

Annex 2: Groups of children who may be affected by the bill or policy proposal

For each of the following groups (as well as other relevant groups not listed here), ask yourself: could our proposal affect this group?

Pay particular attention to the groups mentioned in Article 2 of the UNCRC, but also consider other situations that might make children vulnerable. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

Characteristics mentioned in Article 2 of the UNCRC

- Ethnic origin (skin colour, ancestry, language)
- Gender
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Political beliefs
- Socioeconomic status
- Disability or chronic illness

Children in vulnerable situations

- Children who lack access to suitable education (UNCRC art. 28)
- Children living in foster care or youth care facilities (UNCRC art. 20)
- Children in unsafe situations (neglect, abuse) (UNCRC art. 11, 19, 34, 35, 36)
- Children who have had contact with the police and/or justice system (UNCRC art. 37, 40)
- Children who have been deprived of their freedom (UNCRC art. 11, 35, 37)
- Unborn children (UNCRC art. 6)
- Refugee children (UNCRC art. 10, 22)
- Children of parents struggling with mental health problems or addiction (UNCRC art. 5, 18)
- Children who provide care for other family members (UNCRC art. 5, 18)
- Children with disabilities or impairments (UNCRC art. 23)