

Challenges & opportunities in working on child rights and migration





A TIDE OF SELF-HARM AND DEPRESSION

The EU-Turkey Deal's devastating impact on child refugees and migrants

What has changed?

New restrictive rules affect children

Different narrative: focus on deterrence and role of smugglers/parents

New power dynamics and rapid changing environment: who makes the decisions?

Values and human rights (UNCRC) increasingly dismissed as arguments

Changed operational and funding environment: Libya/Med, Turkey, Greece, EUTF

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US AND EU POSITION ON CHILD DETENTION THREATENS TO JEOPARDISE GLOBAL DEAL TO TACKLE REFUGEE CRISIS

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Recent efforts by the US government – with EU support – to water down language on the detention of refugee and migrant children are deeply concerning and go against international standards, warns Save the Children.

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110 NGOS JOIN FORCES AGAINST NEW EU MIGRATION POLICY: "It is hard to see how Europe can ask partner countries to keep their doors open, to host large-scale refugee populations and prevent further movements while at the same time member states refuse to shoulder their fair share of responsibility for protecting people who flee their homes." Read the full statement and list of signatories here: <http://bit.ly/28UK5M2>

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'They treated her like a dog': tragedy of the six-year-old killed at Croatian border



Opportunities

Technical, pragmatic, evidence based arguments at working level

(social) media

(Innovative) coalition work breaking 'silos'

Role of the European Parliament

Where interests coincide, there is space to influence/programme

Focus on children



What next?

Shift in decision making,
less EU, more 'coalition of
the willing' and bilateral

Right to asylum in the EU at
risk, goal is externalisation

Advocacy vs funding: risk of
becoming an 'enabler'

Overall fatigue

Questions

- How can we reframe work on child protection that does not perpetuate 'us' and 'them' narratives but rebuilds our common interest in ensuring policy/programme responses preserve crucial standards of treatment?
- How do we create the space to pursue our values; can we still influence the direction of travel or do we travel along?
- Is the willingness of governments to provide assistance to children declining? Do child-centred (and rights-based) arguments still work?