



## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SADC CHILD – LED PARLIAMENTARY FORUM



## Background - SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum?

Decisions that affect children take place at various SADC Organs, Forums and Platforms

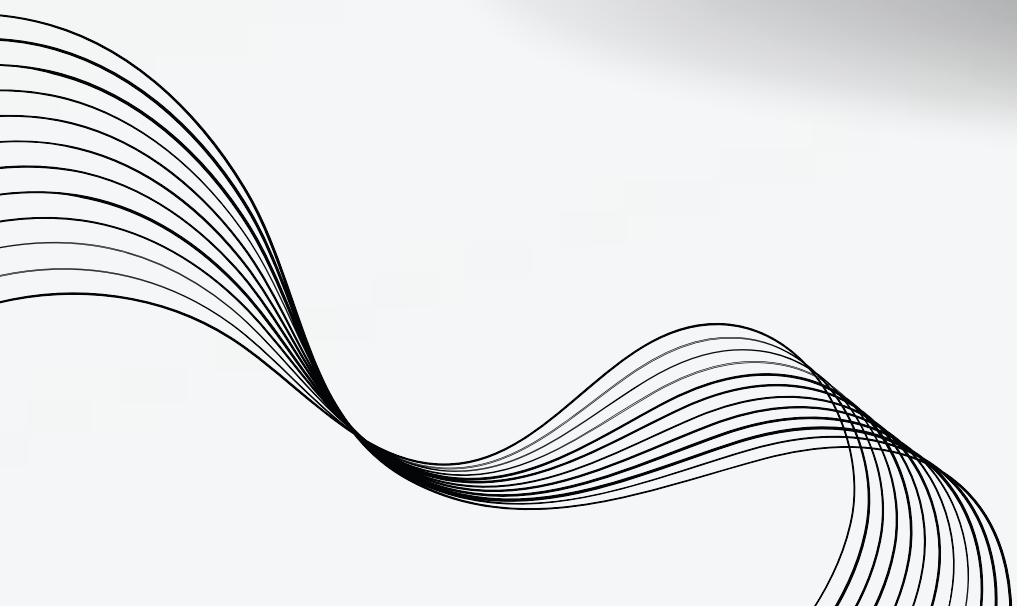
The effect of various SADC governance processes are directly felt by children

However, children have limited scope and opportunities to participate and influence SADC decision making processes due to variety of reasons

Furthermore, there is no dedicated unit or department within the SADC Region that focus on Children's issues.

There is no systematic, structure, representative forum within the SADC Region for meaningful participation of Children.

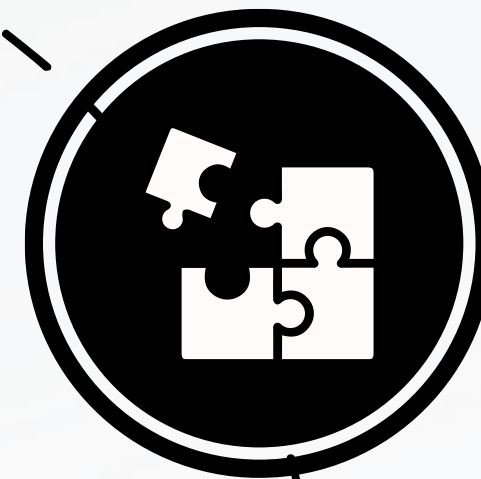
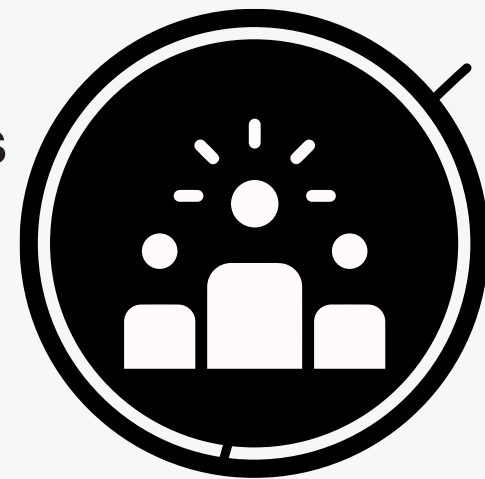
The voices of children are completely forgotten and left behind on matters that affect Children within the SADC Region



# MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE SADC CHILD – LED PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

Support and Guide children to contribute to SADC Regional policies discussions, and influence decisions that affect them. and develop their own advocacy agenda

Build children's agency and enable them to amplify their voices and participation in SADC decision making Processes



Create opportunities for SADC Children to develop their own advocacy agenda and amplify their voices on regional, continental and global platforms

# Composition of the SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum?

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Each SADC Country shall be represented by 2 children to serve as a members of the SADC Parliamentary Forum

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Membership of the SADC Parliamentary Forum shall consist of all children with varying background, vulnerabilities and conditions

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Members of the SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum shall be drawn from the members of the National children's forums from each country

## Scope of the SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum

SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum is responsible for the Child – Led Advocacy within the SADC Region

SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum shall represent the voices of SADC Children at regional, continental and global level

Members of the SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum shall hold quarterly virtual meetings, bi - annual advocacy seminars and annual child – led advocacy campaigns


The SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum shall work through child – led working groups based on sub – theme and issues chosen by children

Members of the SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum shall convene Bi – Annual SADC Children' General Assembly for all SADC Children. Each Country shall be represented by minimum five children



# Proposed Working Groups SADC Child – Led Parliamentary Forum





Working Group	Core Functions
Young Climate Voices	Amplify the voices of children on climate change by securing national, regional and continental policy spaces and participation of children.
Media and Communication Team	Lead and Coordinate the development of Children's Quarterly Newsletters and media statement on issuing affecting children.
Mental Health	Lead and Coordinate child – led awareness raising and advocacy on mental health across the SADC Region
Child Protection	Lead and Coordinate Child – led awareness raising and advocacy on child protection issues such as Child Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation, Child Abuse, Drug and Substance Abuse
Child Participation	Amplify the voices of children at various advocacy platforms within the SADC Region, Continental and Globally
Child Poverty	Lead and Coordinate child – led awareness raising and advocacy on Child Poverty across the SADC Region
Education	Lead and Coordinate child – led awareness raising and advocacy on Education across the SADC Region



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