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Chinese mothers are enjoying improved services in raising the country's future generations. Save the Children, an independent children's aid agency has put China seven spots higher this year in its global ranking on mother's conditions.

Strong political will and a sizable investment has greatly improved services for Chinese mothers and children.

China currently ranks 61st out of 178 countries, ahead of fellow large economies such as Brazil, South Africa and India.

"In China we've seen a 70 percent improvement in mortality rate, as well as improvement in under-five mortality rate," said Pia MacRae, China Director for Save the Children.

The State of the World's Mothers report measures five indicators: maternal mortality, the under-five mortality rate, schooling, per capita income and women's participation in politics.

With a special focus on humanitarian crises, this year's report looks at how armed conflict, political instability and natural disasters undermine the well-being of mothers and children.

Overall, the peaceful and affluent European country of Finland ranks as the best place to be a mother, while the African country of Somalia, with years of armed conflict and general poverty, came in last.

Experts says a stable environment, with better healthcare, is direly needed for women in these low-ranking countries.

"In China we see a different issue emerging, which is how to go that last mile to make sure all mothers get the health services they need," MacRae said.

Save the Children is an independent organization for children in need, with programs in 120 countries. Its annual Mother's Index creates political momentum for world governments to make a change for mothers and children.