

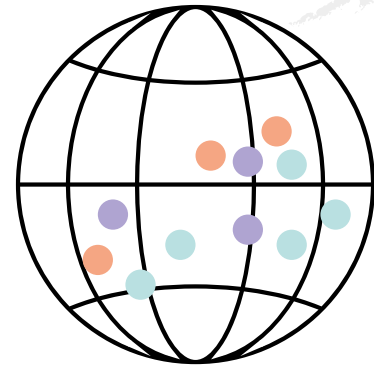


GIZ Child Protection Policy

Version in simple language

How does GIZ support children's rights?

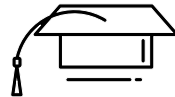
GIZ is a German company that aims to promote cooperation in many countries through its projects. Children and young people make up a large part of the population of these countries. Germany has promised to protect children's rights.



It is also very important for GIZ that its various projects pay attention to protecting children from violence, abuse and exploitation. That is why GIZ has come up with rules on how children should be protected and what happens if these rules are not followed. The rules are called the **GIZ Policy on Child Protection**. When writing these rules, GIZ also looked at what rules other organisations and countries have to protect children.



GIZ projects are about things like ensuring that people live in a healthy environment, do not have to live in poverty, and have a say in society.



Another focus is on children being able to go to school and improving children's lives in general.



We also work to make sure people have access to clean water, and that forms of transport help them to get around better and in a more environmentally friendly way.



Our GIZ projects also give advice to people in politics so that they can take better care of children's rights.

What are children's rights and child protection?



Nearly all the countries in the world have joined to form an organisation called the United Nations.



The countries of the United Nations have worked together to list the rights children have.

This list of children's rights is called the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Children's rights include protection against violence and economic exploitation, such as sexual abuse or child labour. Things should not happen to children that harm them or might even put their lives in danger. Almost all the countries of the United Nations have promised to respect these rights and therefore protect children. At the same time, it is important that all people and companies in these countries also follow these rules.

Including us, GIZ.

What are the rules on child protection?

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that all people under the age of **18** are Children.

Children should be protected, encouraged and involved – regardless of their age, gender, religion or world view, culture, sexuality, or any physical, mental or emotional conditions.

What is the GIZ Policy on Child Protection?

In our GIZ Policy on Child Protection we promise to keep to the rules that the countries of the United Nations have developed.

→ You find the original version here:

<https://www.giz.de/en/about-giz/37500.html>



Child-friendly version:
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- ✓ We are also committed to applying the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international rules on children's rights in our company.
- ✓ We use them to make rules and guidelines on how children are to be protected in our projects.
- ✓ And we involve children in this process. We make sure that no child has to suffer violence, exploitation or abuse. It is important to us that all the people we work with are committed to this too.
- ✓ With the GIZ Policy on Child Protection, we show what we demand of ourselves and the people we work with, and make it clear there must be no exceptions.



Who has to follow these rules?



- This is how we make sure that we do not work with anyone who breaks the rules.

These rules apply to **all projects** and **all people** who work at GIZ, in every country we work in. Even when we work with people from outside GIZ, they also have to respect the GIZ Policy on Child Protection.

How does GIZ make sure these rules are followed?

1.

We look to see how we can ensure that children are protected early on in all our projects. This means checking whether these projects could harm children.

→ If this could happen, we make sure in advance that it does not happen and adapt the projects accordingly.

2.

When we buy products, we make sure that they have not been produced by children who are being exploited and forced to work under poor conditions.

3.

At GIZ, we do everything we can to make sure that no child experiences violence. If any of our employees break this rule, we will take action against them.

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4.

We respect the privacy and personal rights of children. That means that no photos or videos of children may be taken in our projects without the consent of the parents or guardians and children themselves.

What can you do if someone does not keep to the rules?



Contact a person you trust.

You're not alone. If you experience violence in a GIZ project, please contact a GIZ staff member. They will listen to you and help you straight away.

If you learn that another child has experienced violence in a GIZ project, you can also contact a GIZ staff member.



You can contact GIZ directly on your own or with someone you trust. You can do this on the internet, for example. We have set up a website you can use to contact us. You don't have to give us your name, so you can remain anonymous if you want.



You can also send us an email to



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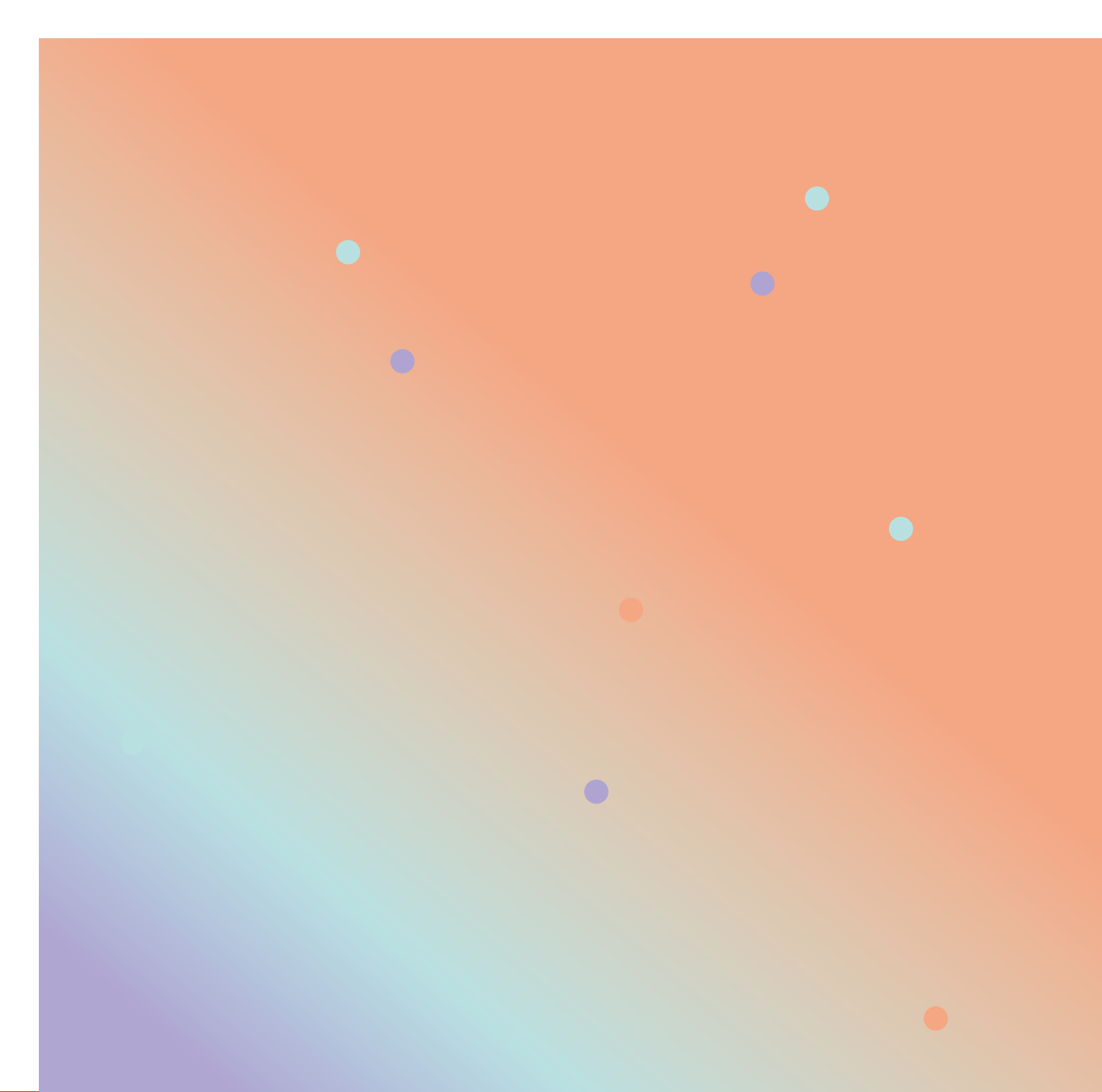
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