



This week, [UNICEF](#) will launch this year's edition of its flagship publication, *State of the World's Children*

The focus is Children with Disabilities.

With this report, UNICEF hopes to add a strong voice and increased visibility to the global, necessary and increasingly urgent debate about disability rights, especially those of children. *State of the World's Children 2013: Children with Disabilities* focuses on the position of children with disabilities in a varying worldwide landscape: how do they fare at home, in school, or at health care centres? What happens to children with disabilities in emergencies or conflict? How do these situations fluctuate around the world? The report asks readers to consider the lost

opportunities in denying the full potential of these children.

*The State of the World's Children 2013* argues for inclusive and equitable approaches in such areas as early childhood development, education, health, nutrition, humanitarian response and protection. Based on documented experience and examples, the report will recommend ways in which governments, the private sector, international donors and agencies, and other stakeholders can help advance this agenda.

The report gives a voice to children to encourage their position as architects and agents of change in their towns, villages and cities, and to engage a dialogue leading toward equal treatment of all children, regardless of ability. To this end, in addition to the main narrative and expert technical panels, the report features perspectives, or personal essays, by policymakers, parents, care providers, celebrities and role models with disabilities and, most significantly, young people with disabilities that have accomplished personal or professional goals or are striving to do so. The hope is that report will foster greater attention on these children's global needs and remarkable potential.

With the global launch of *The State of the World's Children 2013: Children with Disabilities*, UNICEF wants to encourage global dialogue and concurrent policy and action. Hence, UNICEF invites all partners and stakeholders to spread the word, develop commentaries, and arrange events related to it. Working together, we can improve the lives of all children.

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