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Welcome to Children Welfare Weekly,
In this week's issue, we take you through the activities
that the department has engaged in to protect children
online and developments in the policy and regulatory
efforts with regard to the Children's Act (Cap 141).

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILDREN'S ACT 2022

A priority of the State Department for Children Welfare Services is aiding in efforts to operationalise the Children's Act 2022. An Act that aims to promote children rights and welfare by providing a comprehensive legal framework for child protection, parental responsibility, alternative care, and addressing children in conflict with the law. The Act also aligns with international standards, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which Kenya has ratified.

A draft Children Policy and Regulations have recently been published under the **National Council for Children Services**: the body tasked with coordinating efforts around implementation. The draft Children Policy and draft Regulations were available for public participation where the public were given time to share comments and give feedback.

Physical Public engagement meetings for the Draft Regulations and Children Policy will be held next week. The draft Regulations are still open to the public for comments and we invite you to share your feedback by submitting your comments on this **form** and sending them to regulations@nccs.go.ke.




**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR
THE DRAFT KENYA CHILDREN POLICY 2025**

The National Council for Children's Services (NCCS) on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection would wish to invite all members of the public to submit views or comments on the Draft Kenya Children Policy. The Draft Kenya Children Policy is available in the NCCS website <https://www.nccs.go.ke/>.

Physical public engagement meetings will take place as in the Schedule below in the given venues and all stakeholders and members of the public are encouraged to attend as per the schedule below;

CLUSTERED COUNTIES	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Cluster 1 – Uasin – Gishu, west- Pokot, Turkana, Trans – Nzoia, elgeyo- Marakwet, Nandi, Bungoma	Eldoret - Home Craft Centre	30th May 2025	9am – 4pm
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Cluster 4: Nairobi	Nairobi – Kariako Social Hall	30th May 2025	9am – 4pm

Stakeholders will be expected to make either oral and/or written submission during the physical meetings as per schedule above.

Hard Copies of the submissions may be delivered to:

Written submissions shall be received by **26th May, 2025 by 5:00pm.**

- Email address regulations@nccs.go.ke and or
- Postal Address/ Hand delivery to

**National Council for Children's Services
Social Security House – Block C, 4th Floor
Bishops Road
P.O. Box 6446 – 00100 Nairobi**

**Abdinoor Sheikh
CEO/Secretary NCCS**






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CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE STATUTORY
INSTRUMENTS ACT (CAP 2A) LAWS OF KENYA**

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENTS

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED to the general public and all the stakeholders that the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has developed Regulatory Impact Statements to the following draft regulations to operationalize the Children Act (Cap 141) Laws of Kenya:

- The Children (Charitable Children's Institutions) Regulations;**
- The Children (Adoption) Regulations;**
- The Children (Welfare Programmes) Regulations;**
- The Children (Foster Care) Regulations;**
- The Children (Kafalah) Regulations;**
- The Children (Care and Protection) Regulations;**
- The Children (National Council for Children's Services) Regulations.**

The National Council for Children's Services (NCCS) on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection would wish to invite all members of the public to submit views or comments on the Regulatory Impact statements. The Regulatory Impact statements and a comments matrix for submission of comments are available in the NCCS website <https://www.nccs.go.ke/>.

Kindly send your submissions to regulations@nccs.go.ke.

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POLICY DIALOGUE WITH UNICEF

The State Department for Children Welfare Services held a policy dialogue with UNICEF representatives, the technical discussion explored the UN-GoK work plan and the various ways to strategically align support that goes into guaranteeing childrens current and future welfare.



SAFE ONLINE GUIDE BOOK LAUNCH

On 23rd May at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum development, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection along with various partners, launched a new guidebook to help protect children from online abuse and exploitation. The guidebook is user-friendly and gives clear advice plus tools for teachers, social workers, parents, and legal officers to prevent and respond to online dangers facing children.

During the Launch, The Principal Secretary of the State Department for Children Welfare Services, Carren Ageng'o gave a keynote address highlighting the concerns around child internet usage and the value of placing the child at the center when designing tools for them, so as to enhance outreach efforts to educate, prevent, respond and support child online protection.

The Safe Online Guide is to be made available to all children across the country and is part of the government's bigger plan to keep children safe online and create a safer internet for all children in the country.





COMMEMORATING THE INTERNATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY 2025

On 23rd May 2025, Kenya observed International Missing Children's Day at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Ngong, Kajiado North Sub County. The event was graced by the Principal Secretary State Department for Children Welfare Services, CPA Carren Ageng'o, Suba North M.P, Hon. Millie Odhiambo, Deputy County Commissioner Kajiado North, Mr. Yusuf Mohammed, Sub County Children Officer, Nancy Kemunto among other leaders. This was a multi-agency team effort that included the State Department for Children Welfare Services, Department of Child Protection, Directorate of Children Services Kajiado County, the Technical Working Group and Child Protection Network in Kajiado North Sub County. The event included the local community representatives, Kenya Children Assembly Kajiado North children leaders led by Laura Anaya from Enoomatasian Junior Secondary that participated in the procession.

The leaders emphasized on the importance of collective action in protecting children rights and there should be a collaborative effort within government agencies and the private sector in ensuring missing children are traced and reunited with their families.

Highlights from PS Carren Ageng'o's Speech:

- **Concerning Statistics:** In 2024, Kenya recorded 8,824 cases involving missing and found children. Of these, 3,866 children remain unaccounted for, while 4,958 were found but their parents or guardians could not be traced.
- **Positive Developments:** Despite the challenges, 2,336 children were successfully reunited with their families or placed in appropriate care settings, showcasing the effectiveness of timely and coordinated responses.
- **Call for Increased Funding:** PS Ageng'o advocated for greater budget allocations to support child welfare initiatives, emphasizing the need for resources to address missing children cases and broader welfare concerns.
- **Strengthening Collaboration:** She highlighted the necessity of collaboration between government entities and humanitarian organizations to enhance child protection efforts.

Citizens are encouraged to report any missing child immediately to the nearest children welfare office, police station, area chief, or Deputy County Commissioner. Additionally, the toll-free children welfare number, **116**, is available for such reports.



BACKGROUND

- The state department of Children Welfare Services is domiciled in the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. The Ministry of Labour has three State Departments, that is, Labour and Skills Development, Social Protection & Senior Citizen Affairs & Children Welfare Services.
- The Directorate draws its mandate from Articles 27, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 53 of the Constitution of Kenya, the Children Act 2022, the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Act, 2010 and the Executive Order No. 2 of 2023 that establishes the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.
- In 2021, Child Protection Service was gazetted as a Critical and Essential Services Provider. (Kenya Gazette Notice No. 59 of 12th April 2021).

VISION

A society where children enjoy their rights responsibly

MISSION

To safeguard the rights of all children in Kenya through effective implementation of relevant policies, coordination and partnerships for delivery of quality services.

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