



Statement by NIHR on the International Day of the Girl Child

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On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, the world commemorates this day on the 11th of October every year, with a view to supporting the full rights of girls, at political, social, economic, cultural or health levels, while providing more opportunities for hearing their voices due to the unprecedented challenges they face due to the simultaneous crises of climate change, COVID-19 and humanitarian conflicts in some countries of the world, which negatively affected their education and their physical and mental integrity.

The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated this year under the theme “**Our time is now – our rights, our future**”, to draw attention to the ability of girls to move the world towards progress, prosperity and development, on the one hand, and to emphasise that girls are partners in society, and their great roles and strength that qualifies them to obtain the highest and most prestigious positions in society, on the other hand, cannot be overlooked.

On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the continuous efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to put in place national legislation that guarantees the rights of children, especially the rights of girls, in accordance with the provisions of special international treaties and charters in this regard, as the Kingdom of Bahrain is one of the first countries to include in its constitution strict laws on the protection of children’s rights, especially the rights of girls.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it will continue to follow-up and monitor the extent of commitment to the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of the rights of the girl child, in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5 on “Gender Equality and Empowerment of All Women and Girls”.