

General Comment No. 10 – What it means

The **General Comment No. 10** by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child provides clear guidance to African governments on how to support children without parental care. It interprets Article 25 of the African Children's Charter and sets out what is required to ensure children grow up in safe, nurturing family environments.

It reinforces a critical shift across the continent: **moving away from institutional care towards family- and community-based solutions**. The General Comment calls for stronger systems to prevent family separation, prioritise kinship and foster care, and ensure that institutional care is used only as a last and temporary measure.

For FAFICA, this is a unifying framework for action. It provides a shared direction for governments, civil society, and partners across Africa to align efforts, strengthen systems, and scale what works to keep children in families.

As a continental alliance, FAFICA has played an important role in contributing to and shaping the General Comment, bringing together diverse voices from across Africa, including practitioners, advocates, and those with lived experience. Through this collective approach, FAFICA has helped ensure the guidance reflects African realities and priorities. Going forward, FAFICA's role is to support countries and partners to translate this into practice, driving coordination, advocacy, and learning across the continent to accelerate care reform and ensure every child grows up in a family.