

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	5 Feb 1990	<p>CRC/C/GHA/CO/3-5 9 June 2015</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCRC%2fCOC%2fGHA%2f20799&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>D. Violence against children (arts. 19, 24, para.3, 28, para. 2, 34, 37 (a) and 39)</p> <p>Violence against children, including abuse and neglect and corporal punishment</p> <p>35. The Committee welcomes the number of measures undertaken by the State party to address domestic violence and eliminate corporal punishment against children, particularly through the Child and Family Welfare Policy and the setting up of complaints procedures. However, the Committee expresses its deep concern about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The high incidence of domestic violence, gender-based violence, and child abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse and incest, mainly in the family, schools and care institutions, mostly affecting girls; (b) Corporal punishment being still widely practised in society, its acceptance as a form of discipline and the Children’s Act still allowing for a degree of “reasonable” and “justifiable” punishment. <p>36. Recalling the recommendations of the United Nations study on violence against children of 2006 (A/61/299), the Committee recommends that the State party prioritize the elimination of all forms of violence against children. While recommending that the State party take into account general comment No. 13 (2011) on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence, and general comment No. 8 (2006) on corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment, the Committee reiterates its previous recommendation (para. 37) and in particular requests the State party to:</p> <p>...</p>

		<p>(h) Ensure children’s access to justice, including by providing legal support and making available child-friendly and confidential complaint mechanisms in institutions, schools, detention centres, hospitals and any other relevant setting.</p> <p>E. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (paras. 1 and 2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (para. 4))</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>41. The Committee welcomes the adoption of the Child and Family Welfare Policy (2015) and the steps taken to develop a National Targeting System (NTS) to be used by all government agencies in identifying, prioritising and selecting households living in vulnerable conditions. However, the Committee remains concerned about the situation of children from single-parent families and those from disadvantaged and marginalized groups.</p> <p>42. The Committee encourages the State party to continue its family support programmes, increase their coverage and improve their long-term impact. It also recommends that the State party take the necessary measures to support and strengthen the capacity of parents, in particular those in difficult circumstances, to perform their responsibilities in the upbringing of their children through family support programmes and facilitate the work of civil society organizations in this regard.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>43. The Committee notes with appreciation the adoption of the National Plan of Action for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (2010-2012) and the Care Reform Initiative (2007) aimed at strengthening the legal framework for alternative care and promote deinstitutionalization. However, the Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The increasing number of children living outside their family environment placed in institutions due to socioeconomic pressures;(b) The poor conditions of a number of alternative care centers for children, including lack of proper records, care plans, licensing, registration, monitoring and quality services and;(c) Informal kinship and informal foster care mechanisms being under strain due to socioeconomic pressures.
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Acronyms and Abbreviations:

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child/Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
OPAC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
OPSC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review