

Standard 5: Meeting the standards in different locations

Checklist for gathering local information

Legal resources	
Details of any government bodies or agencies with statutory authority for the protection of children.	
Summary of legislation governing welfare/protection of children. Identify international conventions to which the country is a signatory or has ratified (eg UN Convention on Rights of the Child).	
Brief analysis of implementation/enforcement of legislation as far as this is known.	
Criminal Investigation/Prosecution – Police and Judiciary	
Local police position on investigation of criminal assault against children and likelihood of prosecution of such offences.	
Legal age of consent in country and legislation covering this.	
Other Agencies – Health Services, NGOs, Inter-agency Forums	
Details of health and other services that may be accessed as part of victim response.	
Details of NGO's, other agencies, other relevant bodies and professional networks, including any local joint arrangements for dealing with child protection issues, HIV, women's centres/refuges or safe housing.	
Community	
Details of informal/community based justice and protection mechanisms and how these function.	
Identify and establish contact with locally-based NGOs/INGOs and other organisations working on child protection/rights or aid programmes that affect children.	
Gather information about community resources such as local advocacy groups, community and faith groups, or organised children's activities which could support the child protection work.	
Establish contact with any academic institutions working on children's rights.	
Identify and document harmful traditional practices such as early marriage, initiation ceremonies, and female circumcision.	