



# Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## Committee on the Rights of the Child

### List of issues in relation to the fourth periodic report of Timor-Leste\*

1. The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information, of 10,700 words maximum, by 15 February 2026. The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Convention during the dialogue with the State party.

#### Part I

2. Please provide information on the measures undertaken for the adoption of a comprehensive law on children's rights in line with the Convention and its Optional Protocols;

3. Please provide additional information on:

(a) The evaluation of the implementation of the action plan for children (2016-2020) and the adoption of a new action plan;

(b) The measures taken to strengthen the coordination of children's rights policies and whether the Commission for the Rights of the Child is the body in charge of the implementation of the Convention;

(c) Progress made in the adoption of a child rights approach to budgeting and measures taken to address corruption;

(d) Challenges and measures taken to improve data collection on children, including in the implementation of *Primerio*.

4. Please inform the Committee about:

(a) The legal and institutional framework to prevent and address all forms of discrimination against children;

(b) The measures taken to ensure non-discrimination against children with disabilities, those born to unmarried parents, those conceived from sexual relations among family members, children of returnees and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children;

(c) The measures taken to guarantee children's rights to express their views and to be heard in all settings;

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\* Adopted by the pre-sessional working group on 30 October 2025.

- (d) Concrete examples on effective implementation of the best interests of the child in legislation and policies affecting children.
5. Please provide updated information on:
    - (a) The remaining challenges to achieve universal birth registration through the implementation of the civil registry “Boletim de Nascimento”;
    - (b) The reasons why the draft civil registry code has not been adopted;
    - (c) Steps taken to identify the so called “stolen children” and to grant them with birth certificate and nationality;
    - (d) Measures envisaged to ensure children’s rights to access safe and appropriate information, in particular in the digital environment;
    - (e) Measures taken to protect children’s right to privacy in the digital environment.
  6. Please provide updated information on:
    - (a) Progress made and remaining challenges in the implementation of the Law on the Protection of Children and Youth in Danger adopted in 2023;
    - (b) The reasons why a child helpline for child victims of violence has not been established yet;
    - (c) Steps taken to remove the obstacles for the prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings;
    - (d) The measures taken and remaining obstacles for the effective and legal prohibition of child marriage and the measures undertaken or envisaged to raise the minimum age of marriage to 18;
    - (e) Measures envisaged to ensure child protection against violence in the digital environment.
  7. Please provide updated information on:
    - (a) The results of the Parenting Education Program and the measures envisaged to elevate it as a national programme;
    - (b) The results and remaining challenges for the effective implementation of the Child and Welfare System Policy;
    - (c) The measures envisaged to accelerate deinstitutionalization and, in the context of institutions, to ensure their oversight and periodic review of placements;
    - (d) The steps envisaged to regularize informal adoption.
  8. Please provide updated information on:
    - (a) The measures taken or envisaged to improve the access to social services and inclusive education of children with disabilities;
    - (b) The early results of the 2023 Integrated Health Program to ensure that children have equal access to basic health services;
    - (c) Specific measures envisaged to expand the coverage of policies addressing child malnutrition, in particular in regions with chronic malnutrition;
    - (d) The status of the draft policy on the promotion of breastfeeding;
    - (e) Action taken to tackle high levels of consumption of alcohol and tobacco among adolescents.

9. Please inform the Committee about:
  - (a) Measures taken to ensure that poverty reduction measures, such as the programme *Bolsa da Mae*, cover all children living in poverty;
  - (b) Steps envisaged to prevent the adverse impact of increasing urbanization on children's rights and health;
  - (c) Measures taken to protect children from the adverse impact of climate change and environmental degradations.
10. Please provide detailed and updated information on:
  - (a) Actions taken to ensure the access and the quality of early childhood education;
  - (b) The measures taken to ensure higher rate of enrolment in pre-school, primary and secondary school;
  - (c) Steps taken to increase the budget allocated to education and increase the number of qualified teachers;
  - (d) Measures taken to improve learning outcomes across the country.
11. Please provide updated information on:
  - (a) The legal and policy framework applying to asylum-seeking, refugee and migrant children;
  - (b) Measures taken to ensure the rights of children belonging to indigenous peoples, in particular regarding teaching of their language and culture;
  - (c) The status of the draft National Action Plan on Child Labour and the estimated timeframe for its adoption;
  - (d) The absence of a national policy on children in street situation;
  - (e) Progress made to prevent trafficking of children.
12. Please provide updated information on:
  - (a) The status of the Juvenile Justice law proposed for adoption since 2010 and the extent to which it is fully in line with the Convention;
  - (b) The steps envisaged to further expand capacity and specialisation training of personnel in child justice administration;
  - (c) The measures taken to ensure that children's rights are fully respected in the context of pre-trial detention;
  - (d) The steps taken to ensure the availability of alternative dispute resolutions mechanisms.
13. Please provide further information about the measures taken to implement the Committee's previous recommendations on the Optional Protocols on the involvement of children in armed conflict<sup>1</sup> and on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography<sup>2</sup>, including on the following issues:
  - (a) The measures taken to criminalize the compulsory recruitment and use of children under 18 years of age in armed forces;

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<sup>1</sup> CRC/C/OPAC/TLS/CO/1.

<sup>2</sup> CRC/C/OPSC/TLS/CO/1.

(b) Measures undertaken to carry out studies on the full social implications of the experiences of the children involved in hostilities during Timor-Leste's armed struggle for independence, aim to identify former child soldiers and provide appropriate psychological and rehabilitative services;

(c) The specific legal provisions that provide definitions of offences that are in line with the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts;

(d) The specific legal provisions that ensure the prohibition of the offences under the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Pornography and Child Prostitution.

## **Part II**

14. The Committee invites the State party to provide a brief update (no more than three pages) on the information presented in its report with regard to:

- (a) New bills or laws, and their respective regulations;
- (b) New institutions (and their mandates) or institutional reforms;
- (c) Recently introduced policies, programmes and action plans and their scope and financing;
- (d) Recent ratifications of human rights instruments.

## **Part III**

### **Data, statistics and other information, if available**

15. Please provide consolidated information for the past three years on the budget lines regarding children and social sectors by indicating the percentage of each budget line in terms of the total national budget and the gross national product. Please also provide information on the geographic allocation of those resources.

16. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, ethnic origin, national origin, geographic location and socioeconomic status, for the past three years, on:

- (a) Child victims of abuse and neglect, particularly in care institutions;
- (b) Early pregnancy;
- (c) Complaints investigation, prosecutions and sentences related to gender-based violence, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of children and child sexual exploitation material;
- (d) Child victims of child labour;
- (e) Children in street situation and/or in hazardous labour, and how many receive support from Social Solidarity Institutions.

17. Please provide updated data disaggregated by age, sex, socioeconomic background, ethnic origin and geographic location regarding the situation of children deprived of a family environment, for the past three years, on the number of children:

- (a) In alternative care facilities;
- (b) In foster families;
- (c) In situation of informal adoptions.

18. Please provide data, disaggregated by age, sex, type of disability, ethnic origin and geographic location, for the past three years, on the number of children with disabilities:

- (a) Living with their families;
- (b) Living in institutions;
- (c) Attending regular primary schools;
- (d) Attending regular secondary schools;
- (e) Attending special schools;
- (f) Out of school;
- (g) Abandoned by their families.

19. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, type of offence, ethnic and national origin, geographic location and socioeconomic status, for the past three years, on children alleged as, accused of or recognized as having infringed criminal law who have been:

- (a) Arrested;
- (b) Referred to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms;
- (c) In police station and pretrial detention;
- (d) Serving a sentence in detention and the length of the sentence.

20. Please provide information on how the planning, implementation and monitoring of measures for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals integrate a child rights-based approach, including regarding child participation and data collection, and how they promote the realization of children's rights under the Convention and the Optional Protocols thereto.

21. Please provide the Committee with an update of any data in the report that may have been outdated by more recent data collected or other new developments.

22. In addition, the State party may list areas affecting children that it considers to be of priority with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

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