

CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS IN PORTUGAL

Portuguese Committee for UNICEF

Situation in Portugal – Child Poverty



- 19% of children are still at risk of poverty
- The presence of children increases families' risk of poverty
- Inequity and social exclusion

Recommendations – Child Poverty

- To adopt a **multidimensional rights-based** strategy and **annual action plans** to end child poverty, assessing the impact of social transfers and investing in public services, as in housing, education and health.

Situation in Portugal – Protection of Children's rights

- Violence against children
- No alternatives to institutional placement
- Lack of resources for children with severe or multiple disabilities
- Bullying and mental health issues

Situation in Portugal – Children's rights



- A National Strategy for the Rights of the Child still to be developed

Recommendations

- To reinforce the legal system and intensify efforts to **end all forms of violence against children.**
- To continue to invest in training and support for professionals and ensure adequate resources needed to **respond to the needs of all children.**

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- To adopt a **comprehensive National Strategy** and create a **national entity** that will be the keeper of children's rights, coordinating the implementation of this strategy and assessing its impact on children

Importance of a comprehensive and integrated data collection system

Thank you

From all the members that contributed to this Review Process, following from the joint Alternative Report submitted to the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the situation of children in Portugal (November 2018):

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