

Finland - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Finland published on 21/04/2022. It is not exhaustive nor does it evaluate the NAP and uses the same terms as those in the NAP. It is intended to summarise key elements & to signpost stakeholders to other relevant analyses.

Children in need

Low-income children	114,300 (11.1%)
Children aged 0-3 living in poverty	13.4%
Children living in households receiving social assistance	10.9%
Children living outside the family home or in aftercare	Identified without data
Disabled children	Identified without data
Children in need of mental health care	Identified without data
Children with a migrant background	Identified without data
Roma and Sami children	Identified without data
LGBTIQ children	Identified without data
Children victims of violence	Identified without data

Planned key services and actions

Finland implements the European Child Guarantee as part of their national work related to the **National Child Strategy**.

[The plan mentions the implementation of the 30 measures already set up within the National Child Strategy](#). These measures focus in the following areas:

- Training on child impact assessments, child-oriented budgeting, and children's inclusion.
- Reform of healthcare, social welfare, and rescue services
- Three-tiered model for early childhood education support
- Extension of compulsory education
- Development of services and skills in the youth work sector.
- Raise the minimum school leaving age to 18 years

Designated Funding

Funded by the ESF+:

- Equal inclusion - **€23m** of funding.
- Safety nets for the future of young people - **€4m** for its national coordination project and **€26m** for regional operations.
- Provisions for life - **€30m** (by Finnish Food Authority).

National Funding: €6m by the National Child Strategy. The Funding Centre for Social Welfare and Health Organisations (STEA) grants **€100–120m** annually to projects that aim to improve the welfare of children, young people, and families.

Stakeholder Engagement

A stakeholder hearing meeting was held with 8 civil society organisations for the preparation of the NAP. NGOs will be also included in the planned national cooperation network for monitoring and evaluation.

Children and young people have been included in the preparation of the National Child Strategy and its implementation plan in the form of workshops, remote events, and electronic surveys.

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- [First Years First Priority Country Profile](#)
- [Data Care Country Overview](#)

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The NAP will use existing qualitative and quantitative metrics and indicators that will be specified in later stages.

A national cooperation network will be set up for monitoring and evaluation. The network would operate in line with the National Child Strategy.

Read the full NAP



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