

Côte d'Ivoire

Status in Child-friendliness - 2018



The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) developed the *Child-Friendliness Index (CFI)*, a robust statistical framework for scoring and ranking African governments' performance in fulfilling their obligations to children. The CFI is a rights-based framework based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC). The three pillars on which the main dimensions of the CFI hinge are the 3Ps: Protection, Provision and Participation. The CFI was first introduced in 2008 and revised recently to further refine and improve its methodology.

The 2018 CFI is based on the revised framework and consists of 25 quantitative indicators and covers 52 of the African countries including Côte d'Ivoire.

Where does Côte d'Ivoire stand in the 2018 Child-Friendliness Index (CFI) ranking?

- Côte d'Ivoire performed relatively fairly and placed 28th in the index and categorised as “fairly child-friendly”.

Why is Côte d'Ivoire's performance relatively fair in the ranking?

A number of factors contributed for this:

- In relation to laws and policies
 - Côte d'Ivoire has adopted the UNCRC, the African Children's Charter; Optional Protocols to CRC on Sale of Children Child Prostitution and Pornography and Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict; ILO Conventions on minimum age for admission to employment (No. 138) and Worst Forms of Child Labour (No. 182); the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and The Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption. Has put in place domestic laws on child trafficking, sexual exploitation of children, and harmful traditional practices.
 - Has free education policy and established child-friendly courts.
 - Minimum age set for admission to employment is in line with international standard.
- About 65 percent of the children under the age of 5 registered with the civil authorities – a better coverage than several African countries.

Child-Friendliness Index 2018, Scores & Ranks			
Country	Score	Rank	Category
Mauritius	0.8424	1	Most child-friendly
Algeria	0.7846	2	
Tunisia	0.7823	3	
South Africa	0.7794	4	
Cabo Verde	0.7440	5	
Egypt	0.7416	6	
Namibia	0.7301	7	
Seychelles	0.7156	8	
Swaziland	0.7057	9	
Morocco	0.6995	10	
Lesotho	0.6774	11	
Gabon	0.6311	12	Child-friendly
Botswana	0.6176	13	
Ghana	0.5911	14	
Senegal	0.5648	15	
Kenya	0.5539	16	
Togo	0.5532	17	
Angola	0.5508	18	
Burundi	0.5453	19	
Rwanda	0.5383	20	
Malawi	0.5300	21	
Djibouti	0.5261	22	Fairly child-friendly
Benin	0.5127	23	
Burkina Faso	0.5099	24	
Congo (Brazzaville)	0.5070	25	
Madagascar	0.5022	26	
Sudan	0.4930	27	
Côte d'Ivoire	0.4821	28	
Nigeria	0.4729	29	
Gambia	0.4701	30	
São Tomé & Príncipe	0.4683	31	
Zimbabwe	0.4659	32	
U. R. of Tanzania	0.4542	33	
Equatorial Guinea	0.4541	34	Less child-friendly
Mali	0.4500	35	
Mozambique	0.4399	36	
Comoros	0.4382	37	
Sierra Leone	0.4313	38	
Mauritania	0.4263	39	
Uganda	0.4245	40	
Niger	0.4175	41	
Guinea-Bissau	0.4072	42	
Ethiopia	0.4037	43	
Eritrea	0.3726	44	Least child-friendly
Guinea	0.3707	45	
D. Rep. of Congo	0.3658	46	
Liberia	0.3619	47	
Zambia	0.3515	48	
Cameroon	0.3420	49	
Chad	0.3142	50	
Central African Rep.	0.3136	51	
South Sudan	0.1429	52	

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- Côte d'Ivoire spent 4.8 percent of GDP on education – better than many African countries. The current median expenditure in Africa is 4.3 percent of GDP.
- Skilled birth attendance stands at about 74 percent in Côte d'Ivoire – better than many countries and equivalent to the median attendance rate for Africa.
- Although poverty remains high in Côte d'Ivoire, the situation is better than that of many other countries. Currently, about 28 percent of the population in Côte d'Ivoire live on less than 1.90 USD per day – 9 percentage-points lower than the continental average.

Nonetheless, there are several areas that Côte d'Ivoire should give due attention:

- As to legal instruments:
 - Ratify the Optional Protocol to CRC on Communications Procedure
 - Raise minimum age for criminal responsibility from the current 10 to the recommended 12 years
 - Prohibit corporal punishment in home, schools, as well as in alternative and daily care settings.
- Investments in sectors benefitting children such as health and social protection are insufficient.
- Under-five mortality declined from 119 deaths per 1,000 livebirths in 2009 to 92 deaths in 2016. But, it is still much higher than the continental average.
- Côte d'Ivoire is among the countries with the lowest pre-primary enrolment rates in Africa. Only 7.6 percent of the boys and 7.7 percent of the girls enrolled in pre-primary education.
- Classrooms at primary level are somehow crowded in Côte d'Ivoire. The average number of students per teacher is 43, higher than the maximum recommended level 40:1
- Only 3 in every 10 people have access to improved or safely managed sanitation facilities in Côte d'Ivoire, lower than the rates many African countries had.

See details in: ACPF (2018). African Report on Child Wellbeing 2018: Progress in the child-friendliness of African governments. Addis Ababa: African Child Policy Forum (ACPF)

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