

International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership (ICCRP): Phase I Key Informant Interview Findings

Summary of the Scholarly Literature Review



Overall, there is positive movement towards change in children's rights. We recognize that each country's context and needs will look different, and every country will have their unique ways on how children's rights are moving forward. We want to explore what needs to be achieved to move forward with monitoring child participation in child protection efforts. This is important because the research shows that child participation is often only talked about, but not really practiced in everyday life.

Monitoring & Evaluation



We found that monitoring and evaluation of children's participation in protection does not happen often. There is very little literature on this topic. However, monitoring and evaluation is identified as important to improving children's participation in child protection. There are only a few examples of monitoring and evaluation.

Participation & Protection

Child protection concerns around the world include: exploitation and abuse; children living on the streets; children of war; victims and orphans of HIV/AIDS; political, economic, cultural, religious and environmental discrimination; family violence, abuse or neglect; poverty; child marriage; child labour. ****Some of these protection concerns are challenged and contested by children and youth, child labour being one of them.**



The 3 P's in the Convention on the Rights of the Child are: Protection, Provision & Participation. Far too often the right to protection outweighs the right to participation. However, in the literature there is recognition that these rights need to be understood as mutual and equal to one another.

There is a popular belief that children want full responsibility for decision-making. However, what children really want is to be heard and have their views taken into account when decisions are being made about children. It is also widely accepted that children's participation improves the services, interventions, and decisions that impact their lives.

Children's participation should be meaningful, effective, and sustainable.

A Look at the Country and Regions Studied in the Literature

Many reports are international or look at a broader region, such as Southeast Asia, East Asia and the Pacific.



United Nations



Rwanda



England



Lithuania



Wales



South Africa



Ireland



United States



Zimbabwe



Estonia



Liberia



Norway



Nepal



India



Netherlands



Ethiopia



Peru



Vietnam