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Foreword

For ECPAT network members (currently 109), the year 2018 was highlighted when the International Assembly convened in Bogotá. This triennial event provided an opportunity to embark on a critical assessment regarding the fight against child sexual exploitation around the world, and to update ECPAT network's and International Secretariat's agenda for the next three years. The 4 strategic goals which emerged will inform ECPAT's collective work, i.e. to put the voices and perspectives of children at the heart of its work; to improve and update knowledge and evidence; to encourage multi-stakeholders and multi-sectoral partnerships; and to develop ECPAT's network. This strategic framework represents a continuity of the previous one, with a greater emphasis on accountability. As stressed by this 2018 annual report and especially through the orientation of multi-year programmes, ECPAT France is committed to putting these strategies into operation within its own particular context in the next three years.

This annual report describes the different projects ECPAT France participated to or managed in 2018. Each of these projects results from mutual exchanges, meetings, lessons learnt and experimentations undertaken for the past several years. This synoptic annual snapshot fails to capture the path taken, approaches initiated and the flows of information and exchange around these projects. Efforts made for several years are bearing fruit and this year, we are particularly pleased for obtaining European Union funding aimed to support the creation of a pilot emergency and accommodation centre for children suspected of being victims of trafficking in France, in partnership with Koutcha association.

Since its beginning, ECPAT France has drawn up its strategies by integrating transnational action. This choice to intervene "here and there" is at the heart of our identity. This year, this commitment is reflected through an ambitious research work covering two countries (France and Nigeria) made possible thanks to a collaboration between several NGOs and research institutes, namely les Amis du Bus des Femmes, the National Centre for Scientific Research and the French Institute for Research in Africa as part of PACKING project. The research called "Religious, social and criminal groups in trafficking of Nigerian girls and women" was published early 2019.

The sexual exploitation of children affects the most intimate aspects of being human, and this is why eradicating this scourge remains urgent. Yet, this will only be possible by reinventing partnerships to keep broadening the experience and undertake a more tailored action. At our level, this will be our priority for the years to come.



Philippe Chevillard
Président d'ECPAT France



2018 in figures



Staff numbers in
France and abroad

34 including
18 women



Acting for Life staff members
providing administrative
and financial functions to
ECPAT

6



Ongoing projects

13



Operational
partnerships

38



French collectives or
networks of which
ECPAT is a member

8



Laws and strategic
frameworks
commented on

4



Meetings with the
Government or
with independent
bodies

16



1 096 followers



2 110 Likes



2018 Budget

4 913 250
Euros



Total funding obtained on
ongoing projects

5 683 917
Euros

What happened in 2018, in France and worldwide?

01 JANUARY

The Lanzarote Committee submitted its second implementation report of the Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse, focused on protection strategies against sexual abuse in the circle of trust.

<https://rm.coe.int/t-es-2017-12-en-final-report-cot-strategies-with-executive-summary/1680788770>

02 FEBRUARY

ECPAT International and INTERPOL published the report "Towards a global indicator on unidentified victims in child sexual exploitation material".

<https://www.ecpat.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/TOWARDS-A-GLOBAL-INDICATOR-ON-UNIDENTIFIED-VICTIMS-IN-CHILD-SEXUAL-EXPLOITATION-MATERIAL-Summary-Report.pdf>

03 MARCH

At the request of the Government to amend its orientation law (LOP-DSI), French National Council for development and international solidarity (CNDSI) convened on 22 March to discuss a general and programming law project on inclusive development and the fight against global inequalities [*still in draft stage*].

05 MAY

The Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) published its 7th General report including a thematic chapter on child trafficking. Based on country-by-country monitoring, the report issues recommendations to member States.

<https://rm.coe.int/greta-2018-1-7gr-en/16807af20e>

06 JUNE

The first International Summit on Child Protection in Travel and Tourism was hosted in Bogotá DC, Colombia, on 6-7 June 2018. More than 450 leaders and international experts from law enforcement agencies, NGOs and the tourism private sector attended the summit, which concluded with an Action Plan.

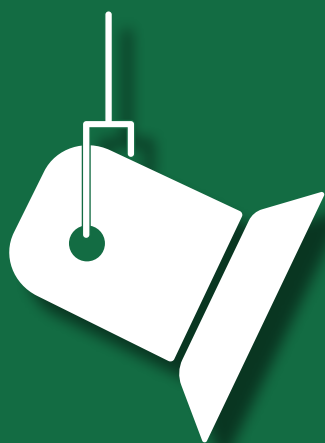
<https://www.wttc.org/-/media/files/reports/2018/child-protection-call-for-action-summit-2018.pdf>

The Lanzarote Committee released a Declaration on protecting refugee and migrant children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

<https://rm.coe.int/declaration-on-protecting-migrant-and-refugee-children-against-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse/16808b78d9>

08 AUGUST

On 5 August 2018, the Law of 3 August 2018 on reinforcing the fight against gender-based and sexual violence (Schiappa law) was promulgated in French Official Journal. This law is inconsistent with the Council of Europe Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, which stipulates that each Party shall decide the age below which it is prohibited to engage in sexual activities with a child.



09 SEPTEMBER

On 10 September 2018, the Law on asylum and immigration was promulgated in France, despite the joint communication directed to the Government by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons. This law does not take into account the specificity of trafficking victims (<http://contrelatraite.org/index.php/node/382>) and provides for the registration of unaccompanied minors.

MP Hervé Berville published a report to modernize the partnership strategy for development, entitled *Un monde commun, un avenir pour chacun* (a common world, a future for everyone).

https://www.gouvernement.fr/sites/default/files/document/document/2018/09/rapport_de_m._herve_berville_depute_-_modernisation_de_la_politique_partenariale_de_developpement_-_aout_2018.pdf

10 OCTOBER

During its 2018 sessions, the Third Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations on social, humanitarian and cultural issues discussed the global situation of child sexual exploitation and the vulnerability of women to human trafficking.

<https://www.un.org/press/fr/2018/agshc4244.doc.htm>

11 NOVEMBER

The United Nations Forum on business and human rights is the world's largest annual gathering on business and human rights. A session organised by International Tourism Partnership and ECPAT International explored the issue of "human rights due diligence in practice in the tourism sector."

12 DECEMBER

Adopted on 19 December 2018, the Global Compact for Safe Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) covers all dimensions of international migration. Child protection stakeholders are vigilant in ensuring the best interests of the child.

<http://www.lostinmigration.eu/Recommendations2019>

ECPAT International, together with more than 50 other child rights NGOs, responded to the proposition of amending EU online privacy policy. As it stands, the law prohibits the use of specialized software making it possible to track child sexual abuse material. [The proposal for a regulation concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications) is currently under review in Brussels].

On 27 December 2018, the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography

and other child sexual abuse material addressed the issue of sale and sexual exploitation of children in the context of sports. She urged all States to invoke the liability of legal persons and to ensure commensurate sanctions against actors who have directly participated in or facilitated the sale and sexual exploitation of children.

https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?m=102

On 28 December, Ille-et-Vilaine MP Mustapha Laabid filed a legal proposal aiming to specifically address the issue of child prostitution. The proposed law seeks to adapt legislation to the several specificities of this issue, particularly through the development of social and legal services and the fight against collective denial.

<http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/15/propositions/pion1650.asp>

UNODC published its 4th Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Based on information collected from 142 countries, the report provides a comprehensive overview of trends and flows of trafficking in persons at the global, regional and national levels. UNODC also produced a report on trafficking in persons in the particular context of armed conflicts.

https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/glotip/2018/GLOTiP_2018_BOOK_web_small.pdf

https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/glotip/2018/GloTIP2018_BOOKLET_2_Conflict.pdf

Our projects

The projects presented in this report have been initiated, funded and operated by, with and thanks to other French, European and Southern organisations (*see Partnerships*).



Our change goals

The ECPAT network has identified several key areas of intervention to end the sexual exploitation of children. Our projects aim at contributing to these change goals.



Reducing demand for sexual intercourse with children, through research on perpetrators' behaviours and the means they use.



Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices promoting the protection of children against sexual exploitation.



Strengthened legislation and justice systems, through support to reinforce national response and law enforcement, and engagement with global and regional bodies to promote and protect rights.



Promoting legal, recovery and reintegration and other social services and support for children.



Reduced risks and vulnerability of children to sexual exploitation, in a context of rapid changes in technology, services and infrastructure, through the innovative use of technology and the promotion of corporate social responsibility.



Strengthened leadership, policies, systems and resource allocation to address the sexual exploitation of children at global and national levels.



Reduced poverty and economic conditions that increase children's vulnerability to sexual exploitation and promote perpetration at all levels.

Insight into our work: a selection of 12 activities

January

A mission was organised to allow the researchers of Nigeria-based French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA) to meet young Nigerian women in situation of prostitution in Paris and monitored by Les Amis du Bus des Femmes, PACKING project's partner organization. These meetings were also intended to foster dialogue between French and Nigerian stakeholders as part of PACKING research on the involvement of social, religious and criminal groups in the trafficking of Nigerian girls and women. (<https://ecpat-france.fr/en/french-european-publications/>).

March

A new edition of the "Don't Look Away" contest has been launched in collaboration with ACPE and the FFTST. Tourism students were invited to create a poster with an original message and image aiming at raising awareness among tourists and travellers against child sexual exploitation. More than 80 posters were submitted, and the proposal of IEFT Lyon students won 1st place.



May

The *Authentic Sisters* trial began in Paris on 14 May 2018 and ended on 30 May. 16 persons including 11 women were in the dock. The investigation had been initiated in 2014 following a complaint lodged by one of the victims of this trafficking network. The Police has found about 50 young Nigerian victims of trafficking orchestrated by a women-pimps club called the Authentic Sisters. ECPAT France was an interested party.

February

Together with CIFIHDA, ECPAT France office team in Ouagadougou organised an awareness and information workshop for 30 members of Burkina Faso's Parliament on the situation of child sexual exploitation (scope and consequences on children, families and society). As part of PARLE programme advocacy activities, this workshop aimed to highlight the crucial role of public authorities in preventing and protecting children victims.



April

The Responsible traveller's guide in Madagascar provides 12 tips to travellers aimed to protect children. It has been developed by ECPAT France, Madagascar's Ministry of Tourism, Madagascar's National Tourist information office, TUI France, Air France and the French Development Agency as part of ESCALE project in Madagascar. The guide is available in English and Italian.

June

In collaboration with ECPAT France and UYDEL, and as part of PARLE programme, RISE Learning network project team facilitated a training session on the development of participatory researches in Madagascar and Uganda with young survivors of sexual exploitation. These training sessions allowed to launch 2 research projects in both countries, in order to learn from the experiences of children and young people victims of sexual exploitation and to improve reintegration and rehabilitation policies and practices. (<https://ecpat-france.fr/publications-a-linternational/>).

July

Together with ECPAT France and ECPAT Luxembourg, PAX project partners in Morocco (Al KARAM, AMANE, ANIR, BAYTI, KEEP SMILING, WIDAD and 100% MAMANS) gathered to discuss the project orientation and to exchange practices. The meeting was the occasion to better understand the activities developed by the different partners and to share awareness tools.

September

The CNCDH approached the Collective AEDE to organise an hearing on the group's opinion regarding the fight against sexual violence. ECPAT France was a member of the group's delegation and on 4 September, we had the opportunity to express our views in relation to the overall architecture of sexual violence offences within the criminal code (and specifically the issue of the age-limit below which a child is considered not to be able to consent) and prevention strategies.



November

In the context of AMINA project coordinated by Missing Children Europe, ECPAT France facilitated a multi-disciplinary workshop on protection measures implemented in situations of disappearance and trafficking of unaccompanied minors. The guiding concept was to simulate a fictitious case involving a prosecutor, a lawyer, guardians, officers responsible for asylum applications, etc. The same exercise was conducted in 5 other European countries. The findings of these workshops identified the following three priorities: the immediate appointment of a legal representative, the need to increase the accommodation capacity to shelter and take care of these children and the importance of better training for professionals.



August

As part of RANAVALONA project, 12 tales were published in Madagascar, called "12 stories to say no to sexual violence against girls in Madagascar". These children's stories highlight the historical discrimination faced by girls in the country and promote values and behaviours allowing girls to access their rights. They were published to be disseminated in schools and communities.

October

In October, "Don't Pay With Your Life" information campaign was launched on Facebook. Through testimonials, web-fiction series and articles produced in collaboration with Nigerian grassroots organisations, this campaign aimed to inform girls (and boys) from Edo State in Nigeria about human trafficking, and more specifically regarding the risks in the context of migration from Nigeria to Europe.

December

As part of SAFE project, the departments of the North, Pas de Calais, Isère and Meurthe and Moselle discussed temporary and volunteer foster family mechanisms for unaccompanied foreign minors through a series of exchange workshops between department representatives and NGOs involved in this issue. The third workshop was held in Nancy and focused on tools already produced or under development aimed to present the fostering project and to recruit and select families taking on unaccompanied minors.

FRANCE

CAP Project



Funding: Foundations



Start of project: 1 October 2017



The project aims to improve the identification and referral of victims of trafficking, especially through capacity-building of professionals working with children and the improvement of protection mechanisms.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Promoting recovery, reintegration and other social services]

Training of 84 professionals on human trafficking; coordination of a project proposal regarding the creation of an anonymous centre for children victims of trafficking; creation of leaflets and/or videos for and with foreign minors on access to rights in Bengali, Darija, Spanish, Lingala, Peul, Somali, Soussou, Wolof, Italian, Bambara, Malinke, Urdu, Dioula, Soninké, Serbo-Croatian and Chadian Arabic.



[Strengthened legislation and justice systems]

Involvement in government-established consultations; participation in the development of collective positioning (Together against trafficking group and Acting together for the Rights of the Child (AEDE) group).



[Strengthened leadership]

Advocacy for a second National Action Plan; contributions to UN and European bodies (GRETA, Human Rights Committee); participation in the EU civil society platform against trafficking in human beings.



FRANCE

SAFE Project



Partners: Departments of the North, Pas de Calais, Isère, Meurthe and Moselle



Funding: Foundations



Start of project: 1 January 2018



The project aims to develop foster care for unaccompanied migrant minors.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Promoting social services]

1 comparative study on practices was produced; 3 interdepartmental workshops were organized on the topic of foster families (status, remuneration and supervision) and on family recruitment and support practices.

FRANCE - EUROPE

AMINA Project



Funding: Missing Children Europe



Start of project: 1 July 2017



This project aims to address the weaknesses of protection mechanisms that foster the disappearance and exploitation of unaccompanied foreign minors in the particular context of their mobility between European countries, and to promote an environment where procedures are primarily aimed at the best interests of the child.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Strengthened legislation and justice systems]

Participation in 2 multi-country workshops; organisation and facilitation of a fictitious case simulation in France; contribution to a good practices report.

FRANCE - EUROPE

KOUTCHA Project



Partners: Koutcha Association (France), Centre Esperanto (Belgium)



Funding: European Commission



This project aims to improve reception and accommodation conditions for children suspected of being victims of trafficking in Europe, especially those subjected to criminal networks. The project plans for the creation of a pilot centre in France that will be managed by Koutcha association based on the model and experience developed by Centre Esperanto in Belgium. Both centres are designed to put children's safety and protection first, while supporting and guiding them to build a new life project, both in a holistic (legal, judicial, health, educational, professional, psychological) and an individualized way (respecting the children and their culture), to allow their integration into society. On a broader level, the project will enable meetings and dialogue between professionals working in care structures from several countries to better meet these children's needs.



Achievements in 2018: The project launching workshop was held in December 2018.

PACKING Project



Partners: Amis du Bus des Femmes, CNRS, IFRA, Girls' Power Initiative



Funding: EU



Start of project: 1 January 2017



The project aims to prevent and protect girls and young women from Edo region in Nigeria against violence, and particularly against human trafficking for sexual purposes. The project plans to develop a community-based information campaign, to support girls at risk of departing or of re-victimisation, and to improve knowledge on trafficking networks.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices]

37,353 children were informed by the students trained in 2017; 1 outreach programme on trafficking was broadcast on the radio on a weekly basis; 5 campaigns were organised on markets and 5 campaigns in bus stations.



[Reduced risks through the innovative use of technology]

4 Web-series and 12 videos were shot to feed "Don't Pay with Your Life!" campaign on social networks.



[Promoting recovery and reintegration services]

10 repatriated girls received support and reintegration monitoring.



[Reduced poverty]

50 disadvantaged households were assisted (tuition support for children, economic empowerment).



[Strengthened justice systems]

1 report (publication in March 2019) was developed to study the involvement of Ladies' clubs, shrines and cultist groups in the trafficking in human beings.

FOCUS

"DON'T PAY WITH YOUR LIFE!" CAMPAIGN

PACKING project aims to raise awareness among young women and children exposed to trafficking networks. In addition to prevention activities in schools, a Facebook campaign targeting girls from Edo State has been widely spread to warn against the false idyllic picture reflected by the Nigerian community in France.

This campaign, which slogan ("Don't Pay With Your Life!") was proposed by young Nigerian beneficiaries of Le Bus des Femmes association in Paris, has been disseminated on a dedicated page for 6 months.

Several tools were created in order to feed the Facebook page with awareness contents targeting young Nigerian women living in Edo State:

Short videos from testimonies: A photojournalist went to Libya and Nigeria to gather the stories of young women who tried to go to Europe through Libya. The young women were asked about the reasons for leaving, their travels' conditions and the risks faced on the migration route. 12 videos were then made to underline key messages from these testimonies: the crossing of the Mediterranean Sea, the traffickers' lies, the Libyan hell, disappointed hopes and dreams, etc.

Web-fiction series: Girls' Power Initiative (GPI), Nigerian project partner, has created four 12-episode Nollywood-type fictions about the reality of migration and trafficking (recruitment, paths, abortions when returning home, etc.). Those videos were made from cases shared by the NAPTIP and stories of girls supported by GPI.

Regular posts to keep the page active: Teasers were produced to complete the series and advertise the next episode and its topic. Moreover, press articles, polls, tweets and excerpts of speeches by influential figures, such as Oba from Benin City, were published.

RESULTS

170 publications

461,657 interactions,
including:



276,341
views



144,673
Likes



1,133
comments



1,990
publication
sharing

378,284 people reached, of which:



96%
are
women



4%
are
men



15% are
between
13 and 17
years old



69% are
between
18 and 24
years old



16% are
between
25 and 34
years old



93,5% come
from Edo State
in Nigeria

FRANCE - EUROPE

ALERT ACTORS REPORT Project



Partners: ECPAT Austria,
ECPAT Belgium,
ECPAT Germany,
DCI-ECPAT Netherlands



Funding: EU



Start of project: 1 September 2018



Alert Actors Report project has 3 main objectives: to build a strong and protective environment in the travel and tourism sector for children against sexual exploitation, through increased travellers' awareness, training of professionals and future professionals and private sector commitment; to strengthen cooperation between the different stakeholders in 5 European countries; and to improve reporting mechanisms to better understand reports of child sexual exploitation, especially by developing quality standards and training for professionals.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Reducing demand]

Production of 1 comparative research on reporting mechanisms in 5 European countries.



[Promoting private sector commitment]

466 tourism students in France were informed on the issue of child sexual exploitation in travel and tourism.

MOROCCO

PAX Project



Partners: ECPAT Luxembourg,
ANIR, BAYTI, 100% mamans, AL
KARAM, WIDAD, KEEP SMILING



Funding: AFD, ECPAT
Luxembourg, Cooperation and
Humanitarian action of the
Luxembourg Foreign and European
affairs Ministry



Start of project: 1 January 2017



The project aims to prevent and protect children and young people from sexual exploitation, especially in the context of travel and tourism in Morocco, by informing, mobilizing, building capacity and coordinating key stakeholders. The objectives are to reduce the exposure of children and young people to sexual exploitation; to develop private sector commitment (particularly from the tourism industry) to the fight against this scourge; and to strengthen identification and reintegration mechanisms for victims.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices]

2 videos were developed with children to increase awareness among children, families and the general public on the issue of sexual exploitation; 1,253 girls and 1,104 boys were informed (information about their rights and self-protection programme); 413 families were sensitized to the issue and received information to better protect their children.



[Promoting private sector commitment]

64 students and 66 tourism professionals were trained on the issue of sexual exploitation in travel and tourism (manifestations, reporting mechanisms, etc).



[Promoting reintegration services]

34 girls and 14 boys victims of sexual violence were monitored by partner organisations; 24 child protection officers were trained on how to deal with children victims of sexual exploitation.

MADAGASCAR

ESCALE Project



Partners: Cœur et Conscience, SOS Village d'enfants Tuléar, CDEF, Tandem, SOS Village d'Enfants Tananarivo, Association ManaoDE Agir pour les Droits de l'Enfant, Manda NGO, Tsinjo Manampy Ny Ankizy NGO, Aina NGO, Enfance et Avenir



Funding: AFD, Australian Aid



Start of project: 1 September 2016



This project aims to reduce the demand for sexual intercourse with minors by improving state and community-based child protection systems in tourist cities, and strengthening reintegration and rehabilitation services.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices]

Publication of the Responsible traveller's guide; 1,039 students and 1,618 young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods were informed on non-violent affective and sexual relationships; 3 men's groups, 8 grass-root organisations and 4 mothers' and fathers' associations were trained to combat gender violence.



[Promoting recovery and reintegration services]

274 members of child protection networks in Nosy Be, Mahajanga, Diego Suarez, Antsirabe and Toliara were trained; 200 children were provided with care and reintegration services.



[Promoting private sector commitment]

105 tourism students were informed in Fianarantsoa, Antananarivo and Mahajanga; 161 tourism professionals were trained; promotion of The Code of Conduct (inspection visits to 180 signatories in Toliara, Mahajanga, Diego Suarez, Nosy Be; 55 new members); production of 1 analytical report on the way the media deal with children and childhood.

MADAGASCAR

RANAVALONA Project



Partners: Tandem, Association antiviolence, CDEF – Scout et Jeunes animateurs FISA, Cœur et Conscience, Vorongeze association



Funding: UN trust fund to end violence against women.



Start of project: 15 April 2017



The project aims to support the reintegration and access to justice of young girls survivors of sexual exploitation, especially by encouraging their communities' understanding and involvement and by preventing violence.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices]

1 training manual on "new masculinities"; 11 men groups and 68 children's clubs were created; 483 community leaders were trained; 2,287 community members were informed; 12 tales were published; 1 research on sexual violence is underway.



[Promoting recovery and reintegration services]

78 girls were monitored in their reintegration; 167 social workers were trained on care techniques.



[Promoting private sector commitment]

93 journalists were trained; 1 Media Observatory was functional.

MULTI-COUNTRY

PARLE Project



Partners: ECPAT France/ECPAT Luxembourg/ECPAT International; ANTD, ANPPCAN, CIFDHA, Communauté ABEL, KEOOGO, RISE Learning Network, SOS Violences sexuelles, UNDUGU Society of Kenya, UYDEL



Funding: AFD, Cooperation and Humanitarian action of the Luxembourg Foreign and European affairs Ministry, ECPAT International, Foundation of France



Start of project: 1 January 2018



This multi-country programme in Africa aims to reduce children's vulnerability to sexual exploitation, by involving children and young people in prevention and protection projects. Recommendations made by children, as well as other activities carried out as part of the programme, will promote change in policies, laws and programmes to combat the sexual exploitation of children in Africa.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



[Promoting recovery and reintegration services]

1,297 children victims of sexual exploitation were identified and guided (depending on the circumstances, the children were provided with psychological counselling, clothing, health and food assistance, the possibility to be accommodated in emergency reception centres, medical care, etc.); 40 children and young people took part in participatory researches in Uganda (26 girls and boys) and in Madagascar (14 girls) to question and be questioned about the factors that facilitated their reintegration.



[Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices]

6,172 children and young people attended information and awareness sessions during social street work, recreational days, self-protection sessions and more specific awareness days on HIV or early pregnancy, etc. Among them, 124 were trained to be peer educators to spread self-protection messages to other children and young people; 42 children spoke about their experience through creative workshops held in Mali, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Nigeria regarding the sexual exploitation they suffered.



[Strengthened legislation and justice systems]

Participation in consultations made by governments, which resulted in the development of a new National Action Plan in Kenya and the revision of Burkina Faso Criminal Code regarding sexual violence.



[Strengthened leadership]

Contribution to human rights bodies (21 recommendations included in the concluding observations of the universal periodic review or in the final comments of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Niger, Burkina Faso and Senegal).



Financial report



2018 financial year

ECPAT France financial statements are audited annually by a statutory auditor, Cabinet Farec. The financial statements are then published in the French Official Journal. The following presentation is a summary and complies with the accounting regulations specific to charity organizations. It specifically takes into account the impact of projects undertaken over several years (on average 2 to 3 years).

Projects co-funded by institutional donors are also subject to regular expenditure verification audits.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2018	2017	Var.
	€k	€k	€k
INCOME			
<i>Operating income</i>			
Production sold (goods and services)			
Operating grants	3,041	2,443	598
Write back of depreciation and provisions, cost transfers	13	26	-13
<i>Financial income</i>			0
Total (I)	3,054	2,469	585
<i>Extraordinary income (II)</i>			0
<i>Carry forwards of funds not used in previous years (III)</i>	1,902	2,441	-539
Total assets (I+II+III)	4,956	4,910	46
EXPENSES			
<i>Operating expenses</i>			
Other external charges	256	448	-192
Taxes and duty	12	8	4
Wages	297	280	17
Social security services	124	109	15
Depreciation	0	0	0
Provisions			0
Grants awarded by the association	1,615	1,124	491
<i>Financial expenses</i>			0
Total (I)	2,304	1,970	334
<i>Extraordinary expenses (II)</i>			0
<i>Commitments to be discharged against allocated resources (III)</i>	2,610	2,895	-286
Total expenditure (I+II+III)	4,913	4,865	48
PROFIT/LOSS	43	45	-2

The income statement presents the year's activity highlighting the main lines of income and expenses. Year-to-year fluctuations reflect the project cycle, with a renewal carried out every 3 to 4 years.

Income

At 31/12/2018 funds amounted to €4,956k as against €4,910k at 31/12/2017, which resulted in an increase of €46k. This variation is mainly due to an increase in operating grants (+€598k) and to a decrease in carry forwards of funds not used in previous years (-€539), in direct connection with the completion of several projects in 2017.

In 2018, 4 new projects have been initiated : PARLE programme (€1,356k) co-funded by the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Foundation of France and implemented in West Africa and Madagascar; Alert Actors Project (€229k) co-funded by the European Union (€500k) and implemented in Europe; and the projects KOUTCHA co-funded by the European Union (€500k) and CAP (€196k), implemented in France.

Carry forward of funds not used in previous financial years comprises recoveries of dedicated funds recognized at the beginning of the financial year. It corresponds to funds set aside to cover the (present and future) costs of the projects that have not yet been disbursed at the start of the financial year.

Expenses

Grants awarded by the association account for 70% of operating expenses. These are essentially transfers of funds made to local partners to implement projects. The increase observed reflects the start of 4 new projects over the year.

Commitments to be discharged against allocated funds correspond to funds already received to be allocated to subsequent years of ongoing projects or projects planned but not yet finally put in place. The increase reflects the start of new projects over the year.

BALANCE SHEET

	2018 gross €k	Depr. & prov.	2018 Net €k	2017 Net €k	Variance €k
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ASSETS

<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Tangible assets	17	16	1	0	0
<i>Current assets</i>			-		0
Other receivables	1,147		1,147	842	305
Liquid assets	2,404		2,404	2,406	-2
Cash			-	0	0
<i>Prepaid expenses</i>	3		3	3	0
TOTAL ASSETS	3,267	16	3,251	2,548	703

LIABILITIES

<i>Equity</i>					0
Association funds			400	355	45.3
Operating profit/loss			43	45	-2
Provision for risks and charges					0
<i>Dedicated funds</i>			2,969	2,323	646
<i>Payables</i>					0
Loans and similar debts			50	287	-237
Accounts payables			16	75	-58.8
Tax and social security			76	77	-1
Other payables			-	89	-89
<i>Deferred income</i>			-	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES			3,555	3,251	303.5

The balance sheet shows the position of ECPAT France at 31 December 2018.

Assets

The association's assets are essentially made up of grants receivable ("other receivables") and cash.

Receivables from AFD (€567k), the European Union (€161k) and the UN trust fund to end violence against women (€149k) comprise 76% of other receivables.

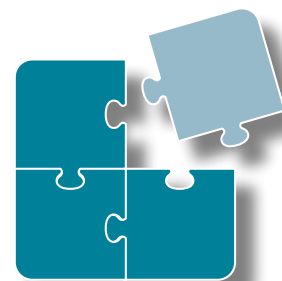
The increase is due to the start of 4 new projects in 2018.

Liabilities

Dedicated funds correspond to funds dedicated to the implementation of projects in coming years. The increase (+28%) is due to the start of 4 new projects in 2018.

Loans and similar debts correspond to two bank accounts receivable as at 31/12/2018, with no impact on the overall cash position as they are included in the globally positive merger of the accounts set up for cash permanent monitoring.

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