



# **Local perceptions, global challenges: Children's migration and the shaping of childhoods in Zimbabwe**

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# Unaccompanied child migration from Zimbabwe

- Traditions of migration
- Crisis
- Recent migration



# Coping with unaccompanied child migration

- Institutional cooperation
- Reception Centers
- Maltreatment in SA and Botswana
- Moderate changes in SA
- Shifts in responsibilities
- Policy vs. reality
- From aid to development



# It's a matter of perspective: Childhoods in the global north

- Why does it matter?
- Modern perceptions
- Nationalism
- Post-structuralism



# It's a matter of perspective: Childhoods in Africa

- Pre-colonial childhoods: Philosophy, intergenerational dynamics, responsibilities, rites of passage
- Colonial childhoods: Education, economy, legal systems
- Ambivalent youth



# Childhoods in Zimbabwe

- Pre-colonial childhood: The ruling of elders
- Adolescence: Ethnicity; Spaces
- Economic transformations: Labor, migration, urbanization, elders domination
- Anti-colonial struggle and early independence
- Contemporary childhoods



**Thank You.**

