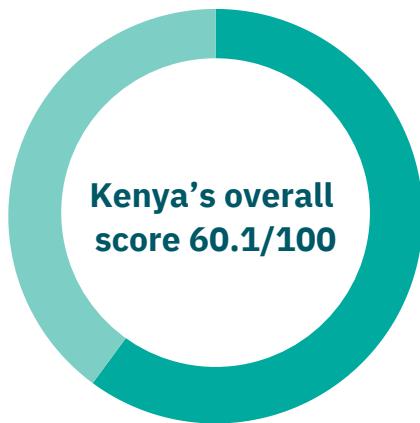


2026 Advocacy snapshot: Kenya

Overview of findings:



(global average: 52.6/100)

Point of recognition: Kenya ranks 1st in the Eastern and Southern Africa & West and Central Africa region. It is also the only country in the Index in the region connected to INTERPOL's International Child Sexual Exploitation database - though local implementation is still needed.

Explore Kenya's full results in the 2026 Out of the Shadows Index at: outoftheshadows.global/kenya

“Kenya’s progress must translate into community-level implementation and survivor-led accountability.”

- Lorraine Ong'injo, Survivor leader

Calls to action

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movement.**

- **Establish a national survivor council** to leverage the lived experience and expertise of survivors and strengthen policy development. Read more about why, and how, your government should institute a National Survivor Council at bravemovement.org/campaigns/national-survivor-councils.
- **Increase budget transparency** to make public your budgetary commitments to prevention and response programs for children, adolescents, and survivors. Find tailored recommendations at internationalbudget.org/open-budget-survey/country-results/2025/kenya.
- **Strengthen legal protections**, including by criminalizing intrafamilial sexual abuse and holding Internet Service Providers accountable for reporting suspected child sexual abuse material.

Governance and accountability

48.9/100 (2nd in the region)

Area of progress: Kenya received **full points for national data collection on the prevalence** of sexual violence against children. Notably, it is one of **only four countries globally** to have conducted repeat Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS) in 2010 and 2019, providing critical data to inform evidence-based policy to end violence.

Opportunity for change:

Kenya has ratified fewer key legal instruments to protect children's rights, including against sexual violence (3), than any other country in the Index. Kenya also does not have a current **national action plan on sexual violence against children**.

Prevention

30/100 (Tied for 8th in the region)

Area of progress: Kenya received **full points for its child helpline**.

Opportunity for change:

Kenya has not yet **put in place life-skills-based sexuality education**, including sexual abuse identification and help-seeking, and online safety, or established **home visiting and center-based programs** for parenting and caregiver support.

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About the Out of the Shadows Index:

The Out of the Shadows Index is the global benchmark of national governments' efforts to prevent and respond to sexual violence against children and adolescents. The Index is researched and developed by Economist Enterprise, with advocacy and engagement efforts led by Together for Girls. Learn more at outoftheshadows.global.

Healing

70/100 (1st in the region)

Area of progress: Kenya received full points for having **health sector guidelines for the clinical and forensic evaluation** of children who experience sexual violence and for having government-funded legal aid for victims and survivors.

Opportunity for change:

In Kenya, **victim and survivor compensation mechanisms** exist but are not government-funded, limiting access in practice. Similarly, **medical care** for victims and survivors and **integrated victim and survivor services** exist, but access and quality are uneven across regions, especially outside major urban centres.

Justice

70.6/100 (1st in the region)

Area of progress: Kenya received full points for having **criminalized corporal punishment** in all settings, setting the **minimum age of marriage** at 18 with no exceptions, and **eliminating statutes of limitations**.

Opportunity for change:

Kenyan laws against childhood sexual violence could be strengthened through the **clear criminalization of intrafamilial sexual abuse** and addressing uneven **access to justice**.

Tip: Your country made pledges at the First Global Ministerial to End Violence Against Children in 2024. Use the Index findings to show your government where more action is needed to deliver on those pledges. Explore pledges at endviolenceagainstchildrenconference.org