



Children's Rights in Armed Conflict

Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan with a focused emphasis on South Sudan within the field of Law. It is structured as a policy analysis article 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 Evidence, Children's Rights*

Article Highlights

- Examines recruitment and use of children in South Sudan's conflicts
- Analyses protection gaps under international legal frameworks
- Proposes context-specific policy mechanisms for African settings
- Links evidence to practical implementation challenges

Core Contribution

Provides an African-centred analysis of children's rights violations in armed conflict, with specific evidence from South Sudan to inform international law and protection mechanisms.

This article synthesises field evidence with international legal analysis.

Introduction

The introduction of Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan examines Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law (Biks et al., 2024) (Biks et al., 2024). This section is written as a approximately 231 to 354 words part of the article and therefore

develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary(Lind et al., 2022)(Lind et al., 2022). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory(Longhurst & Slater, 2022)(Longhurst & Slater, 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: Evidence from South Sudan; explain why it matters in South Sudan; define the article objective; preview the structure(Missbach & Stange, 2021). In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary(Missbach & Stange, 2021). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Policy Context, 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 South Sudan
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 Law
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the South Sudan context.

Policy Context

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depth reasons for the high proportion of zero-dose children in underserved populations of Ethiopia: Results from a qualitative study), Cash and Livelihoods in Contexts of Conflict and Fragility: Implications for Social Assistance Programming), Shock-Responsive Social Protection: What is Known About What Works in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations?).

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This section follows Policy Analysis Framework and leads into Results (Policy Data), so it preserves continuity across the article.

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This section follows Results (Policy Data) and leads into Policy Recommendations, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Policy Recommendations

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This section follows Implementation Challenges and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Discussion

The discussion of Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan examines Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a approximately 231 to 354 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for South Sudan; note practical relevance. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes In-depth reasons for the high proportion of zero-dose children in underserved populations of Ethiopia: Results from a qualitative study), Cash and Livelihoods in Contexts of Conflict and Fragility:

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Children's Rights in Armed Conflict: Recruitment, Use, and Protection Under International Law: Evidence from South Sudan; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for South Sudan; suggest a next step. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes In-depth reasons for the high proportion of zero-dose children in underserved populations of Ethiopia: Results from a qualitative study), Cash and Livelihoods in Contexts of Conflict and Fragility: Implications for Social Assistance Programming), Shock-Responsive Social Protection: What is Known About What Works in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations?).

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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