



ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION ON CHILDREN IN MALAYSIA AND ASSESSMENT OF CHILD-SENSITIVITY OF CURRENT ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION POLICIES: LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

- Qualitative method: content analysis and interviews/Focus group discussion.
- Primary materials: statutes, case law, government policy papers, reports of government and non-governmental organisation, international conventions.
- Secondary materials: textbooks, journal and non-journal articles, seminar papers, and other legal and non-legal literature.

Content analysis involved: examine current policy and law, identify inadequacies, drawbacks and other loophole, and propose suggestions/improvement within the legal framework.

Interview/Focus group discussion: Legal personnel, regulatory officers and so on.

Are Environmental and Climate Change Legal Framework in Malaysia Child-Sensitive?



HYPOTHESIS:

Because children's need is particularly overlooked or otherwise given limited attention within climate and environmental law, while on the other hand law relating to children and public health do not address harms associated with environmental or climate change impacts, efforts should be undertaken to review the current legal framework. Through the review, gaps within the law could be identified, and options proposed, towards improvement and effectiveness of the law in protecting children's wellbeing from pollution and climate impacts.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

- 1. to identify related legal frameworks,
- 2. to examine linkages among these frameworks, both in relation to environmental protection, and regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation,
- 3. to analyze these legal frameworks in the context of child-sensitivity,
- 4. to identify gap in the law.

LEGAL FRAMEWORKS EXAMINED:

- The Constitution,
- Legal Framework on Environmental protection
- Legal framework on Child Protection,
- Legal Framework on Public health Protection,
- Legal Framework on Climate Change