

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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