

Germany - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Germany published on 17/07/2023. 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	24,0%, 3,495,000
Children of Ukraine	203,000
Homeless minors or minors in a situation of severe housing hardship	47,200 housed homeless minors, around 6,600 minors living on the street with parents
Children with disabilities	Around 415,780 (3% of all children)
Minors with a migration background	5,400,000
Minors with mental health problems (date of the figure provided)	16,9% (2014-2017)
National minorities	N/A
Children in alternative care facilities	65,395 in assisted living homes, 67,909 in full-time care
Children with special educational needs	590,116
Children with parents with mental health problems	175,000
Children in addiction-stricken families	700,000 – 1,257,000 in families with alcohol addiction, 88,000 – 158,000 with drug addiction
Children experiencing domestic violence	197,759
Children with teenage mothers, or being teenage mothers themselves	1,986
Children in prison	359

Planned key services and actions

Early Childhood Education and Care: Access to high quality childcare institutions and offering sufficient childcare slots

Education: legal right to all-day care from 2026, targeted funding for vulnerable children, improved education opportunities for children in migration

Healthcare: Less bureaucracy for health access for children in migration, program on more movement facilities in the neighbourhood

Nutrition: National Strategy for breastfeeding support, Nutrition Strategy to foster healthy eating, information campaign on implications of salt

Housing: Financial support for social housing, National Action Plan on Homelessness to create new housing possibilities

Other: Basic child support, bundling previous monetary benefits for children, parental support mechanism including extension of paternal leave, inclusive child and youth support, improvement of child-related laws

Designated Funding

*Germany is one of the EU Member States bound for 5% earmarking of the ESF+ for lifting Children out of poverty.

European: ESF Plus

National: Allocated ministerial budgets

Stakeholder Engagement

Civil Society was included by producing opinions on key necessary measures, focus groups and workshops as well as through an online form. The proposed measures have been included in the NAP as well.

Children were included through consultative processes such as a 'Chances for Children' tour through Germany.

Eurochild resources

- [Country Report from our Child Guarantee Task Force](#)
- [Data Care Country Overview](#)
- [\(In\)visible Children Country Overview](#)
- [Country profile - Children arriving from Ukraine](#) (jointly with UNICEF ECARO)

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The government, together with the German Youth Institute will report to the Commission on the implementation every two years.

Children are involved and further consulted in the monitoring.

The monitoring will include the activities of the NAP Council, as well as summaries of the child participation formats.

Read the full NAP

