

RECOMMENDATIONS



1. THE CHILDREN'S CONVENTION IN LAW

- 1.1 Develop robust systems and processes to ensure that legislation incorporates, and is consistent with, the principles and provisions of the Children's Convention.



3. COORDINATION

- 3.1 Ensure the Children's Convention Deputy Chief Executives Group has the adequate authority and resources to fulfill its obligations to drive the cross-agency implementation of the Convention.



2. A PLAN FOR ALL CHILDREN

- 2.1 Develop a national strategy that implements the Children's Convention. Make sure it is resourced, it benefits all children and it is developed with key stakeholders, including children, young people and tangata whenua.
- 2.2 Ensure that the planning process for a Child Well-being Strategy embeds children's rights, in particular the four General Principles. Ensure the Strategy is co-designed with children and young people and tangata whenua, it benefits all children, and it is closely connected with the Children's Convention work programme.



4. TRAINING & TOOLS

- 4.1 Ensure all public servants receive training on child rights and are equipped with the knowledge and tools needed to carry out quality child impact analyses.
- 4.2 Embed the use of the Child Impact Assessment tool into the legislative and policy development process.



5. DATA

- 5.1 Develop a child rights and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)-compliant data infrastructure that generates high quality disaggregated data which is used to inform policies, legislation and practices.
- 5.2 Ensure the collection, storage and sharing of information about children is consistent with their privacy and information rights, views and best interests.



7. MONITORING

- 7.1 Sufficiently resource the Office of the Children's Commissioner to effectively fulfill its mandate and functions to monitor and advance child rights.



9. RAISING AWARENESS

- 9.1 Resource the promotion of children's rights education in schools and raise awareness of the Children's Convention across all sectors.
- 9.2 Table in Parliament the Concluding Observations from the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Government responses to them.



6. BUDGETING

- 6.1 Transparently and regularly track and measure resource allocation and spending on child rights and well-being. Assess the impact of investments for children in line with the principles and provisions of the Convention.
- 6.2 Amend the Public Finance Act to take into consideration specified or targeted spending that will uphold children's rights to ensure their well-being.



8. CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION

- 8.1 Government agencies setting policy and designing services for children should systematically seek out and consider children's views in decision making using a child-centred, rights based approach.



10. WITHDRAW RESERVATIONS AND ACCEDE TO THE THIRD OPTIONAL PROTOCOL

- 10.1 Increase compliance with the Children's Convention by withdrawing reservations and acceding to the Communications Procedure Optional Protocol.