



CHILD RIGHTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

"CHILDREN ARE NOT SIMPLY LITTLE ADULTS"

- Unique period of development
- One of largest groups affected
- Issue of intergenerational justice















FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS...

- Children's rights overlooked in international and national policies/action on climate change
- But recognition is evolving...



OBLIGATIONS OF STATES

States have obligations to...

- Protect rights and best interests of the child from harmful effects of climate change
 - Limit global warming $< 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Focus adaptation on protecting most vulnerable children
- Ensure response measures respect child rights

INCLUDING PROCEDURAL DUTIES...

- Assess climate-related impacts on children
- Make climate-related information public and accessible to children
- Facilitate child participation in climate decision-making processes
- Provide access to effective and timely remedy for harm.

OBLIGATIONS EXTEND TO HARM CAUSED BY CORPORATIONS

States must require businesses to:

- Undertake **mandatory child-rights due diligence** to assess impacts “including within global operations”
- Ensure **access to effective redress mechanisms** for violations, including “by businesses extraterritorially”

[CRC GENERAL COMMENT No. 16]

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF CORPORATIONS

Businesses must comply with:

- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- The Children's Rights and Business Principles
- Recommendations from CRC in General Comment No. 16

CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS

- Greater understanding of nexus between child rights & climate change
- Obligations and responsibilities of States and businesses clearly engaged
- Inquiry provides an unprecedented opportunity to champion child rights, building on Philippines' progressive record

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