



**TOWARD AN INCLUSIVE WORLD FOR PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM**

# **Human Rights-Based Approach to Advocacy for Children with Albinism in Africa**

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# Understanding the Human Rights-Based Approach to Advocacy

## Grounded in International Laws

Established International human rights frameworks, such as the UDHR, CRPD, ACHPR, ACRWC



## Focuses on Empowerment

The approach empowers marginalized groups to claim their rights and hold duty-bearers accountable.

## Promotes Participation

It emphasizes the active participation of affected communities in the design and implementation of advocacy initiatives.



# Existing Legal and Policy Frameworks for the Protection of Children with Albinism

## International Frameworks

Specific to children include The UNCRC and the ACRWC provide a comprehensive framework for protecting the rights of children with albinism.

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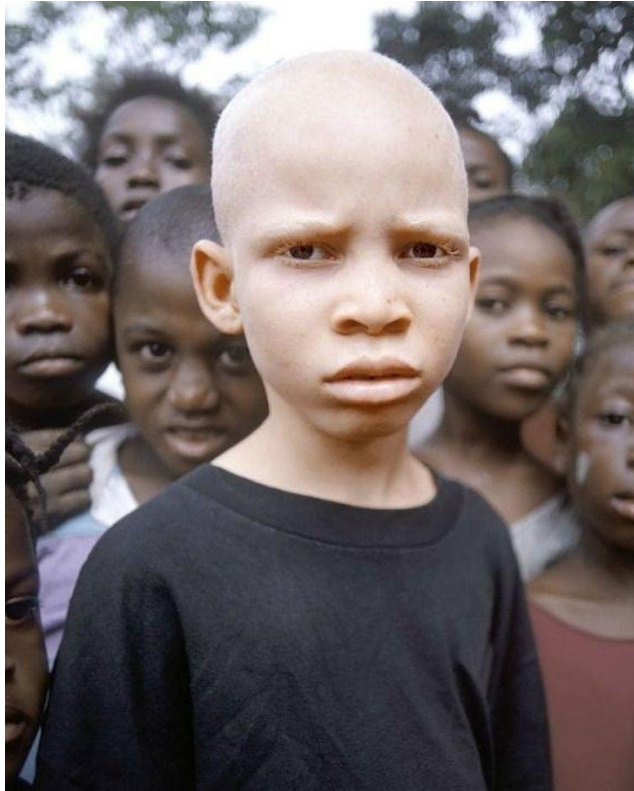
## National Legislation/Policies

Some countries such as Guinea, Uganda, Angola, Malawi, Mozambique have enacted specific laws and policies to protect the rights of persons with albinism, but implementation and enforcement remain a challenge.

## Regional Policies

The African Union's "Decade of People with Disabilities," the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the AU Plan of Action on Albinism have made strides in addressing the needs of individuals with albinism.

# Challenges Faced by Children with Albinism



## Limited Participation in issue affecting them

No involvement of children with albinism in the development of policies, National Action Plan and even Advocacy plans affecting them



## Lack of Legal Protection

Many countries lack comprehensive laws and policies to protect the rights of children with albinism, leaving them vulnerable to violence and exploitation.

# Advocacy Strategies

1

## Awareness Campaigns

Launching public awareness campaigns to educate the general public about albinism, challenge misconceptions, and promote acceptance and inclusion of children with albinism.

2

## Legal Advocacy and Policy Reform

Advocating for stronger laws and policies to protect the rights of children with albinism, including anti-discrimination measures and access to healthcare and education.



# Advocacy Strategies Cont..



## 3 Education and Sensitization Programs

Developing educational programs to train teachers, healthcare providers, and community members on the needs and rights of children with albinism.

## 4 Empowerment of Individuals with Albinism

Providing support and resources to empower children with albinism, including mentorship programs, skills training, and opportunities for self-advocacy.

# Empowering Children with Albinism to Advocate for Their Own Rights

## Build Capacity

Provide training and resources to help children with albinism develop advocacy skills and knowledge of their rights.

## Amplify Voices

Create platforms for children with albinism to share their stories and perspectives, amplifying their voices in decision-making processes.





# Empowering Children with Albinism to Advocate for Their Own Rights Cont...

## Foster Resilience

Offer psychosocial support to help children with albinism build self-esteem and resilience in the face of adversity.

## Support Participation

Ensure that children with albinism are meaningfully involved in the design and implementation of advocacy initiatives that concern them





# Engaging with Key Stakeholders and Building Coalitions

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## Identify Allies

Reach out to key stakeholders, such as government agencies, civil society organizations, and community leaders, to build a coalition of support.

2

## Facilitate Dialogue

Foster open and constructive dialogue between children with albinism, their families, and duty-bearers to address concerns and find solutions.

3

## Leverage Partnerships

Collaborate with partners to share resources, expertise, and best practices, amplifying the reach and impact of advocacy efforts.



## Role of the ACERWC

### **Promoting Children's Rights**

The committee plays a crucial role in advocating for the rights of all children including children with albinism in Africa.

### **Prioritizing Albinism**

The committee should make the rights of children with albinism a top priority.

### **Supporting Initiatives**

The committee can support programs and policies that address the unique needs of children with albinism.



# Recommendations

## 1. Safeguard Rights

Continue to advocate for the full recognition and protection of the rights of children with albinism, ensuring they have access to essential services and opportunities.

## 2. Empower Changemakers

Empower children with albinism to lead advocacy efforts, amplifying their voices and experiences to drive sustainable change.

## 3. Foster Collaboration

Strengthen partnerships between stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and communities, to create a coordinated and comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of children with albinism.

# Recommendations

## **Comprehensive Strategies**

Develop national action plans in line with the AU PoA to protect children with albinism

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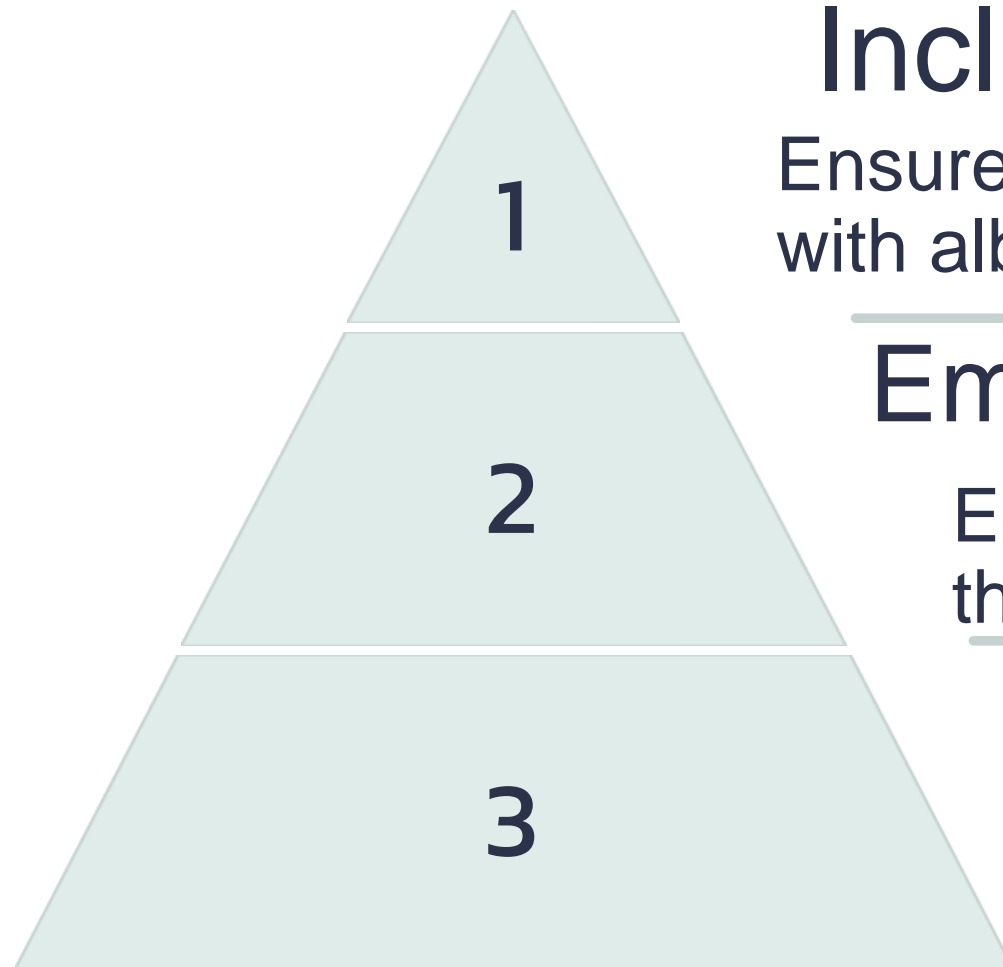
## **Inclusive Resources**

Allocate funding for education, healthcare, and social services

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# Conclusion



## Inclusion

Ensure full participation of children with albinism in society

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## Empowerment

Enable children with albinism to thrive and fulfill their potential

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## Human Rights

Adopt a rights-based approach to advocacy



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