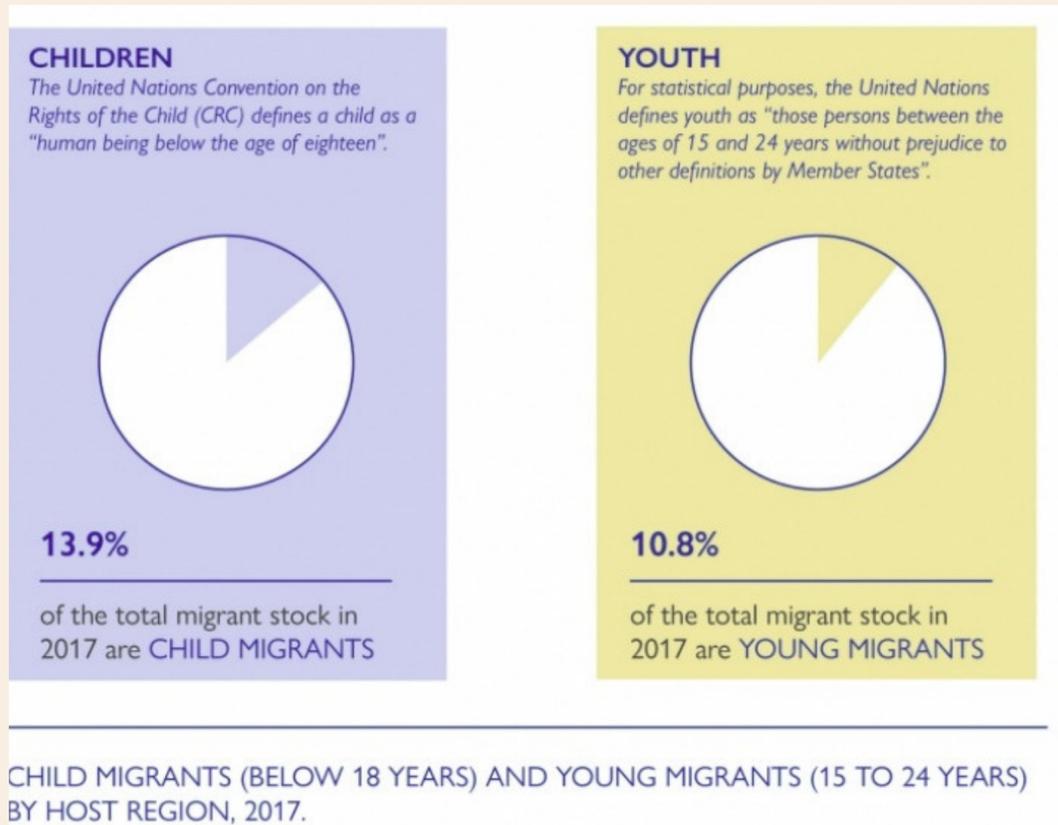


# Managing Migration

This volume of the bulletin focuses on the impact of migration on children

## International Headlines



The growing global discussions on migration fail to address one issue of emerging importance: the **deplorable situation and rising cases of death of child migrants**. Children, particularly unaccompanied minors form a vulnerable group of migrants. It has been reported that in America alone, 11500 unaccompanied minors have attempted to enter the country, with the numbers only expected to rise in the coming months. The challenge facing countries is two-fold. Firstly, separation of children from their parents will have psychological impacts on the child in the long run. Further, this is worsened by the deplorable conditions in the detention centres including lack of access to basic sanitation facilities, clean water, food and shelter have serious consequences on the health and well being of the children. Data shows that nearly 5% of the migrant deaths between 2014 and 2018 have been of children with huge gaps in the data available.



Source: IOM

The **impact of migration on children left behind in their home countries** has been a rarely discussed issue in global conversations surrounding migration. Two different studies in three geographies of Tajikistan, Mexico and Indonesia highlight the importance of studying the linkage between parental migration and education of the children of migration on those being left behind, particularly vulnerable sections such as children. The results from all three geographies observe the same pattern. It was observed that the likelihood of enrolment in education was reduced by 10% for children with migrant parents as compared to those who lived with their families. Despite the focus on the remittance-migration relationship, this particular association remains a blind spot in understanding the economic and social impact of migration.

## On the National Front



In India too, focus on the impact of migration on children remains an unexplored subject with a report by UNESCO indicating that **40% of children from migrant households are more likely to go to work and not school and 80% migrant children do not have access to education near their homes**. In the path towards the achievement of the SDG 4, 5 and 8, the focus on ensuring quality of life for migrant children becomes extremely crucial. While there have been initiatives to push for improved quality of education and learning outcomes, there has been no attention paid to migrant children who face the double jeopardy of a lack of access to resources and the uncertainties of migration. Addressing this challenge calls for collective action by all stakeholders including the community and civil society.

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