



Crises around the world continue to have a devastating effect on children.

New and ongoing crises in Mali, Central African Republic and Syria for example had –and continue to have– a devastating effect on children.

Boys and girls have been used as suicide bombers or human shields. Children captured during military operations have been detained, sometimes without due process. In certain cases, they have been mistreated or tortured.

[The Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict](#) recently put out [their latest report on these grave violations of children's rights, including information on progress made.](#)