



August 2026 Newsletter

Global Children's Care Reform Campaign



Progress to date

- 38 countries and 137 organisations from around the world have joined the Campaign by signing or endorsing the [Global Charter on Children's Care Reform](#).
- 11 signatory countries have made a total of 57 national reform commitments.
- We have established a Global Children and Young Person's Taskforce, comprised of 17 individuals, who have shaped the Campaign and engaged in meaningful youth participation.
- We have contributed to the discussion on children's care reform and showcased the work of the Campaign at a number of recent events, including: the Ending Violence Against Children Pathfinding Global Alliance gathering in Turin, a ministerial roundtable and reception on the eve of the UK's Global Partnerships Conference, and an EU roundtable event hosted by Victor Negrescu, Vice President of the European Parliament

Together we aim to:



strengthen families and prevent unnecessary separation,



ensure safe, family-based alternative care,



end the use of institutions for children around the world.

The Global Alliance on Children's Care Reform: new country signatories



The most recent signatories to the Global Charter were Mexico and Albania, bringing the total number of signatories to 38. We are delighted to have you on board and welcome your commitment to this important agenda.

Commitments

Thank you to countries who have already submitted commitments.

11 countries have submitted a total of 57 commitments, focusing on a variety of issues, including from preventing family separation to ending institutionalisation, supporting family-based alternative care, and increasing investments in social services.



A summary of the latest commitments from Paraguay, Ireland and Ukraine is attached to this newsletter. The commitments made in this period clearly show the complexity of care systems – from workforce to financing to data – as well as consideration for a range of care options and support services. Each set of commitments uniquely reflect each country's specific context and journey in care reform so far.

You can find guidance on commitment making and the technical assistance available to signatories to develop and implement commitments [here](#).

Submit your commitments

The next commitment-making window is now open until 30 September. We encourage all signatory countries to [develop and submit commitments](#) aligned with the Global Charter.

Technical Assistance

A core part of the Campaign is ensuring that countries have access to practical support to develop ambitious commitments and deliver lasting reform. Through the Campaign's technical assistance offer, governments that sign the [Global Charter](#) can access tailored support from global, regional and national care reform specialists to help strengthen and implement their commitments.

There has been growing demand for this support. Technical assistance is currently underway, completed or being planned in Brazil, Chile, Ukraine, Kosovo and Paraguay. Support has included helping countries develop commitments, strengthen foster care and family support systems, develop workforce training, improve policy and planning processes, and advance wider care reform efforts. A technical assistance update is attached to this newsletter, demonstrating how countries are using technical assistance to advance their reform journeys.



For more information, or to request technical assistance, please refer to [the guidance for requesting technical assistance](#) or reach out to CareReform@maestral.org

Campaign Roadmap

In April, we invited your feedback on a Campaign roadmap, setting out the strategic direction for the Campaign from 2026-2031. We have been carefully working through all of your recommendations, which highlighted the importance of support of care leavers, alternative care, prevention, humanitarian response, and further elaboration on governance. We hope to be able to launch the roadmap publicly very soon.



Children and Young People's Taskforce

The Children and Young People's Taskforce is a group of 17 children and young people from 13 countries (Brazil, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Moldova, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ukraine, UK, Uganda, Zambia) aged 14-25 with lived experience of care systems that consult and advise on the direction of the Campaign. They meet every six weeks.

They fed into the development of the Roadmap and most recently met to discuss different ideas for their own advocacy projects.

The Taskforce is already showing us the immense power and value that young voices contribute to this agenda:

- The young person from Malawi contributed to the development of the [10-Point Plan for Change](#) with Restless Development. The plan set out issues that matter most to young people and what they want world leaders to focus on.
- The young person from Sierra Leone participated in the UK's Global Partnerships Conference.
- The young people from the UK attended a reception and engaged with care reform sector stakeholders.
- The young person from Ukraine spoke at a UK Parliamentary meeting with the then Deputy Prime Minister and parliamentarians committed to care reform.
- The young person from Brazil recently went to Brasilia with his advocacy group to meet with Ministers, including the President of Brazil. He spoke about assistance for young people getting out of care.

We hope that the taskforce can become a model for youth participation in national reform processes. Please reach out to us if you would like to hear more about how the taskforce works.



“Care reform should be a priority because every child deserves to grow up in a family, where they are loved, protected, and heard. A child who receives love and support today can help build a better world tomorrow.”

- Christina, Moldova, 14 years old (Children and Young Person's Taskforce)

Spotlight

Global Meeting of the Pathfinding Global Alliance on Ending Violence Against Children



In June 2026, more than 150 representatives from 54 countries came together in Turin for the Global Meeting of the Pathfinding Global Alliance on Ending Violence Against Children. The meeting focused on turning commitments from the First

Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children into action to protect children from violence worldwide. The meeting reinforced several priorities that are central to the Global Children's Care Reform Campaign, including strengthening family- and community-based care, preventing unnecessary institutionalisation, increasing investment in child protection systems, and ensuring children's meaningful participation in decision-making. Participants highlighted care reform as a shared global priority and reaffirmed that every child has the right to grow up in a safe and nurturing family environment. The meeting also strengthened collaboration between Alliance members and the Global Charter on Children's Care Reform, creating new opportunities for peer learning and collective action. Find the full meeting reports [here](#).

Upcoming events

Take a look at the [Better Care Network's Events page](#) to keep an eye on what's coming up.

Keep in touch

We would love to include your news and updates in future editions of this newsletter. [Please tell us what you're doing.](#)