Hello my name is Aslım and I will be representing UNICEF in Switzerland

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Established by the UN General Assembly, UNICEF is entrusted with the vital mission of defending the most vulnerable children worldwide, those who have endured the harshest trials such as war, natural catastrophes, severe poverty, abuse, and exploitation. UNICEF provides specialized care to these young souls, addressing their unique needs and ensuring they receive the support necessary for physical, mental, and emotional growth. Since 1946 UNICEF has worked so many tireless hours of work to protect children in every way possible.

Today our topic is what can we do to protect child rights around the world? Actually this is not a new question to ask, the world has been asking this question for hundreds of years but we still couldn’t achive the answer. Children all around the world- to be exact 160 Million kids- have been victims of child labor. In the last earthquake Turkey has faced almost 4,8 Million children were affected in horrible ways. The 22% of the world are facing severe poverty right now including children. Out of 4 children 1 has been abused around the world. These things and all the other things a child could possibly go trough has to be solved.

Switzerland is a strong country economically and can easily provide enough funding for UNICEF, but there are more unfortunate countries such as the country we are living in. Turkey is in no available condition to get the funding on its own because it has so many more problems to deal with.

 We are working with various partners to ensure that the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child is supported as widely as possible. To this end, we support communities, companies and hospitals with our expertise and experience. We help them identify child rights issues related to them and recommend measures to ensure that children and young people are supported and protected in the best possible way in their living environments and are able to actively participate.

UNICEF Switzerland and Liechtenstein provide information and awareness on children's rights issues and analyze government actions. Within the framework of studies and projects, we draw attention to the existing gaps in the implementation of the Contract and introduce them at the federal level on the basis of recommendations and requests.

 We rely on extensive cooperation with various stakeholders to secure children's rights in the long term. There are still many difficulties in implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child, even in rich countries such as Switzerland or Liechtenstein. Poverty, bullying, stress and air pollution are just some of the problems that affect children's mental well-being, physical health and development opportunities, and therefore have a strong impact on children's well-being. In order to identify and address these challenges, UNICEF Switzerland and Liechtenstein are constantly monitoring selected issues related to children's rights.

 UNICEF Switzerland and Liechtenstein take a position on socio-political issues in a national context when they influence or indirectly influence the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The subsequent position papers and consultation responses refer to issues specific to children's rights and provide solutions on how to better ensure the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in 1989. To date, this agreement has been signed by 196 states, making it the most ratified international treaty. By ratifying the Convention, Switzerland and Liechtenstein are therefore obliged under international law to implement and account for children's rights.

This is how the implementation of children's rights is reviewed

In addition to the rights of children and young people, the Convention on the Rights of the [Child](https://www.unicef.ch/de/wer-wir-sind/kinderrechtskonvention) also specifies how the review procedure for the implementation of children's rights, the "state reporting procedure", is to be conducted. This process is a cycle that starts anew every five years.

The state reporting process shows progress and regression, creates international comparability and reminds decision-makers of their obligations.

Children have rights. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child enshrines important rights of promotion, protection and participation. They are indivisible and must be respected comprehensively and by society as a whole. It is up to adults, but also to state actors, to ensure that these rights are implemented and communicated. Only when children are aware of their rights can they become active as independent individuals and exercise their rights. UNICEF Switzerland and Liechtenstein supports and promotes children's rights education by means of teaching materials and information material for school and extracurricular settings.

What exactly can we do to make the children’s lives better

-We can make conferences on all of these topics to educate people.

-We can raise awareness for children labor all around the World.

-We can direct more attention to families that forces the child to do child labor and take the kids away from them at least for a while.

“(…) the child should be fully prepared to live an individual life in society, and brought up (…) in the spirit of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality and solidarity[.]”

 *Preamble of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*

Just because a child's parents are poor or uneducated is no reason to deprive the child of basic human rights to health care, education and proper nutrition.

[**Marian Wright Edelman**](https://quotestats.com/author/marian-wright-edelman-quotes/)

It's a difficult position. Do you endanger your child to fight for the right thing, or do you keep your mouth shut and let your child grow up in a world where their natural rights are stripped away from them?

[**Jamie Bell**](https://quotestats.com/author/jamie-bell-quotes/)

I dream for a world which is free of child labour, a world in which every child goes to school. A world in which every child gets his rights.

[**Kailash Satyarthi**](https://quotestats.com/author/kailash-satyarthi-quotes/)

Thank you…

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