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**End All Corporal
Punishment of Children**



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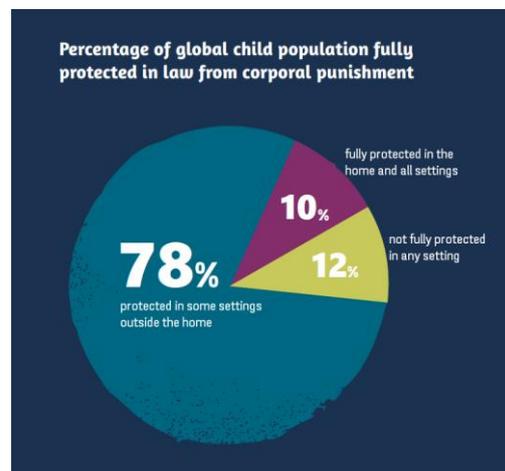


Forward

Three more states achieve equal protection for children!

Since the last edition of our newsletter, the law in three more states fully protects children from all corporal punishment, including in the home. This brings the global total to 57 states and 15 territories with full prohibition of corporal punishment. Read more about the changes in [France](#), [Kosovo](#) and [South Africa](#).

The Global Initiative has supported national campaigns in France, Kosovo and South Africa for many years, holding law reform workshops and joining legal action as *amicus curiae*. The recent changes increased the global child population legally protected from all corporal punishment from **10%** to **12%**. [ACT NOW](#) to help us make this 100% of children!



Is your state committed to prohibiting corporal punishment of children?

We are reviewing our list of states that are "committed" to law reform and we welcome your feedback by Friday 4 October 2019. [Read more](#)

The UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2019

The forum took place between 9-18 July and welcomed over 2,000 participants to the UN Headquarters in New York. Our Director, Anna Henry, represented the CSO Forum to End Violence Against Children at the #SafeToLearn Leaders Event, where 17 members of the CSO Forum confirmed their commitment to use their influence to advance Safe to Learn’s agenda, mission, and work to end violence.

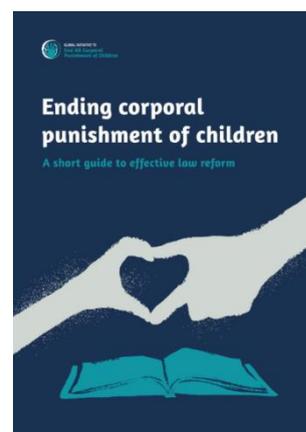
On the same day, we launched our global schools update, [Teaching without violence: Prohibiting corporal punishment](#). The briefing highlights states where corporal punishment remains lawful in some or all schools, sets out the key elements of making prohibition a reality, and showcases programmes by our partners around the world seeking to end violence in schools.



More resources from the Global Initiative

[Short guide to law reform:](#)

This new guide aims to support governments and civil society working to end violence against children. It sets out the key stages of law reform, provides an overview of the work involved with essential hints and tips, and directs you to where more detailed information is available for each area of work.

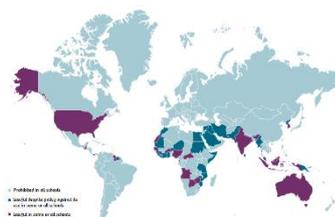


More information now available on our website

[Progress under the SDGs](#) describes why ending corporal punishment is key to ending all violence against children and achieving other SDG targets.



[Progress in schools](#) sets out the impact of corporal punishment in schools, global progress towards ending its use in law and practice and resources to support changes in law, attitudes and practice.



[Progress by region](#): read about progress towards prohibition in your region, national and regional campaigns, resources to support advocacy, news on the latest developments and more.



National moves towards prohibition of all corporal punishment

Namibia - The Child Care and Protection Act 2015 came into force in January 2019, prohibiting corporal punishment of children in most settings outside of the home. [Read more](#)

Colombia - A Bill aiming to prohibit all corporal punishment, which was drafted in partnership by the Colombian Family Welfare Institute and civil society, was introduced in the House of Representatives in August 2019. Clarification is needed on whether the ban would apply to indigenous communities.

Australia - South Australia has enacted legislation prohibiting corporal punishment in all schools. This leaves Queensland as the only state where corporal punishment is only banned through policy, not law, in government schools and its use remains lawful in non-government schools.

UK (Wales) - The National Assembly adopted the General Principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill in September, on the recommendation of the Children, Young People and Education Committee. The Bill is now back with the Committee for consideration of any

amendments introduced.

UR Tanzania - The Government of mainland Tanzania has issued a directive banning the use of corporal punishment in classrooms from pre-primary to third grade. This is positive, but should apply to all children in all schools and be backed up in legislation in order to fully prohibit corporal punishment in schools.

News from the UN human rights system

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child made recommendations on corporal punishment at its 81st session. Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire and Singapore were included in the review. [Read our full update](#).

The Global Initiative briefs human rights treaty monitoring bodies and the UPR prior to examination of states. If you/your organisation is interested in submitting information on your state, contact info@endcorporalpunishment.org. Upcoming examinations, deadlines for submitting briefings, and previous recommendations are available in our [country reports](#) and on the [treaty body pages](#) on our website.

Help us continue to end violence against children

As valued supporters, we know that you understand the importance of prohibiting corporal punishment which is why we ask for your help today. By signing up to a small regular gift you are helping to give children the opportunity to live free from violence.

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