

Portugal - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Portugal published on 06/02/2023. 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

Children at risk of poverty	389,686; 22,9%
Children of Ukraine	Identified without data
Children in situations of abandonment or severe housing deprivation	145 children with the diagnosis of abandonment
Children benefiting from disability social benefits	75,546
Minors with a migration background	27% of 662,095 foreign citizens holding a residence permit
Minors with mental health problems	Identified without data
Children in alternative care facilities	6,706
National minorities	N/A
Roma children	45% of 30,000-50,000 Portuguese people in Roma communities

Planned key services and actions

- **Early Childhood Education and Care:** Implementation of the Mental Health and Parenting Programme in Primary Health Care Support: ensuring free kindergartens for all;
- **Education:** Provision of necessary equipment in school; creation of “accompanied study spaces”; implementation of informal and non-formal education;
- **Healthcare:** Access to proximity consultations in Primary Healthcare services; free access to mental health facilities for children in poverty; extension of suicide prevention programmes;
- **Nutrition:** Provision of a free meal at school every day; initiatives on healthy eating;
- **Housing:** Implementing the Housing Access Support Programme; access to emergency or transitional housing solutions;
- **Children in Alternative Care:** Strengthening the network of institutions covering host family care response; pedagogical support for children in childcare residences.

Designated Funding

- ESF+: 340.09 Million Euros
- RRP: 5,194 Million Euros*

**It is not possible to define the specific allocation for the achievement of the Child Guarantee objectives, but the results of these investments will greatly contribute to this achievement*

Stakeholder Engagement

Both Children and Civil Society Organisations have been involved in the drafting of the NAP.

In the consultation process several methodologies were adopted: the request and reception of written contributions, holding of meetings, promotion of reflection forums and questionnaires.

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- [Data Care Country Overview](#)
- [Country overview from the \(In\)visible Children report](#)
- [First Years First Priority](#)

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The NAP includes a very extensive overview of different indicators, including indicators on children in alternative care, directed at each concrete measure.

There is also a vulnerability indicator that summarizes particularly vulnerable situations of children and young people.

Read the full NAP



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