

Statement by NIHR on the Occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) joins the international community in celebrating the International Day of the Girl Child, observed annually on October 11, which is dedicated to supporting, empowering, and promoting the rights of girls in all areas.

This year's theme, **“My Voice, the Change I Lead: Girls at the Forefront of Crises”**, was developed in consultation with girls' organizations, United Nations partners, and most importantly, with the active participation of girls themselves, reflecting their voices and aspirations for a more just and equitable future.

On this occasion, the NIHR commends the Kingdom of Bahrain for its continuous and dedicated efforts in supporting and protecting the rights of girls, driven by its firm belief in the essential role of girls as key partners in the process of development and nation-building. The Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain guarantees every child the right to enjoy all the elements of a decent life, including education, healthcare, proper nutrition, and comprehensive social care.

The NIHR reaffirms its commitment to continue monitoring and following up on Bahrain's compliance with relevant international conventions and treaties, particularly the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its optional protocols, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, among other international instruments that provide legal protection for girls, thereby enhancing their status and supporting their active participation in society.

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