

# Children of the world

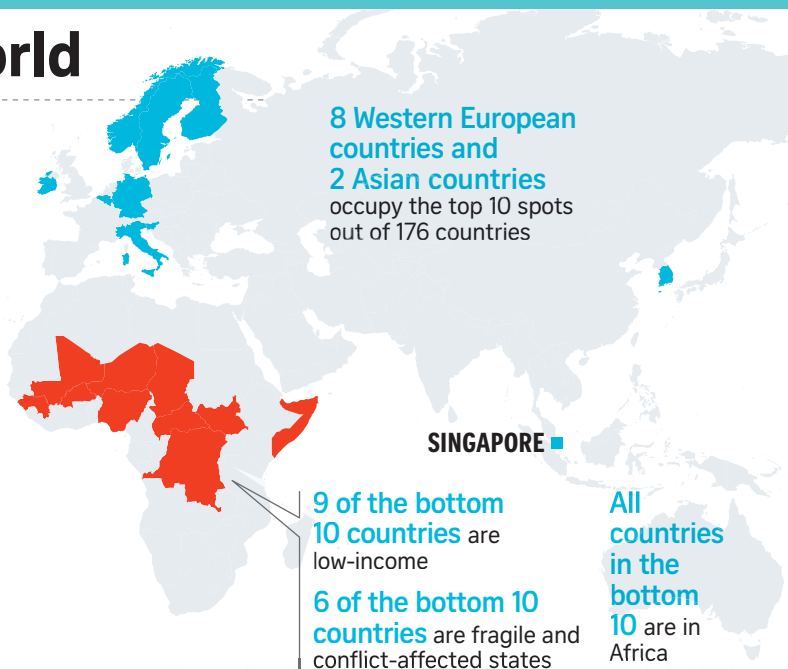
## END OF CHILDHOOD INDEX RANKINGS

**TOP 10**  
Where childhood is most protected

Rank	Country
1	Singapore
2	Sweden
3	Finland
3	Norway
3	Slovenia
6	Germany
6	Ireland
8	Italy
8	South Korea
10	Belgium

**BOTTOM 10**  
Where childhood is most threatened

Rank	Country
167	Burkina Faso
168	DR Congo
169	Guinea
170	Nigeria
171	Somalia
172	South Sudan
173	Mali
174	Chad
175	Niger
176	Central African Republic



8 Western European countries and 2 Asian countries occupy the top 10 spots out of 176 countries

SINGAPORE ■

9 of the bottom 10 countries are low-income  
6 of the bottom 10 countries are fragile and conflict-affected states

All countries in the bottom 10 are in Africa

### About the Index

- Scores for countries are calculated on a scale of 1 to 1,000. The scores measure the extent to which children in each country experience "childhood enders" such as death, severe malnutrition, being out of school and shouldering the burdens of adult roles in work, marriage and motherhood.
- Singapore tops the ranking with a score of 989.

Source:  
GLOBAL CHILDHOOD REPORT 2019  
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## MORE CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY AND SURVIVING TO AGE 5

More than 80 countries – of which 69 are developing nations – have cut their under-5 mortality rates by at least half since 2000.

Global number of deaths of children under 5



## 4 OUT OF 5 CHILDREN ARE NOW IN SCHOOL

35 countries have cut their out-of-school rates by 50 per cent or more since 2000 but worldwide, almost one out of every six school-aged children of primary and secondary school age is still out of school.

Children in school



NOTE: \*Given as 100 minus the rate of out-of-school children, adolescents and youth of primary and secondary school age worldwide.

