



Human Rights Council – 53rd Session ID with the Special Rapporteur the Right to Education

Make Mothers Matter congratulates the special rapporteur for her report.

But we wish to emphasize that the role of parents in securing the right to education has been overlooked.

Parents, mothers in particular, play a pivotal role as children's primary caregivers and educators, shaping their educational journey. Ignoring their central role undermines efforts to secure the right to education for all.

In particular:

1. Parents play a crucial role in supporting their child's formal education, notably through encouragements, coaching and homework assistance
2. Parents also play a vital role in informal education through daily experience, imparting values, life skills, and supporting social-emotional development

Furthermore, the varying degrees of parental involvement create inequalities in education. Not all parents can engage in the same way due to lack of time and other reasons. Ignoring these disparities perpetuates educational inequality among children.

We therefore call on Member States and the international community to recognize and support the central role of parents, in particular mothers, in ensuring an inclusive and quality education.

This means:

1. Providing comprehensive programs to enhance parents' understanding of their crucial role in their children's education, in particular during the early years.
2. Identifying and addressing barriers preventing parents' involvement in education
3. Building strong partnerships between educational institutions, governments and parents, fostering open communication and involving parents in decision-making processes.

Let us empower parents as essential allies in achieving the right to education.

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