

Look at the pictures below and then read the box on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. What rights have been taken away from the children in the pictures?



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THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

In 1989, world leaders decided that children needed a human rights treaty of their own because people who are under 18 years old often need special care and protection. The leaders also wanted to make sure that the world recognised that children have human rights too. Here are some of the rights the Convention protects:

All children have the right to life. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily.

Children should not be separated from their parents unless it is for their own good.

Children who have any kind of disability should have special care and support so that they can lead full and independent lives.

Children have the right to good quality health care, to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment.

Children have the right to an education. Primary education should be free.

Governments should ensure that children are properly cared for and protect them from violence, abuse and neglect.

All children have the right to relax and play and to join in with a wide range of activities.

The government should protect children from work that is dangerous, or might harm their health or their education.