

Your vote will make a difference.

→ **Yes, really** – in your life and the lives of children everywhere. Your one vote could affect their one chance at childhood. This October, **#VoteforEveryChild**.

Why do kids need **your** vote?

Canada ranks 25th among the world's 41 richest countries in overall child and youth well-being. We rank even worse in measures of child health, violence and poverty.

Canada's 8 million kids can't vote, but you can vote for them.



The federal election is our chance to stand with children everywhere and champion these policies when politicians ask for our vote in 2019.

Canada can be the best place to grow up. Find out how you can help at oneyouth.unicef.ca

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For Every Child:

Equal Opportunity



→ The government needs to **REDUCE INCOME INEQUALITY AND CHILD POVERTY**. **1 in 5 children in Canada lives in poverty**, and all children suffer from the impacts of wide income inequality. Adding a supplement to the Canada Child Benefit with an income benefit for the lowest income families with children would help reduce the rate of child poverty by 60%.

→ Canada needs to prioritize **FAIRNESS FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN** by permanently ending funding shortfalls in public services, like clean water, health care, education and protection through the Spirit Bear Plan. Federal services provided to First Nations children and families living on reserves and in the Territories fall significantly short of what other Canadians receive.

→ We need to **INVEST EARLIER IN CHILDREN'S LIVES** by contributing 6% of the budget for children under 6 in Canada to ensure every child can access high quality early learning and childcare. These are not yet accessible for all families in Canada and all kids should get the best possible start.

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To be our top priority



→ The government needs to be accountable to Canada's 8 million children and start **PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST IN DECISION-MAKING**. We need to assess how every policy, law and decision affects children and youth; publish what Canada is spending on them in federal budgets and economic updates; and establish a commission that can help ensure decisions are in the best interests of children.

→ Canada should **LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO 16** to ensure politicians can be held accountable by young people.

For Every Child:

Health



We need Canada to **CONTINUE TO INVEST IN GLOBAL HEALTH** by increasing support for affordable, comprehensive quality health care for women, adolescents, children and newborns, starting with the most vulnerable.

We have made important global progress for child survival. The number of child deaths has been halved since 1990 but this progress hasn't reached the most vulnerable children, including newborns. Every day, **7000 newborns** die of mostly preventable causes. If Canada renews its commitment to ending preventable newborn deaths by 2030, the solutions will ensure better health for all.

For Every Child:

Safety



→ Canada must be a greater global leader in helping **ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN CONFLICT** and protecting every child. More countries are in conflict now than at any other time in the last 30 years. The future, safety and survival of millions of children are at risk.

→ Canada needs to lead by example and **FULLY IMPLEMENT THE 4 MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS** to keep these children safe and encourage other countries to do the same:

- 'Safe Schools Declaration'
- the Paris Principles
- the Vancouver Principles
- the Optional Protocol on Children and Armed Conflict

Canada must also make children a priority in all public statements of reactions to violence, conflict and crisis.

→ Canada must **PROTECT CHILDREN IN COMPANY SUPPLY CHAINS** by creating legislation that requires companies that do business in Canada to identify, prevent, respond to and report about their human rights impacts in Canada and around the world. Global targets aim to end modern slavery and child labour by 2025, but Canada is falling short on our commitment. **Time is running out.**