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Call for Submissions

About Journal: *Children First: Journal on Children's Lives*, a bi-annual and peer-reviewed journal, is inviting submissions for its fourth issue, which is scheduled for publication in May 2023. The Journal has been launched by [Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights \(DCPCR\)](#) with the aim of deepening and broadening the discourse on child rights by providing a platform to all persons who are engaged with the rights of children in varied capacities to share their learnings, views and experiences in this context.

The fourth issue opens up to ***all disciplinary domains*** related to children and their rights.

Deadline: 1st March 2023

Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/79iE4zjKfK5L3wD76>

Theme: Through the prism of an ***Open Theme***, the forthcoming issue invites reflections and narratives from our readers and subscribers on the various challenges that children may be experiencing that could impinge on their rights. The issue thus invites submissions on any domain or domains related to children, including but not limited to health (pregnancy care, nutrition, immunisation, primary health care, and adolescent health), school education and disability, protection (sexual violence against children, child marriage, child labor, trafficking, children in conflict with law, safety issues, alternative care), agency and participation, and adolescent issues.

In this context, we particularly welcome empirical, field-based situational analysis and evidence-based narratives of tried and tested solutions and/or success stories in the domains of child rights and well-being. The Journal aims to build an inclusive, multidisciplinary space for engagement for people regardless of their backgrounds and hence, has opened its submissions to academicians, practitioners, grassroots workers, activists, and others who engage with the field of children's welfare

Five Categories: Authors can submit their papers under the following five categories related to the domain of child's rights viz Research, Critique and Commentary, Voices from the Field, Best Practices and Book Reviews.

The five distinct categories are further elaborated upon as follows:

1. *Original research*, based on primary or secondary research, explicitly or implicitly related to children's rights.
2. *Best practices* of implementation of policies, schemes, legislations; programmes, implementation mechanisms; administration, access to the justice system, and analysis of relevant court's judgments, etc. in the field of children's rights.
3. *Voices from the Field*: These would include submissions which discuss operational challenges, learnings and experiences of practitioners from the field working in the domain of child rights.
4. *Critique and commentary* on various policies, schemes, legislations, programmes, implementation mechanisms; administration, access to the justice system, and analysis of relevant court's judgments, etc which directly or indirectly affect children's rights and lives.
5. Reviews of any existing or recently published books in the field of child rights. In case the book is not explicitly related to children's rights, the reviewer should be able to make a definite, relevant connection to the aforementioned domains for the submission to be acceptable.

About DCPCR: The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has been constituted under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act,

2005. It is the statutory watchdog of the Government of Delhi on matters of child rights. Some of the child rights the Commission works are:

- a. Protection of children from exploitation, abuse, labour, trafficking, and violence.
- b. Protection of children from sexual offence, child marriage and substance abuse;
- c. Right to Education with emphasis on children with special needs;
- d. Right to Health including the provision of medical assistance and health care to all children with an emphasis on the development of primary health care, pregnancy care, infant care, availability and accessibility of adequate nutritious foods, clean drinking water, immunisation, protection against malnutrition, etc.;
- e. Enforcement of legal protections for children in case they commit offences and the necessary safeguards associated therein;

Copyrights: The Journal would be a free and open-source resource for everyone who wishes to access and subscribe to it, and would not avail any submission fee from Authors. The Journal would be double, blind peer-reviewed to uphold transparency and eliminate any kind of biases. This means that only the submission would be shared with the reviewer and not the profile of the authors.

General Guidelines

1. **Word limit** according to the category of submissions:

Category	Maximum Word limit
Research	4000
Best practices	2000
Critique/Commentary/Articles	2000
Voices from the ground	2500
Book Review	750

2. Authors should ensure that:

- The submitted work is their own and has not been previously published. The Author should not have sent their work to multiple journals/publishers.
- Professional briefs of all authors are to be uploaded separately with the submission in the google form. Each Bio should not be more than 25 words, and should be written in the third person. A clear, coloured professional photograph must be included with the bio of each author. For pieces submitted by more than 5 authors, only the first 5 Principal authors should submit their bios with photographs. In case submissions are being made by a particular organization(s), include a maximum of 100-word brief about the organization(s) only.
- Their work does not infringe on any rights of others, including **privacy rights and intellectual property rights**.
- The data used in the submission is original and/or the source of the data is clearly identified. In cases wherein the author is using data from other sources, appropriate citations should be included and permissions from owners obtained for the illustrations, tables, figures or lengthy quotations being reproduced in the Journal. **Receipts of such permissions, wherever applicable, should be included with the submissions as an Annexure to submission.**
- In cases where the submissions stand any **conflicting or competing interest**, each and every such conflict must be clearly stated under a heading titled 'Declaration of Conflicting Interests' in the submission.
- Adhere to all **research ethics guidelines** of their discipline, particularly where human or animal subjects are involved.
- In case there is any material error that has been identified, whether prior or subsequent to the publication of their work, the Authors must ensure that the Editorial panel is immediately informed about the same.
- The Journal mandates all authors to clearly acknowledge their source of funding in their submission under a separate heading titled '**Funding**' directly after their '**Acknowledgements**'.
- **Principal authorship, authorship order, and other publication credits** should be appropriately included, and it must be ensured that all who participated are credited and their consent for publication has been sought.

- An undertaking would be required to be physically/digitally signed and attached with the application to formally accept the ‘**Transfer of the Copyright**’ as well as provide DCPCR with an exclusive right to publish the submission if selected.
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 - All critiques and commentaries need to be supported with evidence, and should not be aimed at a particular individual or a group of individuals because of their political affiliation, faith, or community.
 - Reliable monitoring and evaluation processes (qualitative and/or quantitative), preferably independent, should be incorporated to reduce the possibility of biases when discussing best practices. Discussions of limitations and/or challenges faced in the implementation of an initiative/project/policy whose best practices are being submitted are encouraged.
3. No paper shall be accepted after the deadline. Incomplete submissions will not be considered for review.
 4. There is no bar on the number of submissions based on the number of nationalities, institutions, etc. One submission may have multiple authors within or across geographies, nationalities, institutions, organizations, backgrounds, etc.
 5. Formatting specifications
 - For Headings: Times New Roman, size:13, Bold
 - For the main body: Times New Roman, Alignment: Justified, size: 12, spacing: 1.5
 - For Footnotes: Times New Roman, size:10, Spacing: 1.0
 - Margins: 1 inch on all sides.
 - Paragraphs should be formatted in sequence and avoid textbox insertion.
 - Mention your full name, contact number, postal address and email ID clearly in the paper.

- The papers should be submitted in English.
 - In the case of tables, it should be in an open-editable format. (like Excel and Docx)
 - In case of graphs, it should be in an open-editable format. In case of non-editable format, ensure it is a high-quality PNG or JPG (300 dpi or more) or PDF (high quality).
 - In case of infographics, it should be in an open-editable format. In case of non-editable format, ensure it is a high-quality PNG or JPG (300 dpi or more) or PDF (high quality).
 - Authors are encouraged to upload/share images that align with their paper in the following format:
 - No less than 150 dpi.
 - Formats - PNG, JPG, TIFF and RAW
 - An open editable source file is preferred.
 - The papers shall be submitted in Word document (.doc/.docx) format only.
 - The word limit shall include footnotes that would elaborate on all sources being cited in APA format.
 - The manuscript needs to be proofread for proper vocabulary usage, including grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall structure before submission.
6. The author should ensure that they are updated with any correspondence on the Journal website.
7. In case of any queries, the team can be contacted at:
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This issues with the prior approval of the Editorial Board.

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All Concerned