3.15. Children

COMMON ANALYSIS
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This profile refers to Nigerian nationals under the age of 18.

The analysis below is based on the following EUAA COI products: Country Focus 2025, 2.4.; COI Update 2026, 2.1.; Country Guidance should not be referred to as a source of COI.

Children in Nigeria have been exposed to various forms of violence by various actors. Being a child is to be taken into account in the assessment on whether an act reaches the threshold of persecution.

On GBV, FGM/C, and child marriage practices against girls, see 3.14. Women and girls. Other forms of violence against children are addressed under 3.1. Individuals within the reach of Boko Haram especially concerning the recruitment and use of children and schools' attacks, 3.2. Individuals with perceived links to Boko Haram with particular regard to the unlawful detention by the military for months or years without charge of children escaping Boko Haram, 3.10. Individuals accused of witchcraft, 3.13. Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, 4.2.2. Criminal violence regarding the recruitment of children in cult groups as well as school kidnappings. Under some of the abovementioned profiles, being a child is considered a risk-enhancing circumstance.

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