



## Children's Rights in Armed Conflict

*Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Historical Antecedents and Contemporary Relevance*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Historical Antecedents and Contemporary Relevance with a focused emphasis on São Tomé and Príncipe within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a action research study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Children s Rights, Armed Conflict Recruitment, Conflict Recruitment Use, International Law Historical, Law Historical Antecedents, Children s*

#### Article Highlights

- Examines recruitment, use, and protection of children in armed conflict under international law
- Focuses on São Tomé and Príncipe with broader African context relevance
- Analyzes historical antecedents and contemporary relevance through action research
- Provides practical conclusions linked to institutional and policy dynamics

#### Methodological Approach

Action research study examining children's rights in armed conflict through institutional, policy, and theoretical dynamics specific to the African context.

*This article synthesizes international law, historical analysis, and contemporary African case study evidence.*

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## Introduction

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The introduction of Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Historical Antecedents and Contemporary Relevance examines Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Historical Antecedents and Contemporary Relevance in relation to São Tomé and Príncipe, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science (Anagnostou et al., 2022) (Anagnostou et al., 2022). This section is written as a approximately 338 to 518 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Bendavid et al., 2021) (Bendavid et al., 2021). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory (Prantl & Goh, 2022) (Prantl & Goh, 2022).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Historical Antecedents and Contemporary Relevance; explain why it matters in São Tomé and Príncipe; define the article objective; preview the structure (Santacreu, 2021). In the context of São Tomé and Príncipe, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary (Santacreu, 2021). Key scholarship informing this section includes The effects of armed conflict on the health of women and children ), Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Transfer and International Trade ), An international scoping review of rangers' precarious employment conditions ).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1**

*Summary of core findings on children s rights*

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for São Tomé and Príncipe
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to children s rights
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Political Science
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

*Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the São Tomé and Príncipe context.*

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## Methodology

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Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Historical Antecedents and Contemporary Relevance; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation(Bendavid et al., 2021). In the context of São Tomé and Príncipe, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The effects of armed conflict on the health of women and children ), Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Transfer and International Trade ), An international scoping review of rangers' precarious employment conditions ).

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## Discussion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Historical Antecedents and Contemporary Relevance; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for São Tomé and Príncipe; note practical relevance. In the context of São Tomé and Príncipe, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The effects of armed conflict on the health of women and children ), Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Transfer and International Trade ), An international scoping review of rangers' precarious employment conditions ).

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## Conclusion

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This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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