

# ROLE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN CHILD PROTECTION

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# NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

- Part of Good Governance in a democratic country
- Based on Paris Principles
- Generally established through Constitutions and Acts of Parliament
- Independent
- Non-Partisan
- *“promoting and monitoring the effective implementation of international human rights standards at the national level.”*

# Mandate and Role of NHRIs

- Protect and promote human Rights in the broadest sense possible
- Investigate Human Rights Violations on its volition or upon receiving complaints from individuals or group of people
- Make recommendations e.g. Parliament, President
- Provide human rights information to the public
- Monitor compliance with international instruments
- Submit reports to Parliament and stakeholders

# NHRIs and CHILDREN

- Investigate Child related complaints
- Monitor compliance of international human rights instruments focusing on children
- Advocacy on Child rights
- Educate masses/population on child rights
- Source of information on child rights and emerging issues on children
- Promote the rights of children at all levels

# NHRIs and Children rights

- To examine any judicial, legislation decisions in force in relation to child rights.
- To comment publically as it sees fit on any or specific situation of child rights violations
- To promote ratification of any IHR Instruments on child rights.
- To contribute to State party on child rights such as CEDAW
- To assist in the formulation of programmes for the teaching of child rights.

# NHRIs and CHILDREN

- Deliberate on issues of children
- Conduct research on matters concerning children
- Visit prison/police/detention center to check the status and cases on children
- Study the status of legislation on children.
- Recommend adoption of new laws on children
- Comment publicly on matters on children i.e. where necessary condemn bad practices

# NHRIs and CHILDREN

- Promote ratification of protocols, convention, and other international instruments on children
- Promote harmonisation of national legislation and international instruments
- Contribute to the submission of state party reports.
- To co operate with agencies of the UN, AU, Commonwealth and others on the protection and promotion of children rights
- To assist in the formulation of programmes for the teaching of, and research on issues of child rights and
- To publicise child rights with the aim of increasing public awareness.

# WAY FORWARD FOR NHRIs and Child Protection.

- Freely and without any hindrance consider questions falling within its competence for the protection and promotion of child rights
- Hear any person and obtain information or any other evidence necessary for child rights protection
- Carry out investigations in matters in connection with matters of child rights.
- Lobby for Nation policies for the promotion and protection of child rights.
  
- THANK YOU



