

# Child Rights in Afghanistan:

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Afghanistan has been state party to the convention on the right of child (CRC) since 1994, and has made, under its constitutional law, a series of commitments to promote and protect the rights of children.

# Constitutional commitment to the children rights

Constitutional law enshrines specific  
provision for the protection of the  
child

# Right to Family Security

“Family forms the fundamental unit of the society, and is protected by the state. The state shall take the necessary measures to secure the physical and mental health of the family, mother and child in particular, to rear children, and to eliminate the traditions contrary to the sacred religion of Islam”

Article 54

# Right to Health

“The state shall take the necessary steps to regulate and provide, in accordance with law, medical service and financial assistance for the survivors of the martyred and the disappeared, and for the rehabilitation of the disabled and their active participation in the society. Article

53

# Child labor

“Compulsory labor shall be proscribed. Active participation in states of war, calamity, and other states threatening the life and peace of the nations is among the fundamental duties of each Afghan. Child labor shall be prohibited” Article 49

# Right to Education

“Education is the right of all Afghan citizens, which shall be provided gratis up the bachelors degree level in state educational institutions by the state.” Article 43

# Conclusion

- Children constitute the most vulnerable social group in Afghanistan.
- Economic poverty is Prima Facie victimizing children .
- Lack of awareness on the rights and needs of children has caused a lack of self-awareness in children, and has made them the victims of violence and rights abuses.

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- Unaccepted customary practices stand another challenge affecting children, and violating their rights.
- Children in poor families are in a worse plight, and poverty obstructs the normal development of their personality.