«Ideas and proposals of children and young people for the National Action Plan for the Rights of the Child, 2024-2027»

23 January – 10 February 2023



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The profile of the participants

- 331 U-reporters participated in the survey conducted from 23 January to 10 February 2023 with an online questionnaire through the U-Report Greece platform supported by UNICEF.
- □ The participants belong to the following age groups:
 - 0-14 years: 24%
 - 15-18 years: 58%
 - 19-24 years old: 18%
- The participants live mainly in Attica, followed by Central Macedonia, Thessaly, and Epirus.
- **69%** are girls and 31% are boys.
- **18%** are refugees and migrants
- **3%** have some form of disability

Poll dissemination

The dissemination of the questionnaire was carried out by the Members of the National Mechanism for Elaboration, Monitoring, and Evaluation of Action Plans for the Rights of the Child, in coordination with the Assistant Advocate for the Rights of the Child and the UNICEF Office in Greece. For this purpose, the questionnaire was forwarded to services, cooperating agencies, working groups, and professionals working with children, as well as through the social networks of UNICEF and U-Report Greece.





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U-Reporters' Responses

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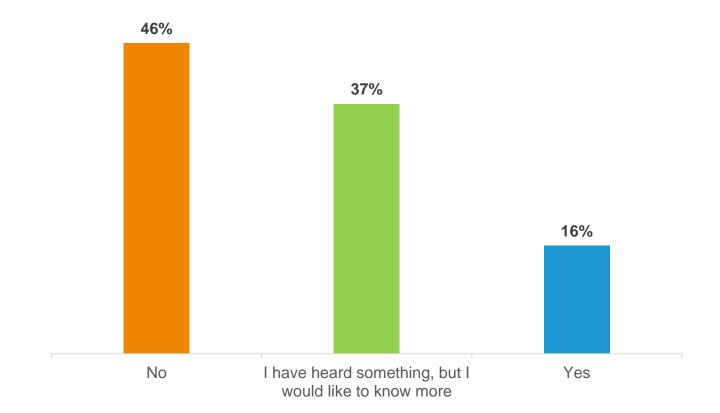








Do you know what the National Action Plan for Children's Rights is?



50% of girls and 40% of boys stated that they do not know what the National Action Plan (NAP) is for the Rights of the Child.

Only 14% of girls and 22% of boys know about NAP.



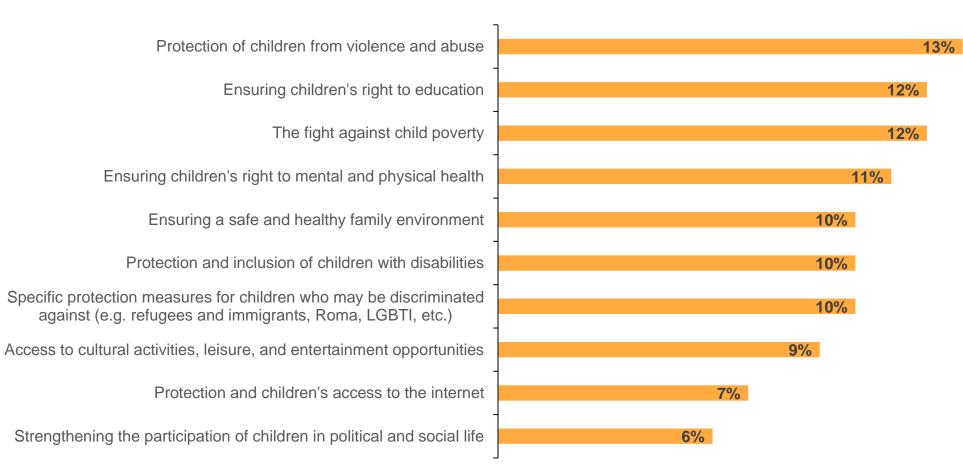
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Which topic do you consider to be important and therefore should be included in the Action Plan?





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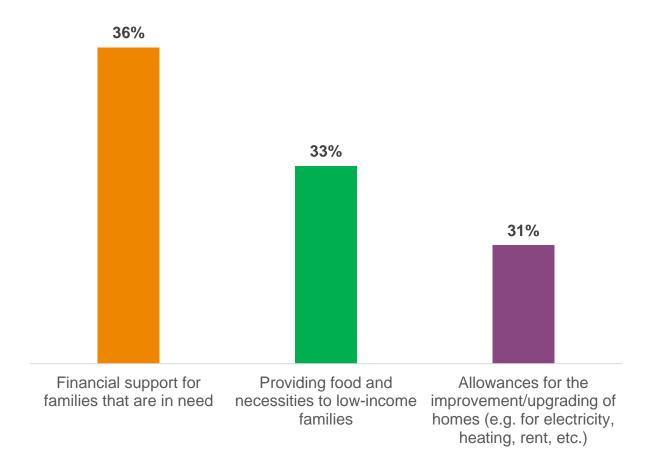








Which issue do you consider the most important for combating child poverty?



"[...] the vocational training of parents, second chance schools, actions to develop skills necessary for the modern, globalized society, such as courses in the correct use of computers. Thus, the parents will not be constantly financially and materially dependent on the state, but they will be able to escape from unemployment or claim a position that is more promising and hopeful financially'



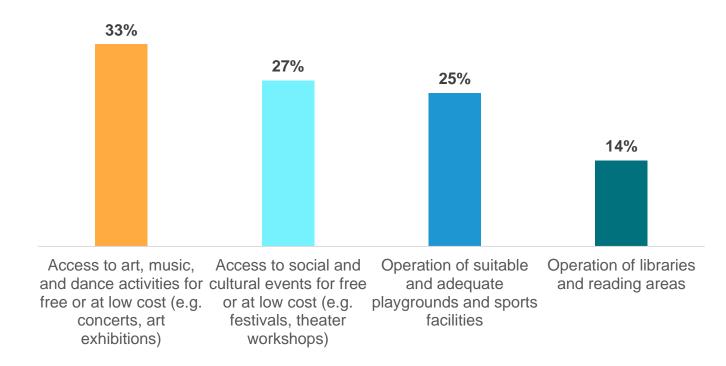
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Which issue do you consider to be the most important for children's access to cultural activities, leisure, and entertainment opportunities?



Access to artistic activities emerged first in Peloponnese (38%) and Attica (35%).

In Central Greece (50%) and Thessaly (37%), the operation of sufficient playgrounds and sports facilities was the main issue.



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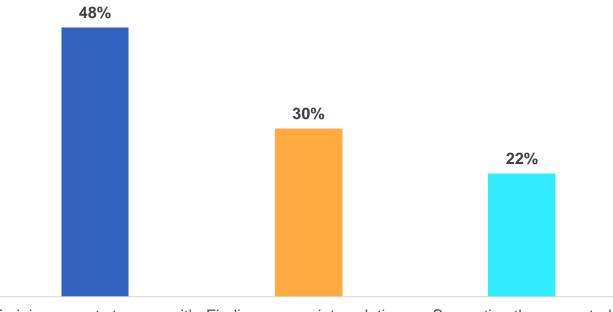








Which issue do you consider the most important for a safe and healthy family environment?



Training parents to cope with Finding appropriate solutions their role as parents for children who do not live

with their families (eg finding other families either temporarily or permanently) Supporting the separated parents so that the best interests of the child are always ensured "Continuous supervision of children's mental health by experts, supervision of home conditions, training of parents, protection and removal of children from abusive parents", U-Reporter, 24 Rethymnon

"[...] support for mothers who are students, cannot work and have no support", U-Reporter, 20 Athens

"Free psychotherapy for parents in need and social support for problems they face", U-Reporter



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Which issue do you consider to be the most important for ensuring children's right to mental and physical health?

Ensuring access to health services (there should be more hospitals, doctors, and clinics) Reducing the cost of health services for children and youth 22% Ensuring access to health services for children in need of special support (e.g., 16% refugees, immigrants through interpretation services, training of professionals) Adequate information to children and young people about reproductive and sexual 9% health different must be cultivated by giving Drug and alcohol prevention programs 6% Prevention and treatment of childhood obesity 4%



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43%

Which issue do you consider most important for ensuring children's right to education?

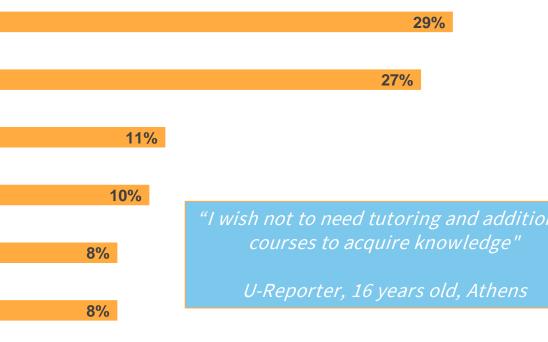
Improvement of school facilities
Modernization/reformation of the curriculum with an emphasis on contemporary
issues and life skills. In the democratic debate, e.g. for rights
Prevention and treatment of school bullying
11%

Reinforcement of psychosocial support in the school environment (e.g. psychologists)

Individualized support of specific students (Roma students, refugees, and migrants, etc.) to prevent dropping out of education

Strengthening the participation of children in the school community (empowerment and information on rights and participation)

Reinforcement of cultural activities in the school environment





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6%





Support for children and their families facing problems and related risks (e.g. mental health services, psychological support)

Informing children about ways they can be protected (where someone can find information to avoid such incidents, services that provide information on steps someone can take to avoid such incidents)

Informing children about where they can go for help (ways to report incidents to official authorities)

Raising awareness of society about abuse and violence

Educating children about their rights

Strengthening support for child victims of violence or abuse

22% 16% 12% 10% 9%

"We all know that there are times when many complaints are not taken seriously, and that the necessary attention is not given. Therefore, every time there is information about incidents of domestic violence, the child must be immediately taken to a safe place, and have access to specialist child psychologists to help him recover. Under no circumstances should we leave children in environments that are dangerous for them." AND "thorough checks by agencies in the event of a complaint of child abuse, without delay and indifference."



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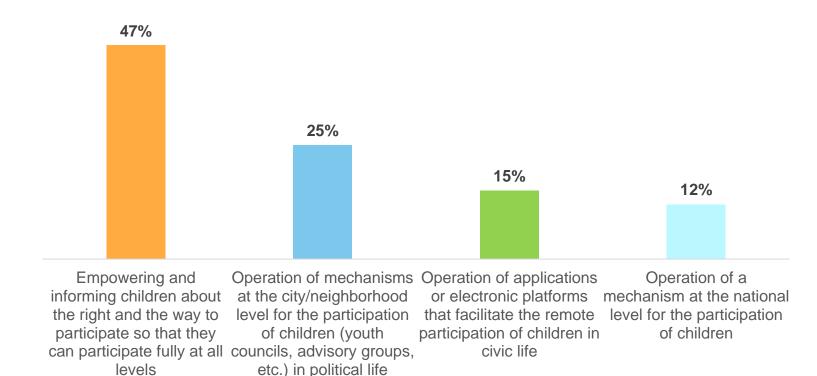




29%



Which issue do you consider to be the most important for ensuring children's social and political participation?



"To organize various programs in the school such as school rhetoric competitions where essentially the students discuss different social problems and prepare to become active citizens"

U-Reporter, 15 years old, Athens



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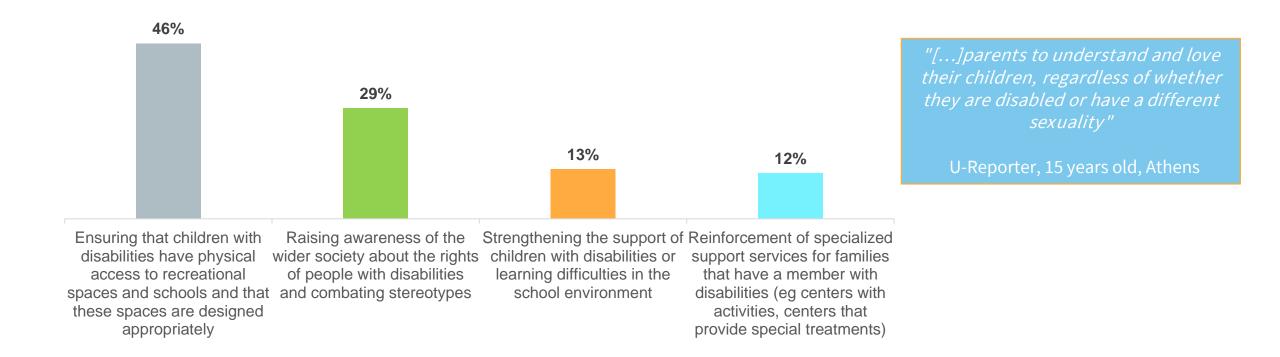








Which issue do you consider to be the most important for the protection and inclusion of children with disabilities?





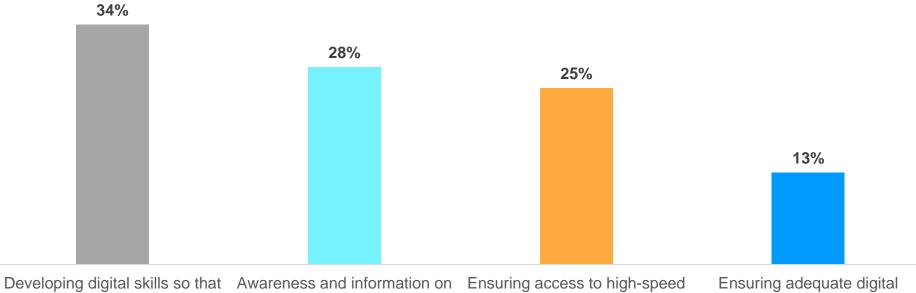
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Which issue do you consider to be the most important for children's protection and access to the Internet?



Developing digital skills so that children can use the internet safely and get the most out of it Awareness and information on the protection of children from the dangers of the internet Ensuring access to high-speed Internet for free or at low cost to schools, public places, and lowincome families Ensuring adequate digital equipment is free or at a low cost to students and schools



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