

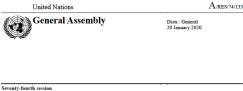
Learning from UNICEF's commitment to Support families and prevent unnecessary separation

International Standards

Supporting families is central to CRC (Article 8)

2009 Alternative Care Guidelines for Children

2019 Resolution on the Rights of the Child



Promotion and protection of the rights of children: promotion and protection of the rights of children

> Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 2019

[on the report of the Third Committee (A/74/395)]

74/133. Rights of the child

Reaffirming the importance of its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, by which it adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and welcoming the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary in 2019 of its adoption,

Reaffirming also that States parties to the Convention shall undertake all appropriate measures for the implementation of the rights recognized therein, while bearing in mind the importance of the Optional Protocols to the Convention2 and calling for their universal ratification and effective implementation, as well as that of other human rights instruments.

Recalling all of its previous resolutions on the rights of the child, the most recent of which was resolution 73/155 of 17 December 2018, and recalling also all other relevant resolutions on this matter, including resolution 73/154 of 17 December 2018 on protecting children from bullying and resolution 73/327 of 25 July 2019, by which it declared 2021 the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour.

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 3 which proclaims the all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set out therein, without distinction of any kind,

Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 4 the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 4 the Convention on

- 1 United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1577, No. 27531 ² Ibid., vols. 2171 and 2173, No. 27531; and resolution 66/138, anne.
- ³ Resolution 217 A (III). ⁴ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

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> Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights1 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,2 and celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Convention in 2009,

> Reaffirming also all previous resolutions on the rights of the child of the Human Rights Council, the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly, the most recent being Council resolutions 7/29 of 28 March 2008, 3 9/13 of 24 September 20084 and 10/8 of 26 March 20095 and Assembly resolution 63/241

Considering that the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, set out desirable orientations for policy and practice with the intention of enhancing the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and of relevant provisions of other international instruments regarding the protection and well-being of children deprived of parental care or who are at risk of being so,

- 1. Welcomes the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, as contained in the annex to the present resolution, as a set of orientations to help to inform policy and practice;
- 2. Encourages States to take the Guidelines into account and to bring them to the attention of the relevant executive, legislative and judiciary bodies of government, human rights defenders and lawyers, the media and the public in

^{*} Reissued for technical reasons on 13 April 2010

² United Nations Treaty Series vol. 1577, No. 27531

See Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/63/53), chap. II.

Ibid., Supplement No. 53A (A/63/53/Add.1), chap. I. 5 Ibid., Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/64/53), chap. II, sect. A

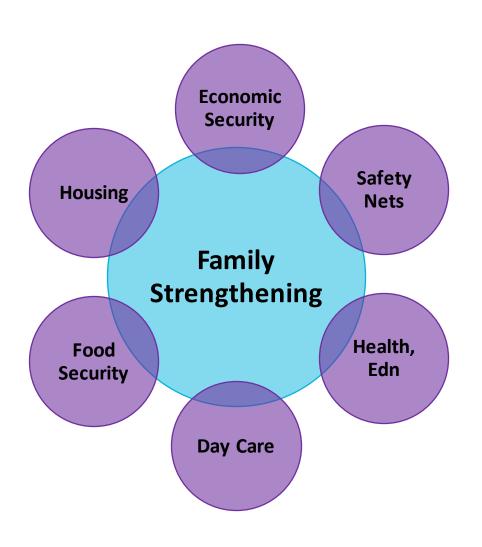
UNICEF's Priorities

O Strengthen families to prevent separation

Prioritize family-based alternative care

O End institutionalization

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UNICEF's Approach



Supporting families: examples from UNICEF

Rwanda: prevent children from entering institutional care

- Mass closure of institutions
- A two-year media campaign
- Monitor remaining institutional care facilities
- Develop emergency foster care
- Work with teenage parents

Tajikistan: transforming RCIs to family support centres

- Pivot from institutionalization to family-based children's services
- 20% decrease in residential care from 8,099 children (2020) to 6,482 (2021)

Supporting reunification: examples from UNICEF

Indonesia: digital information management (Primero)

- Primero facilitates coordination of family tracing, reunification, and referral
- Also contributes to effective supervision of social service workforce
- During 2018 earthquake, Primero used by to helpful reunify more than 25 children

Cambodia: legislative commitment toward reintegration

- In 2022 the final draft CP Law was submitted for review
- Guidelines on reintegration, transitioning and closure of RCIs were by govt and opened space for transition to alternative care solutions