

Abstract

## **The CRC in promoting Children's Right**

### **Assessing Institutional Capacity in Benishangul-Gumuz Regional State, Western Ethiopia**

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The Convention on the Right of Child, CRC, which was adopted by the general assembly in 1989, is one of the most ratified legally binding human rights documents in the world. Ethiopia has been among the first countries to ratify the document to help promote and protect the rights children. Despite the effort to ensure the legal provisions on the CRC are institutionalized and help to protect the rights of children in the different parts of the country, children are deprived of their rights for various reasons.

Among parts of the country, where a high multidimensional child deprivation index is observed is the regional state of Benishangul-Gumuz in wester Ethiopia, where serious child rights violations including child marriage, physical, sexual, and mental abuse has been the highest. It was learned during the project period that, while poverty being at the core of the problem, cultural biases, gender power relations and "Collective Action Problem" were among the main challenges in the effort to protect children's rights as per the provisions on the CRC.

Hence, more advocacy work needs to be done to ensure the enhancement of capacity in the mandated institution and its partners, so as to promote children's rights by leveraging leadership, resource allocation, community mobilization, partnership building and Putting in place an effective monitoring and evaluation system.