

# Immediate opportunities for law reform in South Asia



GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO  
**End All Corporal  
Punishment of Children**

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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 If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email [info@endcorporalpunishment.org](mailto:info@endcorporalpunishment.org).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
Afghanistan	Comprehensive Law on Children being drafted (2014); Civil Code and Juvenile Code under review (2014); draft Shiite Personal Status Law under discussion (2014); draft Family Protection Law under consideration (2013); draft Family Code being finalised (2018)	?
Bangladesh	Law to prohibit corporal punishment in educational institutions and workplaces being drafted (2015); Draft Children Rules under the Children Act 2013, draft Child Education Act and amendments to Disabled Persons Protection and Rights Act 2013 under discussion (2015); new Family Code under discussion (2013)	?
Bhutan	No known opportunities	-
India	Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill 2018 under discussion (2018)	SOME
Maldives	Education Bill under discussion (2015)	[SOME]
Pakistan	National Commission of the Rights of the Child Bill under discussion (2017); Child Protection Bill being drafted (2018); Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill being finalised (2020); Punjab Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill and Balochistan Corporal Punishment Bill under discussion (2014); Khyber Pakhtunkhwa considering legislation to prohibit in schools (2018); Zina laws being reviewed (2011)	[SOME]
Sri Lanka	Amendments to Children and Young Persons Ordinance under discussion (2014); laws being drafted for inspection of childcare institutions and on early childhood care and development (2013); amendments to Orphanages Ordinance planned (2013); Children (Judicial Protection) Bill under discussion (2013); Child Protection and Justice Bill being finalised (2017); prohibition in schools being considered (2019)	[SOME]