Mother and Child Room
Islamic Republic of Iran
Population of Children in Iran

Based on the estimates and population projection of the Statistical Centre of Iran (2019)
Introduction

• As per the National Document on the Rights of the Child approved by the National Body on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (NBCRC), Iran’s Ministry of Interior (MoI) is responsible for formation of Secretariat of Child Friendly Cities in municipalities

• MoI has developed CFCI guidelines and policies to be observed by the municipalities.
Mother and Child Room

Safe and hygienic environment that can meet the needs of children such as breastfeeding, feeding, changing diaper etc for the age group between 0-6
Triggering points

➢ Facilitate participation of mothers in society
➢ Respect the dignity of women
➢ Easy access to social services for mothers to meet the needs of their children

➢ Improve physical and mental health of children and mothers
Who are involved in design and implementation

- Municipalities and rural areas organization
- Ministry of Interior
- Municipalities
- National standard organization
- City Council
- Private sector
- NGOs
Mol has required municipalities to:

- Establish a child-friendly city group/secretariat depending on their size and working on CFC
- Instructions for locating the Mother and Child room in all public places
➢ National Standard for Mother and Child Room
➢ Approval by the City Council for the construction of the Mother and Child room
➢ Development of Locating Guidelines and Safety Requirements for Mother and Child Rooms in Urban Public Spaces
Good Practices and the Beneficiaries

The number of mothers and children who have used the services in Tehran’s terminals

![Graph showing the number of mothers (with child) using Mother and Child Facilities in Inter-city Terminals in Tehran.](image-url)
A total of 4500 mothers and children used Mother and Child Facilities in Inter-city Terminals in Tehran in 2018.
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<td>Lack of mother and child rooms in all urban areas such as shopping malls, terminals</td>
<td>Requirement of all public places under construction to create a mother and child room with incorporated urban planning law</td>
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<td>Most of the current Mother and Child rooms do not meet the standards</td>
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<td>Use of mother and child room at specified hours in terminals (official)</td>
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Challenges

Not paying due attention to the needs of children who are living with disability
Lack of resources
Lack of awareness of mothers about the exisatnce of these rooms in public urban areas

Recommended solutions

Providing rooms with special amenities for children who are living with disability
Leverage the financial and nonfinancial support of the private sector
Use of guides or help signs and applications
Thank you