

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

List of issues to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the third periodic report of
Yemen (CRC/C/129/Add.2)

Part I

Under this section the State party is requested to submit in written form additional and updated information, if possible, before 6 April 2005:

A. Data and statistics, if available

1. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, on the number and proportion of children under 18 living in Yemen.
2. In light of article 4 of the Convention, please provide additional disaggregated data for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 on budget allocations and trends (in absolute figures and percentages of the national and regional budgets or GDP) allocated to the implementation of the Convention for the following areas:
 - a) Education (different types of education, i.e. pre-primary, primary and secondary education);
 - b) Health care (different types of health services, i.e. primary health care, vaccination programmes, adolescent health care and other health care services for children);
 - c) Programmes and services for children with disabilities;
 - d) Support programmes for families;
 - e) Support for children living below the poverty line;
 - f) Protection of children who are in need of alternative care including the support of care institutions;
 - g) Programmes and activities for the prevention of and protection from child abuse and child sexual exploitation and child labour;
 - h) Programmes and services for street children and abandoned children; and
 - i) Juvenile justice and the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

Please also indicate the expenses of the private sector, in particular for health and education.

3. With reference to children deprived of a family environment and separated from parents, please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 on the number of children:

- a) Separated from their parents;
- b) Placed in institutions; and
- c) Placed through *kafalah*.

4. Please specify the number of children with disabilities, disaggregated by gender, age groups, ethnic groups, for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004:

- a) Living with their families;
- b) In institutions;
- c) Attending regular schools;
- d) Attending special schools; and
- e) Not attending schools.

5. With reference to child abuse, please provide disaggregated data (by age, gender, and types of violations reported) for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 on the:

- a) Number of reports received per year;
- b) Number and percentage of reports per year which have resulted in either a court decision or other types of follow-up; and
- c) Number of child victims receiving assistance/recovery services.

6. Please provide disaggregated data (by gender, age groups, urban and rural areas) for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 on:

- a) Enrolment, attendance and completion rates in percentages of the relevant group in pre-primary schools, in primary schools and in secondary schools and vocational trainings;
- b) Number and percentage of drop-outs and repetitions; and
- c) Ratio of teachers to students in the different education levels.

7. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by gender, age groups, urban and rural areas) on infant and child mortality, malnutrition, early pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), suicide, drug, alcohol, tobacco and other substance abuse for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004. Also, please provide numbers of health professionals working in the health care services for children.

8. Please provide disaggregated statistical data (by gender, age groups, urban and rural areas) on the number of children:

- a) Infected by HIV/AIDS;
- b) Affected by HIV/AIDS;
- c) Leading households due to HIV/AIDS;
- d) Orphans of HIV/AIDS living in extended families or institutions.

9. Please provide appropriate disaggregated data (including by gender, age, and type of crime) for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, in particular on the number of:

- a) Persons under 18 who have allegedly committed a crime, reported to the police;
- b) Persons under 18 who have been sentenced and type of punishment or sanctions related to offences including length of deprivation of liberty;
- c) Detention for juvenile offenders (under 18) and their capacity;
- d) Persons under 18 detained in these facilities and minors detained in adult facilities;
- e) Persons under 18 kept in pre-trial detention and the average length of their detention;
- f) Reported cases of abuse and maltreatment of persons under 18 during their arrest and detention; and
- g) Persons under 18 tried and sentenced as adults.

10. With reference to special protection measures, please provide statistical data (including by gender, age, urban/rural areas) per year for 2002, 2003 and 2004 on the number of:

- a) Unaccompanied minors and asylum-seeking and refugee children, as well as children awaiting expulsion;
- b) children migrating to Saudi Arabia;
- c) Children affected by sexual exploitation, including prostitution, pornography and trafficking;
- d) Street children;
- e) Children who are employed or working (disaggregated by type of work);
- f) Children who were involved in armed conflicts; and
- g) Children using drugs and chewing quat.

B. General Measures of Implementation

1. Please indicate whether the Convention on the Rights of the Child has been invoked directly in domestic courts, and if so, please provide examples of such cases.
2. Please provide further information on measures taken, to ensure that all legislation, including any customary, religious, regional or local law in the State is in accordance with the Convention.
3. Please provide information on the system of data collection and whether it covers all persons below 18 and all areas referred to in the Convention.
4. Please provide a copy in English, if possible, of the Child Act of No. 45 of 2002 (para. 11 of the report).
5. Please provide information on the evaluation and assessment of the implementation of the National Strategy and Plan of Action for Mothers and Children in Yemen for the period 1997-2002 and please indicate whether the new National Plan of Action developed for the period 2003-2013 does cover all areas of the Convention and takes into account the objectives and goals of the outcome document entitled “A World Fit for Children “of the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children in 2002.
6. Please provide information on the institution in charge of the coordination of the implementation of the Convention, and update the Committee of any new initiatives or mechanisms that have been established to coordinate policies for children and to implement of the Convention at national and local levels.
7. Please provide updated information on efforts to disseminate the Convention and the State party report and to provide training, awareness on the Convention and on human rights in general, to children, parents, teachers, social workers and other professionals working with/for children.
8. Please provide updated information on the cooperation between the State Party and the international community including non-governmental organisations, in the efforts to implement the Convention.
9. Please indicate the issues affecting children that the State party considers to be priorities requiring the most urgent attention with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

Part II

Please provide copies of the text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in all official languages of the State party as well as in other languages or dialects, when available. If possible, please submit these texts in electronic form.

Part III

Under this section, the State party is to briefly (3 pages maximum) update the information provided in its report with regard to:

- new bills or enacted legislation
- new institutions
- newly implemented policies
- newly implemented programmes and projects and their scope.

Part IV

The following is a preliminary list of major issues (that does not contain issues already covered in Part I) that the Committee intends to take up during the dialogue with the State party. They do not require written responses. This list is not exhaustive as other issues might be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. Non-discrimination in general, in particular discrimination against girls, Akhdam children, refugee and asylum-seeking children, street children, children with disabilities and children living in rural areas;
2. Birth registration;
3. Corporal punishment;
4. Child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence;
5. Adoption and family reunification;
6. Children deprived of family environment and alternative care;
7. Healthcare system, high infant, under-5 and maternal mortality rates, prevalence of preventable illnesses, and the quality of water and sanitation systems;
8. Prevalence of harmful traditional practices, including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and forced early marriages;
9. Children with disabilities;
10. Social security and standard of living, in particular high levels of poverty;
11. Quality of education;
12. Economic exploitation;
13. Street children;
14. Children carrying weapons;
15. Sexual exploitation and trafficking; and
16. Administration of juvenile justice.
