

# Save the Children Sweden

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# Save the Children Sweden (SCS)

- Formed in November 1919
- Ca 75 500 members in 204 local branches
- 6000 active members
- 150,000 regular donors

# Save the Children International

- 30 Save the Children organisations
- Work in 100 countries
- Europe 13 SC organisations

# The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

- The non-discrimination (article 2)
- The best interest of the child (article 3)
- The right to life and development (article 6)
- The right to participate and to be heard (article 12)

# SCS and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

- Sweden ratified the CRC in 1990
- Have submitted 4 reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child
- SCS has submitted alternative reports each time
- The 5th Government report – june 2012
- Presently SCS is working on an alternative report to be sent to the CRC Committee early 2014.

# CRC Committee concluding observations – main concerns 2009

- Legal status of CRC
- **Knowledge about the rights of the child among children and professionals**
- **Differences of implementation between municipalities**
- Independence and mandate of Swedish Ombudsman for Children
- Lack in data collection and overview of data
- Protection against violence and preventive measures
- Action plan combating child poverty
- **Right to education and health care for children without documents**
- Measures to combat bullying
- **Guardian for unaccompanied minors appointed within 24 hours**

# SCS work and experiences

- Knowledge: Studies on for ex. children's own reasons for asylum seeking, European study on guardianship. Undocumented children and their situation, children's views on the reception.
- Capacity building; both with children, adults and decision makers

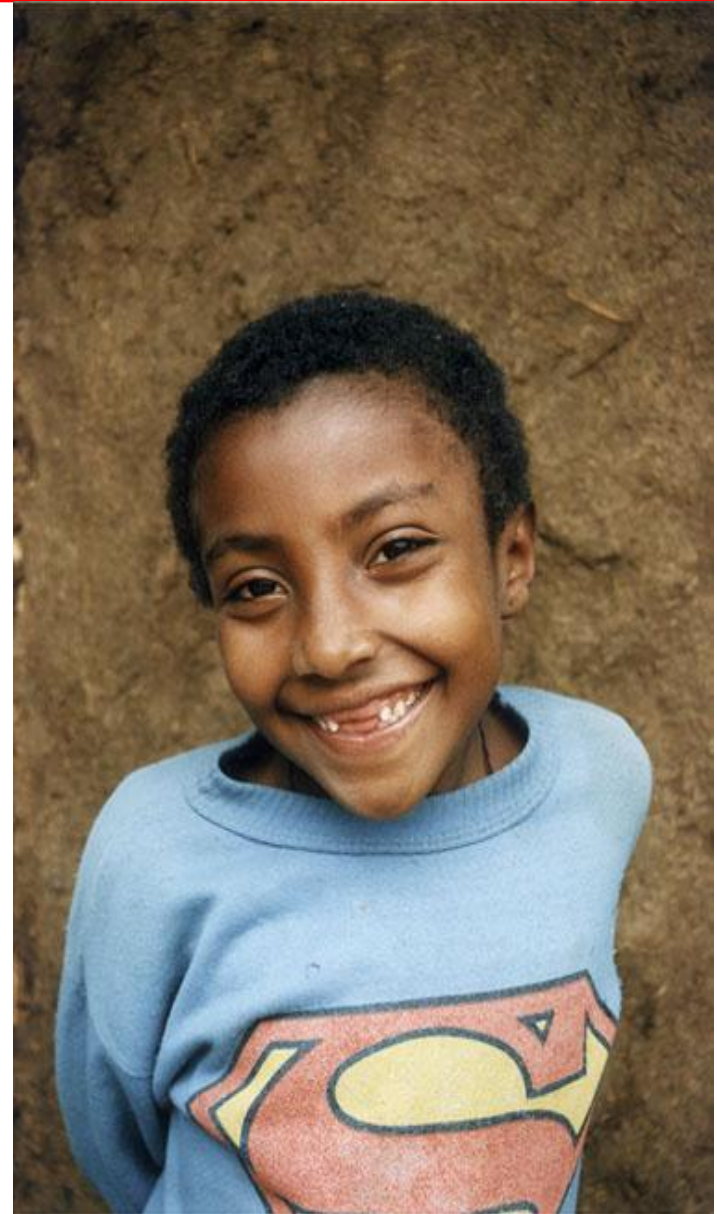
## Cont...SCS work and experiences

- Advocacy: checklists – a way to start a dialog with decision makers and improve situations, roundtables, media
- Direct support: Meeting places, start kit, group meetings, leisure activities
- Network; with NGO´s in Sweden and Europe.



# Challenges

- **Children's own voices**
- **Child Competence**
- **Best interest of the child**
- **Dublin**
- **Guardianship**
- **Right to Education.**





Thank you!