

**STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT 2023 - CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IN SAMOA**

**CHILDREN’S QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Rate your awareness and explain understanding of children’s rights i.e. what they are and their importance (place tick in box)? Explain your answer.**

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| 1. Fully aware/understand |  |
| 1. Somewhat aware/ understand |  |
| 1. No awareness/understand |  |

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**Give a number to rate the below environments regarding how they promote, support and protect the rights of children in Samoa from 1 (*offering no protection*) to 5 (*offering best protection*). Explain your answer.**

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|  | **Rating** | **Explanation of rating** |
| Home |  |  |
| School |  |  |
| Community/ village |  |  |
| Church |  |  |
| Government |  |  |
| Other (*list*): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |

**Who in your view is responsible for promoting and protecting the rights of children in Samoa – place numbers starting from 1 (*being most responsible*) to 5 (*being least responsible*) in the boxes provided next to the responsible person/group? Explain your answer.**

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| 1. Government including ministries |  |
| 1. Non-government organisations |  |
| 1. Village |  |
| 1. Family |  |
| 1. Parents |  |
| 1. Schools |  |
| 1. Other (*list*): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

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**In your view is there enough attention and prioritization given by the Government to children’s rights in Samoa? Explain you answer.**

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| 1. Yes |  |
| 1. No |  |

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**List 3 key influences/events (good and bad) that has had an impact on the exercise of children’s rights in Samoa.**

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| **Good** | **Bad** |
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**Rate the below rights based on your view/opinion regarding how well such rights is promoted and protected in Samoa by placing a number (*1 to 5: 1 being no protection and 5 being complete protection*) in each of the boxes provided. If not applicable or no answer write N/A.**

**Please provide an explanation for each of the ratings that you give each right.**

***Participation rights[[1]](#footnote-1): having an active voice***

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| **Right** | **Rating** | **Explanation of rating** |
| Article 12 (Respect for the views of the child) |  |  |
| Article 13 (Freedom of expression) |  |  |
| Article 14 (Freedom of thought, conscience and religion) |  |  |
| Article 15 (Freedom of association) |  |  |
| Article 16 (Right to privacy) |  |  |
| Article 17 (Access to information; mass media) |  |  |

***NOTE****: For more information about the rights listed in table read* [*https://oco.govmu.org/English/Documents/Protection\_list.pdf*](https://oco.govmu.org/English/Documents/Protection_list.pdf) *OR* [*https://oco.govmu.org/Pages/Protection-rights.aspx*](https://oco.govmu.org/Pages/Protection-rights.aspx)

***Protection rights[[2]](#footnote-2): keeping safe from harm***

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| **Right** | **Rating** | **Explanation of rating** |
| Article 11 (Kidnapping) |  |  |
| Article 19 (Protection from all forms of violence) |  |  |
| Article 20 (Children deprived of family environment) |  |  |
| Article 21 (Adoption) |  |  |
| Article 22 (Refugee children) |  |  |
| Article 32 (Child labour) |  |  |
| Article 33 (Drug abuse) |  |  |
| Article 34 (Sexual exploitation) |  |  |
| Article 35 (Abduction, sale and trafficking) |  |  |
| Article 36 (Other forms of exploitation) |  |  |
| Article 37 (Detention and punishment) |  |  |
| Article 38 (War and armed conflicts) |  |  |
| Article 39 (Rehabilitation of child victims) |  |  |
| Article 40 (Juvenile justice) |  |  |
| Article 41 (Respect for superior national standards) |  |  |

***NOTE****: For more information about the rights listed in table read* [*https://oco.govmu.org/Documents/Participation.pdf*](https://oco.govmu.org/Documents/Participation.pdf)

***Survival and development rights[[3]](#footnote-3): the basic rights to life, survival and development of one’s full potential***

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| **Right** | **Rating** | **Explanation of rating** |
| Article 4 (Protection of rights) |  |  |
| Article 5 (Parental guidance) |  |  |
| Article 6 (Survival and development) |  |  |
| Article 7 (Registration, name, nationality, care) |  |  |
| Article 8 (Preservation of identity) |  |  |
| Article 9 (Separation from parents) |  |  |
| Article 10 (Family reunification) |  |  |
| Article 14 (Freedom of thought, conscience and religion) |  |  |
| Article 18 (Parental responsibilities; state assistance) |  |  |
| Article 20 (Children deprived of family environment) |  |  |
| Article 22 (Refugee children) |  |  |
| Article 23 (Children with disabilities) |  |  |
| Article 24 (Health and health services) |  |  |
| Article 25 (Review of treatment in care) |  |  |
| Article 26 (Social security) |  |  |
| Article 27 (Adequate standard of living) |  |  |
| Article 28: (Right to education) |  |  |
| Article 29 (Goals of education) |  |  |
| Article 30 (Children of minorities/indigenous groups) |  |  |
| Article 31 (Leisure, play and culture) |  |  |
| Article 42 (Knowledge of rights) |  |  |

***NOTE****: For more information about the rights listed in table read* <https://oco.govmu.org/Documents/Survival_Development.pdf>

**Provide three (3) key areas and recommendations to Government to ensure the promotion and protection of children’s rights in Samoa**

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1. CRC, Articles 4,12,13,14,15,16,17 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. CRC, Articles 4,11,19,20,21,22,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. CRC, Articles 4,5,6,7,8,10,14,18,20,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,42 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)