

# **2023: A YEAR IN REVIEW Enabling civil society to improve accountability** to children through the CRC Committee

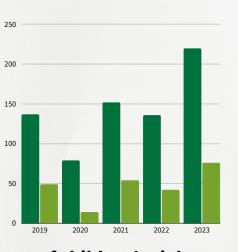
We've empowered civil society, including children, to engage in reporting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC Committee) for impactful recommendations to States.

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Children's rights defenders, including 76 children, from various countries around the world empowered to report to the Committee and engage in its pre-sessions. Among them, there were 188 women and girls.

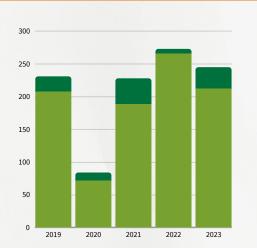
# CSOs & children empowered to act

All the civil society actors surveyed reported that our technical assistance had been useful to prepare for the pre-session and/or children's meeting with the Committee, with 93% indicating it was "extremely useful".



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# of children's rights



# Non-State CRC submissions

#### defenders supported

2023 marks the highest # of adults and children supported since 2018 (92 actors had been supported then).

2023 counted with 213 non-State submissions to the Committee, incl. 32 reports informed or made by children. This is the 2nd highest level of reporting since 2019, but lower than in 2022.

### A unique role

"There is **no other global network** that assembles child rights-focused civil society actors, including children, and connects them to the human rights mechanisms in Geneva the way CRCnct does" - 2022 External evaluation of our work

# Child participation fostered, including in the implementation of CRC recommendations to States

**BULGARIA**: Children supported to influence strong CRC recommendations, including on CHRDs. An empowering experience for "children to see that even in an international context, their actions have led to [...] political change as a result of advocacy" (local partner).

**ICELAND**: First case study on children's engagement in the national implementation of the CRC recommendations by the State, with the Ministry of Education and Children.

ASIA-PACIFIC: 130 defenders, incl. 40 children, inspired on how to engage children in follow up to UN/CRC Committee recommendations, through an online workshop with Save the Children and CRC Asia (members).

Read our impact story here: https://childrightsconnect.org/our-impact/