

# Immediate opportunities for law reform in East and Southern Africa



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**Note:** The dates given in brackets indicate the most recent information held by the Global Initiative, but to our knowledge all bills, draft laws, etc referred to below are currently still “live” and still present opportunities for enacting prohibition of corporal punishment. Information in square brackets is unconfirmed. If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email [info@endcorporalpunishment.org](mailto:info@endcorporalpunishment.org).

State	Opportunities for enacting prohibition	Prohibition included
Angola	Draft Penal Code under discussion (2014); Family Code being revised (2010); draft Code of Criminal Procedure under discussion (2009); legislation on the prison system being drafted	?
Botswana	Adoption Act under review (2016)	?
Burundi	Draft Code on Child Protection under discussion (2014); Code on Children's Rights being drafted (2016); Code of Persons and of the Family being revised (2016)	NO
Comoros	No known opportunities	-
Eritrea	New Constitution being drafted (2015)	NO
Ethiopia	No known opportunities	-
Lesotho	Domestic Violence Bill under discussion (2015); Regulations and Court Rules under Children's Protection and Welfare Act 2011 being drafted (2015)	?
Madagascar	Criminal Code under review (2015)	NO
Malawi	Child Care, Protection and Justice (Amendment) Bill, Penal Code (Amendment) Bill and Adoption of Children Bill under discussion (2015); Prevention of Domestic Violence Act 2006 and Prisons Act under review (2015)	?
Mauritius	Children's Bill, Juvenile Justice Bill and Disability Bill under discussion (2015); draft Child Protection and Care Bill under discussion (2017)	YES
Mozambique	Penal Code to be reviewed (2016); Constitution under review (2015)	NO

Namibia	Child Justice Bill under discussion (2013); regulations under Child Care and Protection Act being drafted (2015)	NO
Rwanda	Penal Code 2012 and Law No. 54 Relating to the Rights and Protection of the Child 2011 under review (2016)	NO
Seychelles	Civil Code under review (2015); Domestic Violence Bill, Education (Amended) Bill and amendments to Children's Act 1970 under discussion (2015)	SOME
Somalia	Child Act under discussion in Somaliland (2016); Family Code being drafted for Somaliland (2011); Puntland juvenile justice law being drafted (2009); Provisional Federal Constitution 2012 being reviewed (2017)	?
South Africa	Amendments to Children's Act being drafted (2015)	YES
Swaziland	Education legislation being reviewed (2012); Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill under consideration (2015)	?
Uganda	Marriage and Divorce Bill under discussion (2015)	NO
UR Tanzania	Proposed Constitution under discussion (2016); Zanzibar Education Act 1982 under review (2015)	NO
Zambia	Draft Children's Code under discussion (2016); constitutional amendments being discussed (2017)	?
Zimbabwe	Legislation authorising corporal punishment in schools under review (2011); General Amendment Bill to harmonise laws with the Constitution under discussion (2015); Children's Act and Education Act under review (2016); draft Juvenile Justice Bill (2016)	?

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