

I AM A CHILD AND I HAVE MY RIGHTS

Children have different developmental characteristics and needs and they have rights which are documented in the Children's Rights Convention*. Protecting these rights is the duty of governments and the responsibility of parents.



Living is the right of every child and everyone's duty is to protect childrens' lives.

Living is the fundamental right of every child. Parents and governments must show the maximum effort.

Every child has the right to develop and to have health coverage.

Every child has the right to access a sufficient life standard which provides physical, cognitive, mental, moral and societal development. Any kind of approach which will harm them physically or mentally will not be allowed. Children cannot be punished or insulted with any kind of inhumane method.



Every child has the right to declare feelings and thoughts in whichever way he/she wishes. No one in any way can humiliate or insult children.

Parents must accept the fact that children are individuals and must support them to express their feelings and ideas. They must not criticize their ideas or feelings with inappropriate language.

Children have the right for education and play.

Education is a fundamental right. Every child must access free education without any discrimination.

The best place where children express themselves is during play. Children grow by playing, they mature and improve with play. Play supports children's psychological, social and mental development.



Adults who are responsible for children's growth and development, must do this the best way possible.

Adults are mainly responsible for providing a safe environment, care and protection for children as their basic rights. Adults must also support children's development, show them love and attention, give them various experience opportunities and also guide them in their interest areas and accept them as individuals.

Every child has the right to be protected against any kind of ill-treatment including physical and emotional violence, abuse, neglect and sexual harassment.

Parents and all adults who are in a trust –responsibility relation with children must ensure all of the above with behaviors toward children. Whichever way it happens, ill-treatment for a child will deform a child's physical, cognitive and mental health both during childhood and in adulthood; it will also harm self esteem and self respect.



* The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, signed on November 20, 1989 by 197 UN member countries is the most widely attended human rights document. Among the 54 articles of this document, there are items which are directly related with the 'Mother Who Impact The Future' Project.