Is migration a Human Right?
baseline: 173492

- 82% YES
- 18% NO

Why do children move from one country to another?
baseline: 153773

- 55% To improve their economic situation
- 34% To escape from violence
- 11% To meet their family members
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Moving from one country to another country is a...
baseline: 143141

- Dangerous process: 50%
- Safe process: 34%
- Wouldn’t know or another reason: 16%

Which is the hardest that children endure when moving
baseline: 64094

- Violence, abuse, exploitation: 55%
- Dangers from their surroundings: 23%
- Sexual violence: 22%
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When large groups of children arrive to another country you believe they
baseline: 126643

- Contribute to society: 42%
- Create problems: 42%
- Make no difference: 16%

When migrant or refugee children arrive to another country you think they are...
baseline: 104832

- Abused or exploited: 5%
- Protected and integrated into society: 37%
- Deported, returned: 17%
- Don't know: 41%
What are the most important issues migrant and refugee children face?

- Difficult access to services: 33%
- Discrimination: 28%
- Violence: 21%
- Prevention and housing: 17%

What should governments do about migrant and refugee children?

- Improve conditions in countries of origin: 53%
- Provide support during transit: 34%
- Allow children to stay in their destination: 11%
- Deport them: 2%

U-Report is a free social messaging tool for community participation, designed to address issues that the population cares about. By means of online polls, it permits everyone, around the world, to speak out on development issues, support child rights and improve communities.

In 2017, the Office of the SRSG on Violence against Children and UNICEF jointly conducted a U-Report Opinion Poll on Children and Young People’s Perception of Children on the Move (specifically migrant and refugee children). The poll consisted of eight questions with multiple answers.

In no manner is this a scientific sample as children and young people who chose to answer were self-motivated. Different questions were answered by different number of individuals – see baseline under each question.

Important information derived from the poll:

Is migration a human right?
- Of all respondents 82% said yes

Why do children move from one country to another?
- Over half respondents said “to improve their economic situation”
- Respondents from Africa mentioned economic reasons over other reasons by a much higher rate than other respondents
- “To escape from violence” was the reason cited over 50% in South America

Moving from one country to another is...
- Half of respondents believed it was a dangerous process
- Almost one third of respondents believed it was a safe process
- In Latin America, respondents chose this option between 78-96% of the time

Which is the hardest that children endure when moving
- Fifty-six percent believe “violence, abuse and exploitation”
- The rest were evenly split between sexual violence and dangers from their surroundings

When large groups of children arrive to another country
- Was very evenly split: 42% believe they contribute to society, 42% believe they create problems and 16% said they made no difference
- No regional trends identified
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When migrant or refugee children arrive to another country, you think they ...
- Similar to the previous question, 36% believe they are protected and integrated into society and 41% believe they are exploited or abused. All African countries but one showed a higher percentage than the average.
- Seventeen percent believe children are deported

What do you believe are the most important issues migrant and refugee children face?
- Over one third believe the main issue is accessing services, followed by discrimination, housing

What should governments do to protect migrant and refugee children...
- Over half of respondents believe that governments should improve living conditions in the countries of origin
- One third believe governments should provide support during transit
- Only two percent believe they should be deported.