**Committee:** UNICEF

**Topic:** Children’s Rhights

Country: Russian Federation

What is the situation of children in today's Russia? How does the Russian Federation compare to other countries in the world in terms of care given to children?

According to a study conducted in the world in terms of protection of children's rights and the conditions in which children live, Russia ranked 87th among 182 countries. In the research organized by Kidsrights Foundation in cooperation with Erasmus University Rotterdam conducted in 2018, criteria such as children's right to life, health conditions, educational status, protection and legal rights were taken into consideration.

When our subject is children's rights, we should not ignore the wars that have taken place since the beginning of the world. It is impossible to ignore the terrible negative effects on children's lives of wars that cause great  wounds in societies. Throughout history, there are many children who lost their lives, their families, their homes, their physical and psychological health as a result of wars.

In this context, since my country is Russia, it is not possible for us to pass without mentioning the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, 2022, when Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine, following the disagreements within the Russia-Ukraine War that started in 2014. The occupation resulted in tens of thousands of deaths on both sides and caused Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II.

 In her press release on children in Ukraine on February 24, 2022, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine M. Russell expressed deep concern that the increasing armed conflicts in Ukraine pose a direct threat to the life and health of 7.5 million children in the country. He reiterated his call for an urgent ceasefire, stating that Unicef ​​continues its activities to increase life-saving programs for children.

 According to 2020 data, approximately six out of 1,000 children in Russia were exposed to domestic violence; These rates have increased compared to 2019. Children with disabilities cannot easily access education or receive lower quality education than other children. It is also very common for disabled children to be abandoned by their families. The minimum working age in the country is 16. Children are employed in fields such as agriculture, construction and industry. In addition, especially orphans, street children and immigrant children are made to beg and are used commercially and sexually.

Russia has a high rate of domestic violence compared to other European countries. Women and children are also harmed and may lose their lives due to domestic violence. It is not possible for healthy individuals to exist in a country where the concept of family, which is the smallest building block of society and the most important factor of public health, is damaged so much, where rights are ignored and the law does not function properly and the legal penal system is weak.

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