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Foreword



The year 2020 has been particularly significant for our planet as a whole. At a time of global focus on health and economic issues, protecting the most vulnerable and their voices must not be forgotten.

The global health crisis of COVID-19 and the massive lockdowns put in place throughout the world have badly shaken and transformed both contexts of child protection and child exploitation, along with border shutdowns.

Thereby, the closure of schools and protection services combined with the withdrawal of "on-site" activities and the development of remote work have undermined most identification and investigation means used by child protection stakeholders working on the field. At the same time, the increased presence of children in their homes has been conducive to their further isolation and unprotected exposure to digital technology. It should be noted that for some, lockdowns have unfortunately translated into being locked up with their molester(s).

The economic impact is still being assessed, but World Bank figures suggest a recession similar to that experienced after World War II.

If sexual exploitation and abuse in the context of travel and tourism has been mechanically slowed down, this is not the case for online violence: let's not forget that victims may have been recorded during their assault and that the consumption of child sexual abuse material has literally exploded. The dematerialised nature of these images in no way diminishes the reality of the assault.

The combination of these factors (weakening of protection mechanisms, isolation of [potential] victims and economic crisis) 'enriches' the breeding ground for child sexual exploitation. Besides, this violence against children affects all

socio-cultural, ethnic, economic and geographical categories without distinction.

Impacts and consequences of the COVID-19 crisis are yet to be fully assessed, but today it is clear that child exploitation is becoming increasingly multifaceted and uses both offline and online means to claim new victims.

The particular situation of the year 2020 has compelled ECPAT France to freeze, rethink and redeploy its strategy and projects to better meet the needs of children throughout this crisis and prepare for the aftermath. Indeed, emergency support measures had to be implemented and after being suspended, some activities had to be adjusted using other formats.

Empowered by its support network, ECPAT France continues its work to end child sexual exploitation in all its forms as reflected in this report. It is also an opportunity to thank once again all those committed to this fight at our side.

Philippe Chevillard
ECPAT France president

2020 in figures



44 Staff numbers in France and abroad, including 20 women



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



13 Ongoing projects



38 Operational partnerships



6 French collectives or networks of which ECPAT France is a member



1 225
Followers



2 735
Likes



2020 Budget
3,342,833
Euros



Total funding obtained on ongoing projects in 2020
7,893,094
Euros

What happened in 2020?

January

Lamberth trial - For the first time in France, a child sex offender was convicted for being an accessory to a sexual assault against a child under 15 regarding live-streaming acts. This highly publicised trial led to the adoption of a law defining a new autonomous offence. Indeed, soliciting the commission of a rape in return for payment is now reprehensible in itself, whether or not the crime is committed. The new law criminalises solicitation to commit crimes, including sexual assaults, even abroad and even if the offences have not been committed or attempted. Thus, the rules regarding French law jurisdiction were modified in space, to allow for the trial in France of accessories to offences committed abroad in the absence of evidence regarding the conviction of the perpetrator by the foreign jurisdiction.

A television report on M6 (French TV channel) highlighted the weaknesses of child protection services and the need for resources and staff training in order to strengthen protection of and attention to children.

February

French circular n° DGCS/SD2B/DGS/SP1/2020/34

on contractual agreements between prefects, regional health agencies and the department of child protection came into force. French State is willing to provide funding to applicant departments to implement the 2020-2022 national strategy on child prevention and protection built around four main lines of action:

- 👁 To act as early as possible to meet the needs of children and their families;
- 👁 To secure the paths of protected children and to prevent breakdowns;
- 👁 To empower children and guarantee their rights;
- 👁 To prepare their future and secure their adult life, in line with the measures included in the national strategy to prevent and combat poverty aimed at putting an end to children leaving social welfare without a solution.

Strategies were therefore put in place to enhance the means to process alarming information and to give greater weight to children's voices.

March

French President Emmanuel Macron announced a national lockdown. All schools were closed and children had to continue their education online. At the same time, similar measures were being implemented worldwide with border shutdowns. Around 3.4 billion people, half the world's population, were forced to comply with these measures. INTERPOL member countries reported that child protection and perpetrators tracking systems were undermined. INTERPOL warned that while there had been a decline in assaults and acts committed by child offenders particularly in the context of travel and tourism, other preying methods might have been developing, especially online.

April

ECPAT International

published the website "Why children are at risk of sexual exploitation during COVID-19", available at <https://ecpat.exposure.co/covid19?embed=true>

A UN report emphasised that "Spending more time on virtual platforms can leave children vulnerable to online sexual exploitation as predators capitalize on the COVID-19 pandemic".

The French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights

developed a series of 24 recommendations to implement a "national reference mechanism", essential tool of a policy to prevent human trafficking and exploitation.

May

End of lockdown began in France, with schools progressively welcoming back children in half-groups while the remaining children continued their education remotely.

July

The European Union adopted its strategy "for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse" taking into account offline and online sexual abuse.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, published a report highlighting victims' rights and due diligence obligations of States to provide protection, and insisting on "the implementation of the rights of trafficked persons to effective remedies and the non-punishment principle".

October

Judicial actions

implemented to end trafficking in Ivory Coast were assessed. In partnership with Expertise France, the central government, regional authorities and judicial courts evaluated the impact of actions undertaken against human trafficking. The international cooperation programme for police training on combating trafficking was launched in Ivory Coast.

November

The 2020 annual report on the Rights of the Child

called "Taking into account the voices of children: a right for children, a duty for adults" (in French) was published. The human rights defender, Claire Hédon, underlined the necessity to consider children as agents of their own rights.

December

Law N°037-2020/AN on the promotion of health care facilities in Burkina Faso

was adopted. It provides child protection stakeholders with access to health care services for child victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. Indeed, access to medical care services in Burkina Faso remains one of the main issues for stakeholders and victims. Expansion of private health establishments' competences makes it possible to improve this care.

The Electronic Communications Code

extending the scope of the EU ePrivacy Directive came into force. As a result, the technology used by service providers to search for, report and remove child sexual abuse material became illegal. This legislation is a grave blow to the fight against online child sexual abuse in Europe and worldwide. Indeed, in a context where this scourge is growing exponentially, service providers are an indispensable ally.

2020: A SELECTION OF 12 ACTIVITIES

January

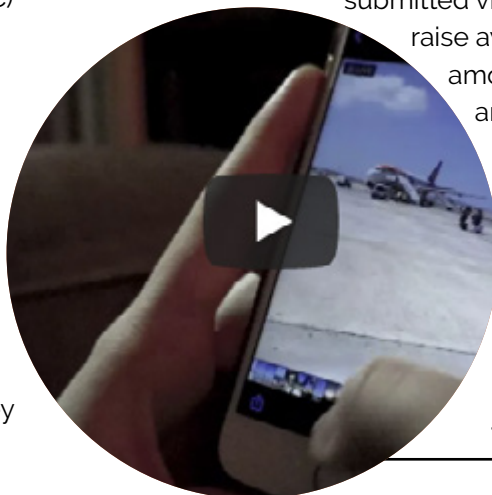


Following the submission of the alternative report and the children's report regarding the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in Madagascar by ECPAT

France, recommendations were presented to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva. Eight children who had participated in the consultation process and drafting of the children's report were able to address the Committee directly and put forward their ideas for child protection in Madagascar via a video conference on the same day. Two of them were girls survivors of sexual exploitation. They brought the voices of ECPAT France's child beneficiaries and echoed their messages.

ECPAT France organised Don't Look Away 2020 contest and selected, alongside a jury of tourism professionals, the best awareness-raising videos on the issue of child sexual exploitation in the context of travel and tourism. Simultaneously with border shutdowns and strict lockdowns announced in many countries around the world, ECPAT France commended the work undertaken by tourism students who submitted videos to

raise awareness among tourists and travellers on the fight against child sexual exploitation.



March

February

Academic seminar for students of Loumbila national school for primary school teachers in Burkina Faso on preventing violence, abuse and sexual exploitation and dealing with child victims.

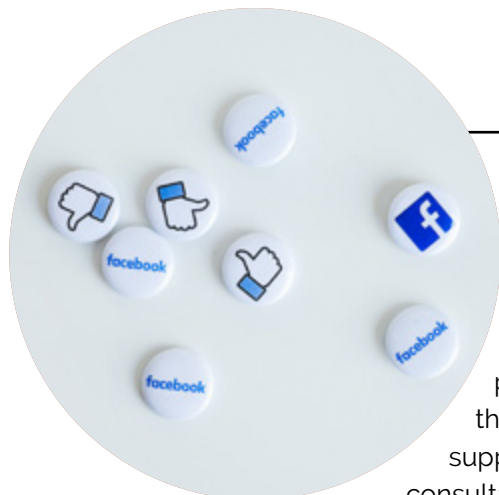


Development of two research studies on the situation of child sexual exploitation and trafficking on gold mining sites in Burkina Faso and Mali. These studies highlight the reality of children facing sexual violence in these areas and underline how, in Mali, the formal child protection system is almost non-existent on the sites.



April

May



Strengthening ECPAT France's presence on digital platforms through the support of consultancies in order to consolidate the impact of campaigns and institutional communication, which quickly resulted in an increase in ECPAT France's community.

Within the framework of capacity-building activities in Burkina Faso, ECPAT France contributed to the development of national training modules for members of child protection community units, followed by the training of 75 female and 172 male members.

Launch of "Don't pay with your life" campaign on Facebook. As part of ECPAT France's fight against girl trafficking for sexual purposes in Nigeria and on the occasion of World Anti-Trafficking Day, the charity reactivated its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DontPayWithYourLife/>

where prevention messages are disseminated to young girls in Edo State, Nigeria.



July

June

A mobile learning app on "Welcoming an unaccompanied minor at home" was completed. In addition to the Q&A handbook for families fostering unaccompanied minors, this ECPAT France application can be downloaded via Android or the Apple Store and is available as a complement to training courses for people fostering unaccompanied minors at home or within their organisation.



Building the capacities of our technical partner JDPCI as part of "Don't pay with your life!" project, through training of 16 child protection professionals (10 women and 6 men) regarding the norms of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), on how to develop an integrated approach to reintegration (incorporating causes of departure and securing conditions for return), and to monitor and evaluate reintegration support activities.



August

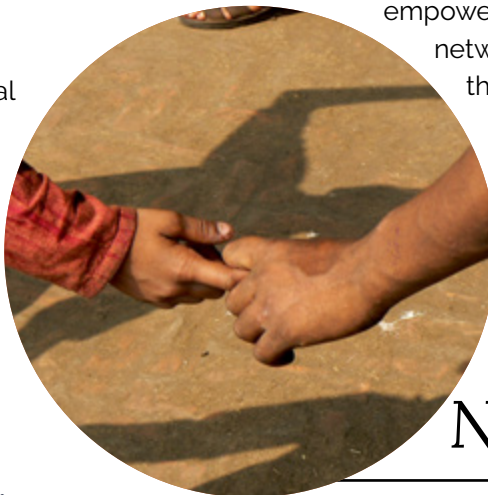
September



Launch of CLICK@BLE online campaign to raise awareness among young people and their parents regarding online sexual violence by enumerating the different forms it can take and encouraging young people and their parents to contact Net Ecoute helpline for advice or to report online sexual violence content to Point de Contact hotline.

📌 In 2020, over 1,790,000 people were reached by the campaign on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube!

An ECPAT France office was opened in Morondava (Madagascar) to fight against child sexual exploitation in this area, where children are especially vulnerable due to the proximity of mining sites. The increased presence of ECPAT France in the region will enable, among others, to empower child protection network members so that they are able to identify, report and care for child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.



November

Completion of a retrospective and prospective impact evaluation regarding the cycle of programmes aimed at building the capacities of West African stakeholders in the fight against sexual exploitation (https://www.ecpat-france.fr/www.ecpat-france/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Resume-executif_Evaluation_ECPAT-Fr-1.pdf). This assessment highlights the significant impact of ECPAT France's action over the last 10 years and enables our teams to capitalise and draw up the following action plan in this area.



October

December

Developed by ECPAT France to open a computer centre in Antananarivo co-run by girls survivors of sexual exploitation, E-SURF project

received support from the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF). The project will benefit from the "Francophonie avec Elles" fund, together with 59 other pro-women initiatives selected from 1,400 funding applications.



Launch of a trans-institutional reflection to develop a theory of change in West Africa.

Armed with its experience in international areas and working with technical partners and ECPAT Luxembourg, ECPAT France developed a theory of change to guide its action in West Africa over the next ten years.

Conducted in three phases (bottom-up consultation, workshop in Ouagadougou, finalisation), this process should enable ECPAT France, in conjunction with all relevant child protection stakeholders, to move towards its objective of change. The course is set: by 2030, all girls and boys affected by mobility in West Africa will be involved in their protection and live in safe and secure environments free from sexual exploitation and trafficking.

The theory of change has been represented visually in the following videos (in French only):

- 👁 Global Theory of Change: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4zHTFCEn_Q
- 👁 Path 1 on self-protection: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8GHjn4xh8g>
- 👁 Path 2 on ecosystems: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBfe4mXBWwA>
- 👁 Path 3 on justice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x-VbEEjy-0>



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).



ECPAT France is a civil party in several legal proceedings thanks to a partnership with AADH (Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights), allowing the organisation to represent children victims in judicial proceedings in France, to make their voices heard and to support the fight against child sexual exploitation and trafficking.

📌 In 2020, ECPAT France was a civil party in 15 legal proceedings for the best representation of children victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

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:

- ② Reducing demand for sexual intercourse with children, through research on perpetrators' behaviours and the means they use.
- ② Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices promoting protection of children against sexual exploitation.
- ② 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.
- ② Promoting legal, recovery and reintegration and other social services and support for children.
- ② 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.
- ② Strengthened leadership, policies, systems and resource allocation to address child sexual exploitation at global and national levels.
- ② Reduced poverty and economic conditions that increase children's vulnerability to sexual exploitation and promote perpetration at all levels.





FRANCE - EUROPE **CAPISCE** project

 **Partners:** ECPAT Italy, ECPAT Belgium, Defence for children Netherlands and EULITA

 **Funding:** European Union (EU), Air France

 **Start of project:** October 2019

Implemented in 4 countries (Italy, Belgium, France and the Netherlands), the aim of CAPISCE project is to better protect children victims of trafficking during criminal investigations and legal proceedings, through two main approaches: enhancing interpreters' capacities on child trafficking so that they have a fuller grasp of children's situations and offer high quality interpretation services, and reinforcing the national legislative framework for the protection of the rights of trafficked children, including through the transposition and implementation of relevant EU directives.

Main Achievements in 2020


-  **Production of 4 awareness videos for professionals working closely with child victims of trafficking on interpreters' roles.** The 4 videos were produced in close cooperation with the project partners and professionals such as psychologists and police officers specialised in hearing child victims.
-  **Creation of a practical guide for professionals wishing to develop tailored training for interpreters.** The guide provides useful information and training modules on interpreting techniques and ethics, definition of child trafficking and procedures, the impact of trafficking on child development and memory, and the risks associated with vicarious trauma.
-  **Development of a national research (France) on the transposition and implementation of EU trafficking directives into French law.** The research consisted of a literature review and interviews with professional working on trafficking issues. The research content and recommendations will contribute to the elaboration of a comparative European study in 4 countries (Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Italy) on the same topic.



COVID-19 Impact

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis and the implementation of several preventive measures (lockdowns, remote work, border shutdowns), the project activities had to be adjusted to be carried out remotely.

FRANCE - EUROPE **CAP 16.2 project**

 **Partners:** Association AFJ, Mist, Koutcha organisation, ECPAT International

 **Funding:** Family Foundation, Air France


 **Start of project:** January 2020

The main objective of CAP 16.2 project (towards SDG 16.2) is to better protect children victims of trafficking in France (except overseas territories) and in Europe. This 3-year project builds on a 3-pillar work approach: expanding knowledge on trafficking through the development of two studies; reinforcing child protection systems by training professionals on identification, reporting trafficking cases and gender and cultural diversity; and finally, strengthening the regulatory framework on child trafficking and sexual exploitation through targeted advocacy actions aiming at implementing a local coordination mechanism, updating French legislation on live-streaming and promoting local good practices at the European level. In addition, a public campaign to prevent departure of Nigerian girls to Europe will be launched based on the experience and opinions of trafficking survivors and a survivors' forum will be created to enable its members to take action and influence public policies on trafficking.

Main Achievements in 2020

-  In 2020, two partnership agreements were signed with Mist and Association AFJ as part of the "Don't Pay with Your Life" campaign, in order to bring together French partners working with or supporting Nigerian trafficking survivors and provide them the opportunity to share their experience with girls in Nigeria.

The experience sharing took the form of 6 testimonial videos and 8 podcasts. Prevention and awareness-raising tools were developed closely with the girls through dedicated workshops and working groups.

-  Finally, as part of the development of the European strategy to fight trafficking, ECPAT France also produced a written contribution to the public consultation launched by the European Commission.



The prevention and social distancing measures put in place in all establishments open to the public have constrained the production of videos and podcasts.

FRANCE - EUROPE **KOUTCHA project**

 **Partners:** KOUTCHA organisation, centre Esperanto

 **Funding:** EU, Air France

 **Start of project:** November 2018

Koutcha project aims to better protect child victims of trafficking in France and in Europe by providing them with a high-quality and secure shelter. The project contributes thus to the creation of the first accommodation centre in France for children victims of trafficking based on the experience of the Esperanto Centre in Belgium, while promoting good practices that can be replicated at the European level to enhance protection for child victims.

Main Achievements in 2020


In 2020, Koutcha project allowed for the creation of several information and awareness-raising tools to facilitate the establishment of safe and secure accommodation centres for trafficked children. Thereby, during the year 2020:

-  With its partners, ECPAT France developed a compendium of good practices translated into 6 languages and highlighting the recommendations of professionals from different European countries dealing with child victims of trafficking. The tool is available at <https://ecpat-france.fr/en/french-european-publications/>.
-  Based on the exchange between Esperanto Centre and Koutcha organisation, ECPAT France contributed to the development of a practical guide for professionals wishing to open a similar centre in other European countries.
-  The organisation of a workshop on Franco-Belgian judicial cooperation in civil matters laid the groundwork for discussions with relevant authorities who attended the workshop in October and set out a number of avenues. The workshop translated into concrete recommendations that will be closely monitored in 2021, specifically regarding the production of a handbook on cross-border placements and the organisation of a second experience sharing workshop with other European countries.

COVID-19 impact

During the lockdown, the activities of many institutions were slowed down, resulting in the delay in carrying out activities, such as exchanges between Esperanto Centre and Koutcha organisation and the conduction of workshops.

FRANCE **CLICK@BLE** project

 **Partners:** e-Enfance, Génération Numérique, Point de Contact

 **Funding:** EU, Air France

 **Start of project:** 1 September 2019

Implemented in France and overseas, the purpose of CLICK@BLE project is threefold: (1) to empower children so that they are able to claim their right to live free from all forms of online sexual violence; (2) to increase stakeholders' capacities to address issues related to online sexual violence; (3) to promote reporting and increase the number of reports made to Net Ecoute helpline and Point de Contact hotline.

Main Achievements in 2020

- ① A serious game "1 click, 1000 effects" was developed for children aged 8 to 18 to raise awareness about online sexual violence by promoting online responsible behaviours and safer Internet prevention messages, providing warnings about the short, medium and long-term effects of online sexual violence on children, and recalling the law and its application in the online environment.
- ② An online information campaign was launched on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to raise awareness among young people and their parents about online sexual violence by encouraging them to contact Net Ecoute helpline for advice or to report online sexual violence content to Point de Contact hotline.

📌 Over 1,790,000 children and parents were reached by the campaign.






COVID-19 impact

CLICK@BLE project has been extremely impacted by the sanitary crisis as access to children on the one hand, and travel to overseas locations on the other, were impossible. ECPAT France and its partners therefore strengthened their online presence with a focus on promoting reporting and redesigned their activities in order to reach target audiences remotely or face-to-face in 2021.



FRANCE - EUROPE **ALERT ACTORS** **REPORT project**



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

 **Funding:** EU, Air France

 **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 tourism professionals and future professionals, and private sector commitment; to strengthen cooperation between 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.

Main Achievements in 2020

-  An awareness-raising and information campaign for tourists and travellers on child sexual exploitation in travel and tourism was developed.
-  An awareness-raising leaflet for Club Med's tourists and travellers was updated on how to recognise the signs of child sexual exploitation and to report a suspicious situation.

Impact COVID

Due to the health context, the campaign was disseminated online and key messages were adapted to border shutdowns. Almost 900,000 people were reached on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube.

Témoign d'une situation douteuse pendant mon séjour à l'étranger ?

JE SIGNALE

SUR LA PLATEFORME DONTLOOKAWAY.REPORT

Indique le plus de détails possibles : description physique, détails atypiques, habits, circonstances, lieux, comportements, paroles, plaque d'immatriculation, etc.

À L'HÔTEL OÙ JE SUIS HÉBERGÉ-E

Il n'y a pas de garantie que mon signalement soit pris en compte, sauf si l'hôtel a un protocole de signalement (ex : groupe Accor). Pour être sûr-e, je signale aussi sur dontlookaway.report.

DANS UN COMMISSARIAT LOCAL

Pour être sûr-e que mon signalement est compris et pris en compte par des acteurs qui connaissent parfaitement la lutte contre l'exploitation sexuelle des enfants, je signale aussi sur dontlookaway.report.

SIGNALER !

Le service de police central reçoit mon signalement, et le traite via la coopération policière internationale. Je peux être recontacté-e en français, par mail ou par téléphone, pour plus d'informations.

Je peux demander à ce que mon signalement soit anonyme. J'ai toutefois conscience que cela limite les chances que mon signalement aboutisse.

Si je veux configurer ou compléter ma déclaration, je peux contacter la personne en charge du dossier par téléphone ou par e-mail.

Un rapport d'information est effectué par l'inspecteur-trice. Les éléments communiqués sont vérifiés par la police.

Mon signalement est complet : l'information est envoyée au procureur de la République et une procédure d'enquête est ouverte.

Mon signalement est peu documenté. Il peut être la pièce d'un puzzle, complété par plusieurs signalements, qui permettra plus tard d'ouvrir une enquête.

Si rien d'illégal n'a été révélé, je peux être prévenu-e et me rassurer.

SIGNALER !

Dans tous les cas, mon signalement est utile et peut sauver un-e enfant. Je partage l'information autour de moi pour encourager d'autres vacancier-ses et voyageurs-ses à signaler, en cas de doute.

Contre l'exploitation sexuelle des enfants dans les voyages et le tourisme, un seul geste : signalez !

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IRAQ CURSUS project

 **Partners:** Jiyon Foundation, Saint Joseph University of Beirut

 **Funding:** Acting For Life, Air France

 **Start of project:** 1 January 2020

There is no social work training course in Iraq, hence the aim of CURSUS project is to create a "pilot" qualification training course for social workers operating in Iraq, as well as in some parts of Syria, thanks to a partnership with the Lebanese School of Social Work within Saint Joseph University of Beirut. Technical expertise and experience sharing are offered regarding specific intervention contexts (work with refugees and children affected by trauma in conflict zones) and within a consistent geographical area. This training course is primarily intended for social workers from Jiyon Foundation (one of the project partners) however it is also open to other social workers, particularly those from MoLSA.

Main Achievements in 2020

The project aims to train a first cohort of 15 social workers working with displaced populations. A training handbook will be produced and delivered to trained staff and lessons learnt will be used to institutionalise the training.

Thus, cooperation between the different project partners enabled the training of 15 social workers:

- 👁 10 from Jiyon Foundation in centres located in Halabja, Shamshamal, Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Mosul, Dohuk, Erbil, Alqosh and Amuda,
- 👁 5 external social workers from the region.

COVID-19 impact

The project was planned to be conducted in Iraq by Lebanese trainers but had to be substantially revised due to COVID-19 epidemic. The training sessions were redesigned to be facilitated online.



FRANCE - NIGERIA **DON'T PAY WITH YOUR LIFE project**



Partners: Girls' Power Initiative, Uromi JDPCI, IFRA, ECPAT Luxembourg







Funding: AFD, Cooperation and Humanitarian action of the Luxembourg Foreign and European Affairs Ministry, Mairie de Paris, Air France, Family foundation



Start of project: 1 July 2019

"Don't Pay With Your Life" project aims to combat trafficking of Nigerian girls and young women for sexual purposes. It was built on synergies between stakeholders in countries of origin and destination countries. Noting that many victims of trafficking in Europe come from Central and Northern Edo State in Nigeria, the project seeks to mobilise and empower communities in recruitment areas, particularly young people, to get them involved in the fight against trafficking through information campaigns, departure prevention and reintegration of young repatriated girls.

Main Achievements in 2020


-  404 children were informed by peer educators in Central and Northern Edo State on the issue of trafficking.
-  15,758 actions were undertaken on "Don't Pay With Your Life" Facebook campaign.
-  Over 160,000 people were reached with anti-trafficking messages on the radio.
-  918 parents attended community mobilisation sessions.



COVID-19 impact

Nigeria was not spared by the global pandemic but we were able to resume the project's activities despite a fragile economic and safety context. Thanks to the responsiveness and commitment of all partners, the several tools and field activities were carried out notwithstanding the constraints.

MULTI-COUNTRY **PARLE project**

 **Partners:** ECPAT International, ECPAT Luxembourg, Acting For Life, ABSE, ANTD, ANPPCAN, CIFDHA, Communauté ABEL, KEOOGO, RISE Learning Network, SOS Violences sexuelles, UCRNN, UNDUGU Society of Kenya, UYDEL, WOCON

 **Funding:** AFD, Cooperation and Humanitarian action of the Luxembourg Foreign and European Affairs Ministry, ECPAT International, RISE, Air France and Foundation of France



 **Start of project:** 1 January 2018

Implemented in 10 sub-Saharan countries (Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Senegal) based on the experience, history and alliances identified locally, this ambitious programme proved to facilitate a real interchange of experiences between driving countries and a regional vision regarding the issue of sexual exploitation, coordinated by the ECPAT network. The different activities were set to ensure thematic coherence around child participation in order to ensure their right to live free from sexual exploitation. Children are considered as the protagonists of their own development and were regularly consulted (opinion on reintegration activities) and empowered (knowledge and capacity building). Child protection agents integrated this approach so that children could participate in decisions affecting them. Later, PARLE programme ensured children's voices were heard and their recommendations disseminated and shared with child protection stakeholders, policy-makers and the general public.


Main Achievements in 2020

Development of a research study regarding the situation of child trafficking and sexual exploitation on gold mining sites in Burkina Faso.¹

This study highlighted that:

-  15.8% of the children interviewed stated they had sex on the sites in exchange for something in return, with more girls than boys (28% of girls as against 7.3% of boys). 19.6% of the children surveyed reported having been coerced into sex: deprivation, intimidation (22% of girls as against 13.3% of boys) and even physical abuse. Some cases of sexual exploitation were reported by children in their life stories.
-  34% of girls victims of sexual exploitation are Burkinabe from a region other than the site and 31.7% come from abroad. However, only 7% of the children on the sites came with someone other than their biological parents or relatives.

Development of a research study regarding the situation of child trafficking and sexual exploitation on gold mining sites in Mali,² underlining that:

-  46.3% of the children reported having experienced sexual relations on the sites. Girls are more exposed to or victims of sexual exploitation than boys on the sites. While some sexual acts took place in exchange for in-kind contribution, money or the promise of such, others were compelled (abuse and use of force). Indeed, 7.1% of boys and 32.6% of girls were coerced into sex. Sexual relations in exchange for something affected both accompanied (87.2% of them) and unaccompanied children (95% of them).

¹. https://ecpat-france.fr/www.ecpat-france/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Etude-BF_VF.pdf

². https://ecpat-france.fr/www.ecpat-france/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Etude-Mali_VF.pdf

👁 Despite various child protection laws, policies and programmes in force in Mali, the formal child protection system is almost non-existent on gold mining sites. Indeed, there is no public child protection service as such on the study's two sites. By contrast, several NGOs and charities have implemented awareness-raising activities on an ad hoc basis to prevent risks on the sites. Security services (police force) work for the general security of people and seized goods. Schools and health centres are located in the district's main town, far from the sites. Community child protection systems are also non-existent on the sites.



COVID-19 impact

Measures taken to handle the pandemic deeply weakened the economy on a continent that has faced great political and/or security instability in various areas. Children have been particularly affected by mobility, the economic crisis and closures (schools, centres, etc.). Our local teams were mobilised to maintain alerts, support children locally through kit distribution, or enable other partners to have access to certain areas, especially the North and East of Burkina Faso.







BURKINA FASO *APEM project*

 **Funding:** UNICEF, UKAid, Air France

 **Start of project:** 1 July 2020

The subregional project for Assistance and Protection of Children on the Move in Burkina Faso aims to make children in migration corridors safer, through the implementation and reinforcement of local authorities' responses. It applies to 10 cities of Gourma, Tapoa and Komandjari provinces in Burkina Faso's eastern region.

Main Achievements in 2020

-  8 institutional and community-based anti-trafficking networks in migration situations were reinforced.
-  Around 300,000 people were informed about the risks of illegal migration.
-  Nearly 1,000 children were empowered through the strengthening of their daily life skills.
-  Close to 300 children in at-risk mobility were protected.





BURKINA FASO

Urgence Burkina Faso project

Strengthening community-based humanitarian response to protect children affected by the crisis in the Centre-North and East regions.



Funding: Air France, UNICEF



Start of project: 1 July 2020

Implemented in the Centre-North and East regions covering 8 provinces, this child safety programme involves multiple stages, namely implementing community networks through the creation of committees; training of members on identifying child victims, providing emergency services and referring to services; strengthening grassroots organisations and public services in crisis intervention (in particular to promote resilience among families who have suffered shocks or been displaced); and formalising referral systems through the creation of tools and visual diagrams regularly updated.

Main Achievements in 2020

- ④ 443 child protection community committees were created and empowered in both regions (East and Centre-North) in partnership with UNICEF and the Ministry responsible for child protection and humanitarian action.
- ④ 546 children at risk or victims of family separation, child abuse, trafficking, sexual exploitation or recruitment were identified and referred to relevant services.




COVID-19 impact

Specific activities were implemented to prevent an increase in sexual violence against girls due to the consequences of COVID-19 lockdown. In this context, ECPAT France worked to:

- ④ Train 305 stakeholders involved in the identification or care of girls victims;
- ④ Inform 5,000 children,
- ④ Educate 2,000 parents and 150 leaders about their role,
- ④ Provide support for 80 girls.

MADAGASCAR **RANAVALONA** project

 **Partners:** Projet Jeune Leader, Association Tandem Analamanga, Association antiviolence, CDEF – Scout et Jeunes animateurs FISA, Cœur et Conscience, Association Voringeze

 **Funding:** UN Women

 **Start of project:** 15 April 2017

The project seeks to support reintegration and access to justice of young girls survivors of sexual exploitation, especially by encouraging their communities' understanding and involvement in their reintegration process and to prevent violence.

Main Achievements in 2020

-  16 men's groups (320 members) participated regularly in focus groups on "new masculinities". Out of a sample of 210 men interviewed in the 4 cities, 63.1% have improved their knowledge and skills, agree with the notion of gender equality and with combating sexual violence, and condemn child sexual exploitation.
-  97 clubs of 1,623 children were informed on identifying risky situations regarding exploitation and sexual violence and on non-violent relationships (for older children); 34 schools worked together in 5 cities (Nosy Be, Diego, Mahajanga, Fianarantsoa and Toliara); 1,722 community leaders and members were made aware.
-  A study on sexual violence in the 6 targeted cities of Madagascar was conducted in order to analyse the links between prostitution, child sexual exploitation and gender-based violence in the Malagasy society. The results of this study were included in the steering committee of the Civil Society Platform for child protection in their alternative report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva.
-  57 new girls joined the programme, bringing the number of girls monitored to 95 and the number of girls receiving legal support to 13; 79 new social workers were trained on care techniques; 38 parents of child victims received support to develop income-generating activities.
-  80 journalists were trained to adopt a gender approach respecting children's rights in their professional practice. 20 press bodies were mobilised and committed during "World Day against Sexual Exploitation" on March 4th.





COVID-19 impact

While no project beneficiaries were seriously and directly affected by the disease in 2020, the COVID-19 crisis had major economic impacts on them, especially on girls survivors of sexual exploitation supported through income-generating activities (IGA). The lockdown, followed by travel restrictions, profoundly harmed small businesses, the informal economy and those living from hand to mouth. Thus, several IGA Ranavalona project beneficiaries were unable to continue their sales and suffered economic loss, even the permanent cessation of their activity. The social team kept in close contact by telephone with them, and additional support was provided to ensure the continuity of IGAs and a sustainable socio-economic reintegration.



MADAGASCAR **MIRALENTA** *project*





 **Partners:** CDEF (children's and families' rights collective), Tandem-Analamanga, OSCAPE (Antsirabe civil society organisation for childhood), Vorongeze, CJM (Consortium of Mahery Youth Associations), ALT (Andry Lalana Tohana), Association des Jeunes Anti-Violence, FAFED (Federation of "Women and Development" associations), Tandem-Atsinanana.

 **Funding:** EU, AFD, Air France

 **Start of project:** 1 February 2019

The project aims to ensure the right of every child to live free from sexual exploitation by promoting the emergence of a society more favourable to gender equality and committed to combat gender violence in Madagascar. It builds on the mobilisation of community groups (children's clubs, men's groups, Malagasy charities) to challenge social norms (in line with the strategies to end violence against children, INSPIRE, WHO, 2016), in partnership with Malagasy child protection stakeholders.

Main Achievements in 2020

-  Training sessions on "sexual and emotional health education and gender equity" were conducted with 43 clubs (gathering 867 children and young people) identified or supported in Antananarivo, Mahajanga, Toamasina, Tôlanaro, Toliara, Morondava and Nosy Be.
-  16 groups of 255 men were trained on "new masculinities".
-  150 members of 10 Malagasy civil society organisations (CSO) were mobilised and committed to promote non-violent and more equal gender relations in their communities.
-  A collection of 5 Malagasy tales revisited to support gender equality was published.

COVID-19 Impact

From the end of March to the end of June 2020, the lockdown, followed by travel and office hours restrictions and school closures, led to the suspension of gatherings and activities such as training sessions, institutional meetings, workshops with local partners, school events, and so on. Air transport was also shut down and support missions on the field were impossible until June 2020. Some activities such as men's groups and CSO members gatherings as well as children's clubs in the communities could nonetheless be maintained, at the request of families and local leaders in particular. Indeed, these sessions represented the opportunity to tackle idleness, prevent risks of domestic violence and promote exchanges during the lockdown. Events were organised in compliance with sanitary measures.

MADAGASCAR **PAESEL** project



 **Partners:** UNICEF, Association Tanora Garan'Teen

 **Funding:** UNICEF, Air France

 **Start of project:** 15 March 2019

Faced with rising risks of online child sexual exploitation and weak preventive measures in Madagascar, PAESEL project (Preventing online child sexual abuse and exploitation) aims to protect children from online sexual abuse and exploitation and punish perpetrators. More specifically, it intends to empower children, teenagers, families and all stakeholders working with and for children in terms of protection against online abuse and exploitation, as well as to assess the situation regarding this issue.

Main Achievements in 2020

-  1,370 children, 138 adults and 139 teachers were informed on online risks for children and on how to protect children from online abuse and exploitation through two training modules developed by ECPAT France in partnership with different departments (Youth, Population, Education).
-  Launching of a study on the situation of online child sexual abuse and exploitation in Madagascar.



COVID-19 Impact

In Madagascar as in many countries, the lockdown combined with a stressful family environment has led to increased domestic violence and abuse experienced or observed by children, especially online sexual exploitation. During school closures, children spent a fair amount of time online, playing games or being in contact with peers and strangers on social networks. Risks of being exposed to ill-intended adults, live-streaming of child sexual abuse, production of online child sexual abuse material or grooming/ cyberbullying have further intensified. In addition to PAESEL project and in order to minimise children's risks of exposure, ECPAT, in partnership with UNICEF, conducted a prevention campaign for children and their parents. This campaign was broadcast on social networks through 4 awareness-raising spots and the dissemination of the reporting phone number.



Financial Report



2020 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 organisations, including the transition to the ANC 2018-06

Regulation. It specifically takes into account the impact of projects undertaken over several years (2 to 3 years on average).

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

Profit and loss account

	2020 (according to ANC 2018-06)	2019 (according to ANC 2018-06)	2019 (according to CRC 99-01)	Var.
INCOME	€k	€k	€k	€k
<i>Operating income</i>				
Production sold (goods and services)				
Operating grants	554	138	2,399	416
Financial contribution	1,614	2,261		-647
Write back of depreciation and provisions, cost transfers	1.4	15	15	-14
<i>Financial income</i>				0
Use of dedicated funds	1,174	1,907		-733
Total (I)	3,343	4,321	2,414	-978
<i>Extraordinary income (II)</i>				0
<i>Carry forward of funds not used in previous years (III)</i>			1,907	0
Total assets (I+II+III)	3,343	4,321	4,321	-978
EXPENSES				
<i>Operating expenses</i>				
Other external charges	388	405	405	-17
Taxes and duty	10	13	13	-3
Wages	300	303	303	-3
Social security services	109	111	111	-2
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Provisions				0
Other charges including grants awarded by the charity	938	1,728	1,728	-790
<i>Financial expenses</i>				0
Carry forward of dedicated funds	1,593	1,746		-153
Total (I)	3,338	4,306	2,560	-968
<i>Extraordinary expenses (II)</i>				0
<i>Commitments to be discharged against allocated resources (III)</i>			1,746	0
Total expenditure (I+II+III)	3,338	4,306	4,306	-968
PROFIT/LOSS	5	15	15	-10

The income statement presents the year 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

As at 31/12/2020 funds amounted to €3,343k as against €4,321k as at 31/12/2019, which resulted in a decrease of €978k. This variation is mainly due to a 10% decrease in operating grants and financial contribution (-€231k). 4 projects started in 2020 however their budget size is lower than those started in 2019.

In 2020, the new projects initiated are the following:

- 👁 Koutcha project to support children victims of trafficking in the context of forced delinquency (€60k) funded by French Ministry of Justice and implemented in France by Koutcha organisation for a period of 12 months.
- 👁 CAP 16.2 project aimed to enhance protection for child victims of trafficking in France and in Europe (€656k) co-funded by PORTICUS Foundation (€450k).
- 👁 CURSUS project aimed to develop a qualification training course for social workers in Iraqi Kurdistan (€189k) co-funded by ACTING FOR LIFE (€149k).
- 👁 CP/AC project to prevent children's vulnerability in migration in West Africa (€223k) co-funded by ECPAT Luxembourg and the Cooperation and Humanitarian action of the Luxembourg Foreign and European Affairs Ministry (€115k).

Use of dedicated funds (formerly called "carry forward of funds not used in previous years") 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, to which have been added funds received and used during the financial year.

Expenses

Grants awarded by the charity account for 42% of operating grants. These are essentially transfers of funds made to local partners to implement projects.

Carry forward of dedicated funds (formerly called "commitments to be discharged against allocated funds") correspond to funds already received to be allocated to subsequent years of ongoing projects or planned projects but not yet finally put in place. The decrease reflects a lower volume of projects started in 2020 than in 2019.

Balance sheet

	2020 Gross €k	Depr. & prov.	2020 Net €k	2019 Net €k	Variance €k
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ASSETS

<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Tangible assets	17	17	0	1	-0.8
<i>Current assets</i>			-	-	0
Accounts receivables	20		20		
Other receivables	1,197		1,197	685	512
Liquid assets	2,674		2,674	2,775	-100.8
Cash			0		0
Prepaid expenses			-	3	-3
TOTAL ASSETS	3,908	17	3,892	3,464	427.7

LIABILITIES

<i>Equity</i>					0
Association funds			458	443	15
Operating profit/loss			5	15	-10
Provisions for risks and charges					0
<i>Dedicated funds</i>			3,256	2,808	448
<i>Payables</i>					0
Loans and similar debts			55	75	-20
Accounts payables			36	64	-28
Tax and social security			82	55	27
Other payables				4	-4
<i>Deferred income</i>					0
TOTAL LIABILITIES			3,892	3,464	428

The balance sheet shows the position of ECPAT France as at 31st December 2020.

Assets

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

Other receivables are made up of 46% by receivables from the European Union (€551k), 26% by family foundations (€300k) and 22% by the French Development Agency (€258k).

The increase is mainly caused by the start of new projects and the under-implementation of projects started before 2020 due to COVID-19.

Liabilities

Dedicated funds correspond to funds dedicated to the implementation of projects in coming years.

As explained above, the increase (+16%) is related to the under-implementation of projects due to COVID-19 and the slowdown of activities, particularly training and awareness-raising in Africa and France-Europe.

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.



Partnerships

Donors



Networks and memberships



The image displays a collection of logos for various NGOs and organizations, arranged in a structured grid. The logos include:

- Top Row:** EUPANOPOL, Pas-de-Calais Le Département, UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, Nord le Département est là, RISE Learning Network, ITALIA ONUS.
- Second Row:** Le Charmeyran (Etablissement Public Départemental), POINT DE CONTACT NET, adate (Association pour le Développement des Activités Théâtrales), ECPAT Deutschland e.V. (Arbeitsgemeinschaft zum Schutz der Kinder vor sexueller Ausbeutung), cnrs.
- Third Row:** DEFENCE for CHILDREN, ecpat International, ecpat AUSTRIA, ecpat LUXEMBOURG, ecpat BELGIQUE, Ensemble pour l'enfant, GENERATION NUMERIQUE.
- Fourth Row:** Esperanto, Fédération Française des Techniciens & Scientifiques de Tourisme (FFST), ACPE (Association des Centres de Protection des Enfants), koutcha, eulita, e-Enfance.
- Fifth Row:** ANPPCAN, ONG ANTID, 2000, UYDEL, SOCIETY, Association Al Karam (جمعية الكرم).
- Sixth Row:** GIRLS' POWER INITIATIVE (GPI) NIGERIA (Towards An Empowered Womanhood), COMMUNAUTE ABEL, MAHDA, ONG Tsinjo (Honey of Antiky), MANAODE (Maison des Droits de l'Enfant).
- Seventh Row:** AïNA (ENFANCE & Avenir), Cœur et Conscience, SOS VILLAGES D'ENFANTS MADAGASCAR, Association, SOS VIOLENCES SEXUELLES (SOS Violence Sexuelle), Za Garen Teen.
- Eighth Row:** ANDRYALANATOHANA, JEUNESSE FEU VERT (Centre d'Information et de Formation), Jiyan Foundation for Human Rights, PROJET JEUNE LEADER, CLUB SRA VORINGERE.
- Ninth Row:** IFRA Nigeria, Tandem, Pfsce (Plan Femmes Safer Oub pour l'Enfance), Association Tavandra, CDEF (Centre de Développement de l'Enfant et de la Famille), ONG-FAFED (Forum for Development of African Women).
- Tenth Row:** RESEAU OSCAPE (Organisation de la Société Civile africaine POUR L'ENFANCE), C.I.F.D.H.A. (Centre d'Information et de Formation), USJ (Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth), Faculté des lettres et des sciences humaines, École libanaise de formation sociale, Mist (Mission d'Information et de sensibilisation des jeunes filles à l'école).



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