analysis of existing, high-quality data published by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Index also incorporates the 'Concluding Observations' published by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child at the end of the periodic state reporting procedure for all states that have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.¹

DOMAIN 5: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Domain 5, the 'Enabling Environment for Children's Rights', is an important and unique domain of the KidsRights Index. This Domain charts how states are faring in creating the conditions that need to be in place for realizing children's rights and/or for making children's rights policies and putting them into effect. 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 Domain 5 scores for the respective countries are derived from the latest Concluding Observations adopted by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

¹ These data are drawn from <https://data.unicef.org/>, www.hdr.undp.org/data, and the 'Concluding Observations' published by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child at the end of the periodic state reporting procedure for all states that are legally bound by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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

KidsRights Index scoring system for the Domain 5 indicators:

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

DOMAIN 5: HONDURAS

Country (Year in which CO was issued)	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
HONDURAS 2015	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
HONDURAS 2025	1	1	2	1	1	1	2

COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS - HONDURAS

1. Adopt effective measures to eliminate discrimination against children in disadvantaged situations, in particular children with disabilities, Indigenous children, children of African descent, migrant children, and returned children.² It is reported that children living in poor neighbourhoods remain particularly vulnerable to forced recruitment by gangs and are often disproportionately affected by security raids.³ (Non-Discrimination)
2. Take effective measures to ensure the implementation of legislation recognizing the right of the child to be heard and undertake measures to facilitate children's participation in national and local decision-making processes.⁴ (Respect for the Views of the Child)
3. Ensure that cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation, including abuse committed within the child's circle of trust, are promptly reported, investigated, and prosecuted.⁵ This remains particularly important considering that 53.4 per cent of all sexual offence complaints involve girls aged 10 to 19, while many cases continue to go unreported due to perpetrators frequently being family members.⁶ (Respect for the Views of the Child, Enabling Legislation)
4. Continue to ensure the meaningful involvement of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and children's organizations, in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, plans, and programmes related to children's rights.⁷ (Respect for the Views of the Child, Enabling Legislation)
5. Adopt comprehensive strategies to address gang violence targeting adolescents and ensure that children forced to participate in organized crime structures are not accused of terrorist association, but are treated primarily as victims of forced recruitment.⁸ Between 2022 and 2024, 126 of the 561 individuals captured for extortion were under the age of 18, representing 22.5 per cent of the total.⁹ (Best interest of the Child, Enabling Legislation)

² Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Honduras', *UN Doc. CRC/C/HND/CO/6-7*, 26 February 2025, para 15 (b).

³ La Fundación Red Nacional de Derechos Humanos (RENADDHH), ONG National Human Rights Network, and Consejo Nacional para la Defensa del Derecho Humano a la Salud (CNDDHS), 'Alternative Report on Honduras submitted to the 98th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child', 2024,

https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRC%2FNGO%2FHND%2F61913&Lang=en, p. 1.

⁴ Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Honduras', *UN Doc. CRC/C/HND/CO/6-7*, 26 February 2025, para 18.

⁵ *Ibid.*, para 23(d).

⁶ Centro de Derechos de Mujeres, Ipas Latin America and the Caribbean (Ipas LAC), 'Independent Information Letter on Honduras for the Committee on the Rights of the Child's Consideration of the State Report during its 97th Session', 26 August–13 September 2024, https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRC%2FNGO%2FHND%2F61644&Lang=en, p. 2.

⁷ Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Honduras', *UN Doc. CRC/C/HND/CO/6-7*, 26 February 2025, para 31(d)

⁸ *Ibid.*, para 24(a), (b).

⁹ Centro de Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares (C.P.T.R.T.) and the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), 'Additional Information for the Review of Honduras, 98th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child', 2024,

https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRC%2FNGO%2FHND%2F61646&Lang=en, p. 2.

6. Take effective security and protection measures to prevent violent deaths, homicide, and femicide of children,¹⁰ particularly in detention centres. Ensure proper age separation within the detention centres to protect children.¹¹ **(Enabling Legislation)**
7. Expand investment in child right-related sectors and adopt a child rights-based approach in the elaboration of the State budget.¹² Organizations have raised concerns regarding a 32 per cent budget reduction for the Secretariat of State for Children, Adolescents, and Family (SENAF) in 2025, specifically affecting the salaries of essential professionals responsible for providing emotional support to children in vulnerable situations.¹³ **(Best Available Budget)**
8. Strengthen the collection of disaggregated data on children with disabilities and develop an efficient and harmonized system for disability assessment in order to facilitate access to education, healthcare, social protection, and support services.¹⁴ **(Collection and Analysis of Disaggregated Data, Non-Discrimination)**

¹⁰ Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Honduras', *UN Doc*, CRC/C/HND/CO/6-7, 26 February 2025, para 17(c).

¹¹ La Fundación Red Nacional de Derechos Humanos (RENADDHH), ONG National Human Rights Network, and Consejo Nacional para la Defensa del Derecho Humano a la Salud (CNDDHS), 'Alternative Report on Honduras submitted to the 98th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child', 2024, https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRC%2FNGO%2FHND%2F61913&Lang=en, p.3.

¹² Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Honduras', *UN Doc*, CRC/C/HND/CO/6-7, 26 February 2025, para 9(a).

¹³ Centro de Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares (C.P.T.R.T.) and the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), 'Additional Information for the Review of Honduras, 98th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child', 2024, https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRC%2FNGO%2FHND%2F61646&Lang=en, p. 5.

¹⁴ Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined sixth and seventh periodic reports of Honduras', *UN Doc*, CRC/C/HND/CO/6-7, 26 February 2025, para 31(d).