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CHILD RIGHTS CHALLENGES WE HAVE FACED IN KYRGYZSTAN AT THE LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

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Main Issues on Child Rights

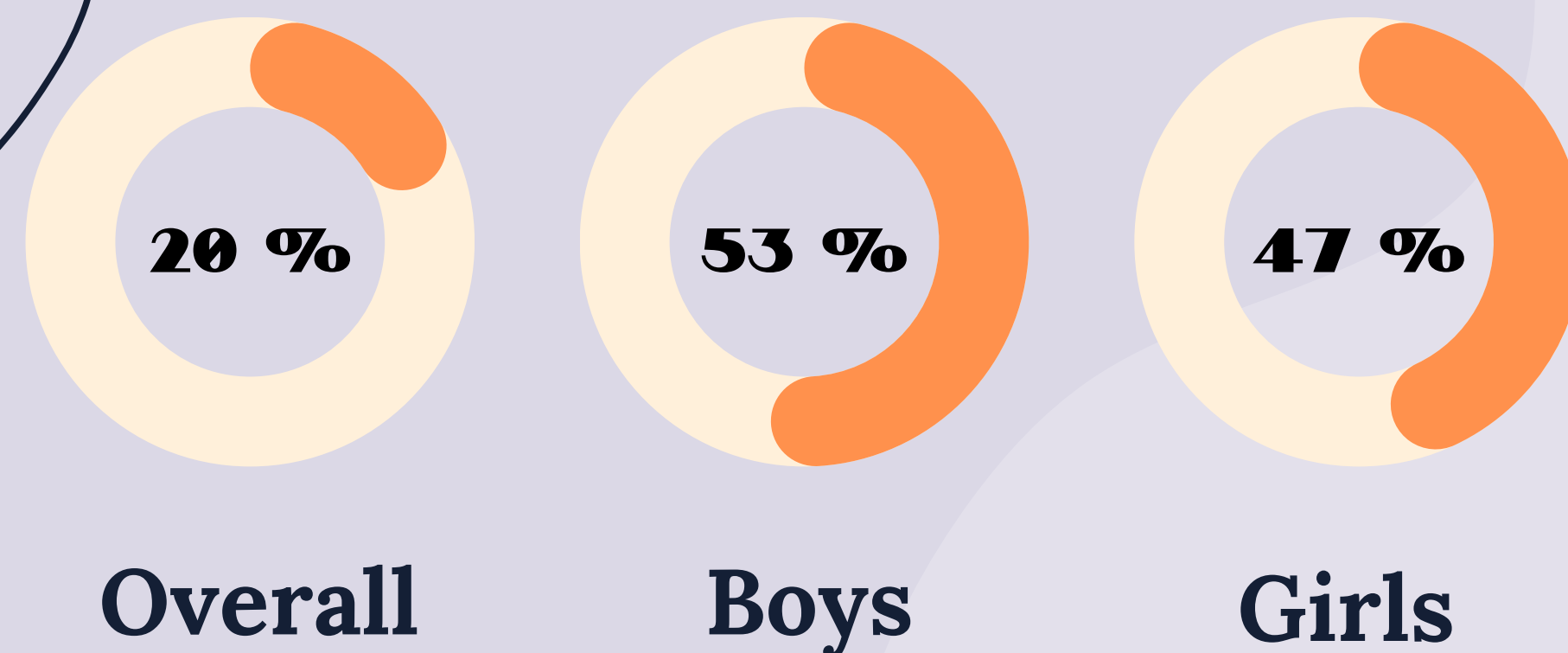


01. Child Labor

"The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey for 2023 reveals that child labor continues to be a significant issue in Kyrgyzstan.

While child labor remains a significant issue overall, the survey indicates a higher prevalence among boys compared to girls.

This highlights important gender disparities in child labor, pointing to the need for targeted approaches to address this issue.



02. Early Marriage

According to the National Committee of Kyrgyzstan, early marriages remain a significant issue in the country.

Early marriage harms children's physical and emotional well-being.

This issue has a long history rooted in Central Asian mentality and cultural traditions. In the past, it was common to steal a girl to make her a wife.



13 %

Kyrgyzstan

7 %

Kazakhstan

9 %

Tajikistan

6 %

Turkmenistan

3 %

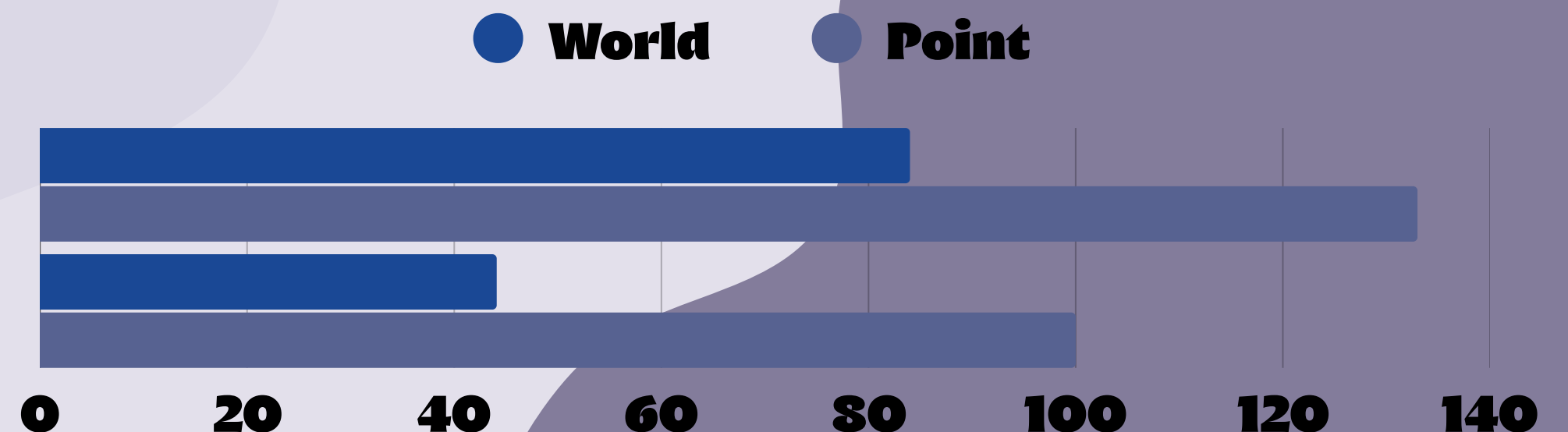
Uzbekistan

03. Access to Education



The Global Knowledge Index 2023 is compiled by the UN Development Program in cooperation with the Muhammad bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Knowledge Foundation. Kyrgyzstan's position reflects its standing in global knowledge-based development, which considers factors such as education, technology, and innovation.

There are disparities in access to quality education, particularly in rural areas, where children face barriers such as poverty, long distances to school, and gender bias.



04. Violence Against Children



Violence against children remains a significant concern in Kyrgyzstan



Overall Violent Discipline

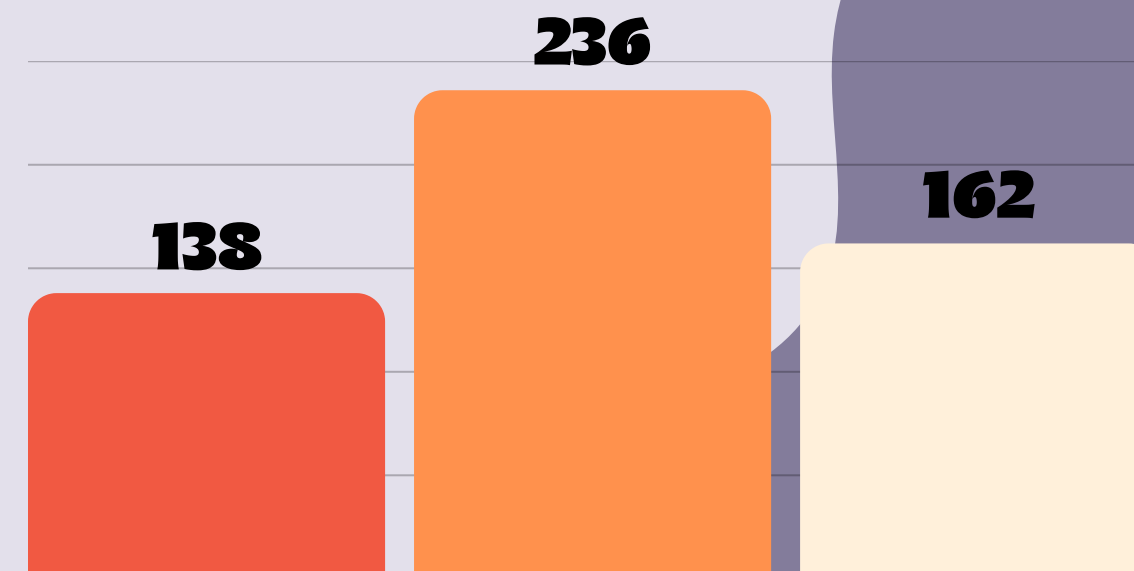


Physical Punishment

Roughly every 2nd child suffer from violence in Kyrgyzstan (0-14 y.o)

2018 2020

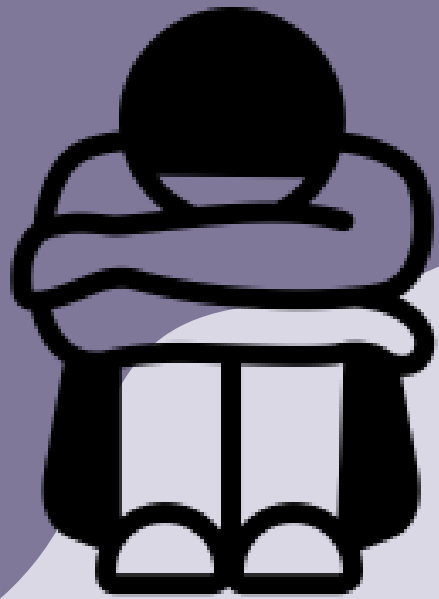
2022



Sexual
Violence
Reports

05.

Children with Disabilities



- **Loneliness and Isolation Due to Physical Conditions and Stigma**
- **Lack of Professional Treatment in Hospitals**
- **Limited Access to Advanced Education**
- **Insufficient Financial Support and Aid from the Government**

In the republic in **2022** there were more than **200** thousand persons with disabilities, including more than **35 thousand children**.

"In recent years, the number of sick children has been increasing in Kyrgyzstan, as well as worldwide. The total child disability in the country increased from **29.3 thousand** in **2016** to **35 thousand in 2022** (19 %).

06.

Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

- **Vulnerable** to violence and abuse in residential care.
- **Poor living conditions**, including overcrowded spaces and lack of basic amenities.
- **Limited access** to education, hindering personal development and future opportunities.
- **Struggling with independent living** after leaving orphanages, due to a lack of life skills.
- **Poverty**, affecting health, nutrition, and overall well-being.



Approximately **1,868** orphaned children live in Kyrgyzstan as of April 2024.

About **94%** of children in residential care have at least one biological parent.

36% of Kyrgyz children grow up in poverty, and **7%** live in extreme poverty.

Nearly **85%** of children live in overcrowded housing without access to hot water.

There were about **138** cases of children experiencing sexual violence in **2018**, and **236** cases in **2020**.

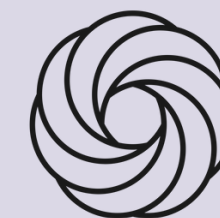
07. Lack of child participation

Child Participation Laws in Kyrgyzstan:

- Kyrgyzstan ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in **1994**, which guarantees children the right to express their views.
- The Child Protection Law of **2019** reinforces the right of children to participate in decisions about their education, healthcare, and welfare.

Despite the legal frameworks supporting child participation, there are still significant challenges in fully implementing these rights, especially in rural areas.



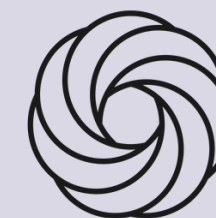


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04.

STORIES BASED ON REAL-LIFE





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"PROTECTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IS A RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL SHARE."

Stand up for children's rights—act now for their future!

