

2021

Annual report



A photograph of three children looking out from a doorway. On the left, a young boy in a blue and red plaid shirt and yellow shorts stands with his back to the camera. In the center, a child in a bright blue t-shirt and white shorts stands with their back to the camera. On the right, a girl in a red and white striped tank top and a white skirt with red floral patterns sits on a wooden stool, looking out. The doorway has a red wall and a metal grille with circular patterns. A poster for 'TH' is visible on the right wall. A semi-transparent white box with text is overlaid on the bottom left, and a green box with social media links is at the bottom left.

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Foreword

The work conducted in April 2021 with the support of the French Development Agency and aiming at evaluating ECPAT France's programmes in Africa over the last ten years led me to look back on what ECPAT France was doing 10 years ago.

How far we have come! How many evolutions to adapt to issues and to fight against the sexual exploitation of children!

First, we had to detect and counter our "adversary" late tactics, such as the emergence of new Dark Web's underground methods (that is to say how much he performs his vile acts with a clear conscience). This had led us to broaden our action in this area (research studies, online training, training of magistrates and investigation services' professionals, being a civil party in several legal proceedings...).

Similarly, research and possible countermeasures regarding human trafficking had to be deepened. Spontaneously, this field seems further away from the heart of our association's objectives, but we had to face the facts: where there is trafficking, there is often child sexual exploitation, as both issues feed on the same soil of contempt for people - in this case, children - for profit.

Also noteworthy is our decision to act more aggressively in France through direct action to support exploited children. Immigration-related issues in the Calais's region highlight the need for intervention, in complementarity with other structures supporting these uprooted people.

The launch of this activity in France should not overshadow the pursuance and adaptation of our programmes in West Africa and Madagascar, thanks to the local teams who work there with dynamism and efficiency.

This report details all the projects implemented in the difficult context of Covid-19. I won't develop this last aspect, but it took a huge toll on us, such as on everybody else.

I cannot conclude without mentioning the non-renewal of the cooperation and financial support protocol we have had with Air France for more than 20 years, which is one of the many consequences of Covid-19 with the drop in air traffic. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to its leaders who have faithfully trusted us, over the long term, with this sensitive and important cause. We are already pursuing our partnership according to new terms that we wish to deepen and widen together, as soon as possible.



Philippe Chevillard
ECPAT France's chairperson

2021 in figures

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Staff numbers in France and abroad, including **24** women



5

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



13

Ongoing projects



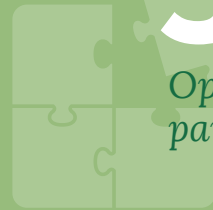
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French collectives or networks of which ECPAT France is a member



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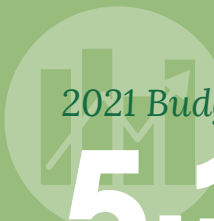
Operational partnerships



2021 Budget

5,162,946

Euros



565

Followers



1,330

Followers



Total funding obtained on ongoing projects in 2021

8,061,524

Euros



January

Following the model of the #Metoo movement that triggered a wave of liberation of women's voices, a new hashtag #Metooinceste invaded Twitter to make personal testimonies on incest, after the publication of Camille Kouchner's book "*La familia grande*" on the incest suffered by her brother. Awareness regarding the extent of these issues surrounding child sexual violence is placed at the forefront of the media and the political agenda.

February

Release of the report about the impact of Covid-19 on online child sexual exploitation. The report highlights children's overexposure to sexual violence in a weakened protection system.

► [Read the report online.](#)

March

On World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation, many child victims around the world spoke out about their living conditions and the violence they have suffered...

March 24: The European Union published its new Strategy on the Rights of the Child and the European Child Guarantee, which aim to improve all children's protection, help them exercise their rights and put them at the heart of EU policy-making. Both initiatives are the result of extensive consultations with citizens, stakeholders and, most importantly, over 10,000 children.

April

April 13: Net Ecoute free helpline number is now 3018. Still operated by the association E-Enfance, the new platform is intended to be a more simplified and effective tool to prevent and combat online violence targeting children and teenagers in their daily lives. A situation even more worrying since the beginning of the health crisis, marked by a strong increase of

the time of exposure to screens and consequently, to digital threats, in particular to online sexual violence.

Law of 21 April 2021 aiming at protecting children from sexual crimes and incest sets the age of sexual majority at 15 years in France and introduces a mechanism of "sliding" statute of limitations for sexual crimes targeting children and provisions to combat sextortion.

Publication of the special issue on protecting children and teenagers from prostitution (ONPE, April 2021).

► [Consult the file \(in French\).](#)

May

Madagascar: The South of the country experienced one of the worst droughts in 40 years, leading to periods of starvation and widespread shortages of drinking water. Intensified by climate change, this drought in the South exacerbated the already difficult life conditions of children in the region, strengthening survival strategies and attempts to capture resources conducive to all forms of exploitation, including sexual exploitation.

France: For the second time, a man was convicted for being an accessory to a sexual assault against a child under 15 regarding live-streaming acts. This judgement confirms the January 2020 case law and recognises that ordering and giving instructions to commit rape and sexual assault against children can no longer remain unpunished.

What happened in 2021?

June

Generation Equality Forum
(June 30 - July 2, 2021).

ECPAT France took part in a training session of René Cassin Foundation in Ouagadougou. ECPAT France highlighted the means of action necessary to increase respect for human rights, particularly in the fight against sexual exploitation in emergency contexts.

July

July 21: The French Parliament adopted the programming Act on inclusive development and combating global inequalities: children's rights are now one of the top priorities of France's international solidarity policy, allowing for the potential strengthening of child protection mechanisms in intervention areas.

July 30: On World Day against Trafficking in Persons, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) published a new study showing the devastating impact of Covid 19 on human trafficking victims and survivors, stressing that children are at heightened risk of exploitation as they are increasingly targeted by criminals who exploit them.

September

Launch of the Child Rescue Coalition's campaign to educate children and youth about grooming and the practices of perpetrators to obtain sexual favours online.

Children account for a third of human trafficking victims in the world. Sexual exploitation represents 50% of human trafficking cases and is the most common form of trafficking.

October

UNHCR report on critical protection gaps for people on the move in the Sahel and East Africa. Hopeful migration also means trafficking, danger and death.

October 5: Established in February 2019, the Independent Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church released its report on October 5 after two and a half years of work. This report analyses the phenomenon of sexual violence committed in the Catholic Church in France since 1950 and makes 45 recommendations to fight against this scourge and protect children.

October 22: Publication of the first French report compiling data on all judicial proceedings opened or investigated in France between 2016 and 2019 for acts of human trafficking or exploitation. Report by the Ministerial Statistical Service for Internal Security (SSMSI):

► Consult the report online.

October 23: 367 people were rescued in less than two days by Geo Barents, MSF's search and rescue vessel. More than 40% of the survivors were under 18 years old and 140 of them were travelling alone. Before attempting to cross the sea, most had escaped torture and exploitation in Libya.

November

November 24: Shipwreck of a boat resulting in the death of 27 people, including 2 children in the English Channel.

December

The reopening of Madagascar's borders after a virtually uninterrupted closure since March 19, 2020 gives rise to new hopes for rebound in tourism and reinitiates discussions to prevent the rise of child sexual exploitation in tourism and travel.

December 3: *Groupe Enfance* - of which ECPAT France is a member - organised *Objectif Enfance* at the Palais du Luxembourg in order to better monitor the international solidarity policy as part of France's periodic review by the Committee on the Rights of the Child.



#DON'T PAY
WITH YOUR
LIFE

January

► ECPAT France has been implementing "Don't Pay With Your Life" media campaign to prevent human trafficking situations among the Nigerian community. Conducted on Facebook through a dedicated page, the campaign raises awareness among young Nigerian women in Edo State regarding the risks of human trafficking through video, audio and visual content (fiction and personal testimonies).

► TRAINING:

Start of a training programme for interpreters in contact with children and youth at risk or victims of trafficking as part of the European CAPISCE project.

February

► Finalisation and inauguration of the e-learning platform to fight against sexual exploitation in travel and tourism aimed at tourism students and professionals. The platform is available in English, French and German.

[Access the training modules in the e-learning platform.](#)



Overview of our work

March

- Kicking off a situational analysis study on youth and child trafficking and sexual exploitation in Grand-Bassam commune in Ivory Coast.

➤ **MARCH 4**

A partnership agreement between ECPAT France and Madagascar's Ministry of National Education was signed to go to schools and inform Malagasy students on nonviolent sexual and emotional education, online sexual exploitation risks and equity between all children regardless of gender.



► **MARCH 31**

ECPAT France participated in the working group on child prostitution led by Paris Court of Appeal regarding **Axis 4 on Improving professionals' training and the cooperation between all stakeholders**. On the one hand, ECPAT France underlined the need for more multidisciplinary training sessions to reinforce cooperation between actors. On the other hand, some gaps in terms of access to professionals were highlighted. To date, it remains difficult to mobilize a public showing little interest on trafficking due to the lack of an up-to-date directory of child protection, police and justice services.



April

> APRIL 15

Holding of a round table on the ten-year evaluation of ECPAT France's programmes in Africa with the support of the French Development Agency, entitled "Looking back on ten years of ECPAT France's programmes: what place does child sexual exploitation have in international child protection programmes?" This online exchange with a wide range of actors put into perspective the main successes and lessons learned from the work carried out over the past ten years, in order to increase the quality of ECPAT France's programmes by taking into account the main recommendations.

► **APRIL 20**

Launch of ECPAT France's multidisciplinary training cycle on the identification and protection of children at risk and victims of trafficking or sexual exploitation, which took place in 16 French cities over the year 2021. The training sessions brought together multidisciplinary audiences, namely police officers, magistrates and professionals from the socio-educational sector, in order to strengthen their capacities regarding child trafficking and to foster their cooperation in an approach promoting children's support.



May

► MAY 26

Final webinar of Koutcha project's cycle on criminal networks and support practices: recommendations for quality care of child victims of trafficking.

► SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S VOICES

Launch of the ambassadors' work, a group of young women guided and supported by ECPAT France for the #Adopasàvendre (teen not for sale) campaign intended to raise awareness on sexual exploitation via Instagram among teenagers aged 13 to 17.

June

► Start of the European research as part of CAPISCE project and dissemination of a policy brief on the right to information for child victims of trafficking.

► In cooperation with Francopol, development and dissemination of a tool for police officers to combat online child sexual exploitation.



July

► Launch of "1 clic, 1000 effets" App and travelling exhibition. As part of CLICK@BLE project and together with Agence Kiélo and Equ'In Tech, ECPAT France set up awareness-raising workshops to prevent online sexual violence among children aged 8 to 18 during the summer. 51 events were organised in 35 cities in the Île-de-France region, in which more than 2,000 children participated.

► ECPAT France joined the Working group and made a contribution to the national acceleration strategy to eliminate child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery by 2030 and to make France a "pioneer country" of Alliance 8.7.

August

► **Support to resilience:** Opening in Madagascar of E-SURF Centre, co-funded by La Francophonie avec Elles and managed by 11 girls survivors of sexual violence trained during the project in entrepreneurship, project management and marketing. The centre offers computer and office services and allows the girls to earn an alternative income and break the cycle of prostitution, with the psychosocial support of ECPAT France's educational teams on site.



September

► OPENING OF CALAIS PROJECT

In order to support child victims of the consequences of unprotected migration, especially the risks of trafficking including sexual trafficking, ECPAT France launched PROTECT programme based on outreach teams offering culturally adapted support with a social, psychological and legal focus.

October

- Opening of the Koutcha centre: the first accommodation centre in France for child victims of trafficking is open after a preparatory phase of sharing knowledge and tools.
- Start of a series of training sessions for professionals working in airports' waiting areas in France from mid-October.



November

► CAPISCE webinar.

► NOVEMBER 20

Anniversary of the CRC convention/
Signing of a partnership agreement
with the Ministry of Youth and
Sports in Madagascar and JIDE Event
Madagascar.

► Contribution of ECPAT France to the
report by the special rapporteur on the sale
and sexual exploitation of children to analyse good
practices and make recommendations before presenting the
final report to the Human Rights Council in March 2022.



December

► DECEMBER 3

Groupe Enfance - of which ECPAT France
is a member - organised "*Objectif Enfance*"
at the Palais du Luxembourg in order to
better monitor the international solidarity
policy as part of France's periodic review
by the Committee on the Rights of the
Child.

► DECEMBER 8

Presentation of the research "The protection of
child victims of human trafficking during investigation
and criminal proceedings in compliance with the 2012/29/EU
Directive on victims' rights".

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

- ② Reduced demand for sexual intercourse with children, through research on perpetrators' behaviours and the means they use.
- ② Improved knowledge, attitudes and practices to protect children from sexual exploitation.
- ② Strengthened legislation and justice systems, through improved laws and better enforcement in countries, together with enhanced collaboration with regional and global bodies promoting and protecting rights.
- ② Enhanced legal, recovery and reintegration services, as well as other social services and support for children.
- ② Reduced children's risks and vulnerability 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.

Child sexual exploitation




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, p.34).



FRANCE - EUROPE ALERT ACTORS REPORT project

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

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





 **Start of the project:** September 2018

Nearly 900,000 people were reached by the campaign, which aroused 80,000 reactions!

Alert Actors Report project has three main objectives:

- ✓ *to build a strong and protective environment in the travel and tourism sector for children against sexual exploitation, through increased travellers' awareness;*
- ✓ *to train tourism professionals and future professionals and obtain the commitment of the private sector;*
- ✓ *to strengthen cooperation between stakeholders in five European countries and to improve reporting mechanisms for child sexual exploitation, in order to better manage reports especially by developing quality standards and training for professionals.*

Main achievements in 2021

-  Awareness-raising sessions for tourism students: more than 900 students have been trained as part of the project.
-  Organisation of *Don't Look Away 2021* student contest: 3 video projects were selected and promoted to inform tourists and travellers about child sexual exploitation.
-  An awareness-raising video created by two tourism students to promote reporting as part of the fight against child sexual exploitation in travel and tourism has been adapted.
-  Completion of the online awareness campaign.

Watch the
awareness
video



FRANCE CLICK@BLE project

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

 **Funding:** EU, Air France





 **Start of the project:** September 2019

Nearly
2.5 million people
were reached by
the campaign,
which generated
over 530,000
reactions!

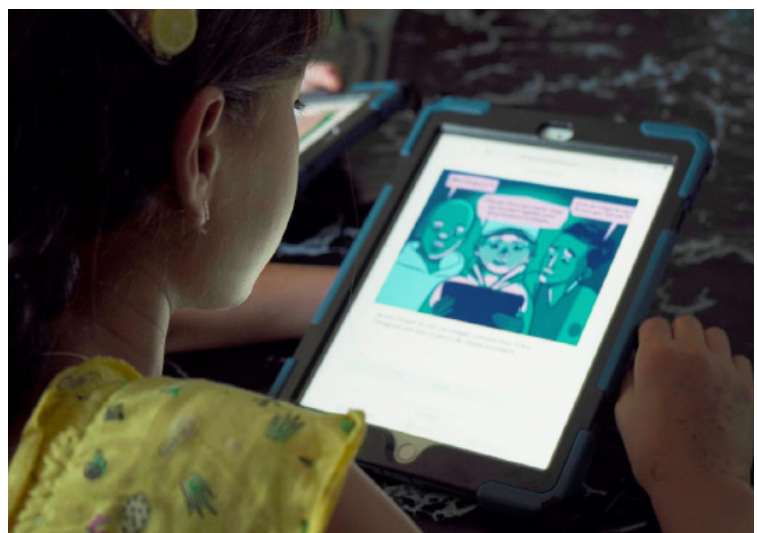
Implemented in France and overseas, the purpose of CLICK@BLE project is threefold:

- ✓ *to empower children so that they are able to claim their right to live free from all forms of online sexual violence;*
- ✓ *to increase stakeholders' capacities to address issues related to online sexual violence;*
- ✓ *to promote reporting and increase the number of reports made to 3018 helpline and Point de Contact hotline.*

Main achievements in 2021

-  Launch of "1 clic, 1000 effets" App and travelling exhibition to raise awareness among children aged 8 to 18 regarding online sexual violence.
 - 51 events were organised in 35 cities in the Île-de-France region.
 - More than 2,000 children informed.
-  Provision of training of trainers sessions for the French-speaking countries of the European Union (Belgium, France and Luxembourg).
 - 15 professionals attended and were trained in the use and dissemination of the "1 clic, 1000 effets" App in order to raise awareness among young people in their countries.
-  Development of communication tools to carry out the awareness campaign launched in 2020:
 - Awareness-raising vignettes with pictograms and testimonials,
 - Pictures in cooperation with an influencer on Instagram,
 - Podcast for professionals in contact with children.
-  Rolling out the online awareness campaign on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to educate young people, their parents and professionals on online sexual violence and encourage them to contact the 3018 helpline for advice or to report online sexual violence content to Point de Contact hotline.

Discover the
"1 clic,
1000 effets" App



FRANCE

IP TEH Project




 **Funding:** AGRASC, Family foundation

 **Start of the project:** December 2020
(duration: 1 year)

IP TEH project pursues three main objectives:

- ✓ *to build professionals' capacities in detecting, identifying and referring child victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation;*
- ✓ *to improve cooperation between all relevant stakeholders working in the field of detection, identification and protection of children and youth at risk or victims;*
- ✓ *to offer practical tools to professionals to strengthen the identification, referral and protection of children and youth at risk or victims of trafficking or sexual exploitation.*


Main achievements in 2021

-  16 two-day multidisciplinary (child protection and justice sector professionals) training sessions on the identification and protection of children at risk or victims of trafficking or sexual exploitation were organised in 16 French cities (Tours, Marseille, Montpellier, Grenoble, Bobigny, Paris, Toulouse, Calais, Lille, Lyon, Clermont-Ferrand, Bordeaux, Nantes, Rennes, Strasbourg, Orléans): 283 professionals attended.
-  2 training sessions on the identification and referral of child victims of trafficking in waiting areas were provided in Orly and Roissy: 22 professionals participated.
-  5 support tools for professionals were designed and disseminated to training course participants: a list of identifying indicators, a reflex sheet on trafficking, a support sheet for reporting, a support grid for identification and a liaison form.





FRANCE - EUROPE CAPISCE project

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



 **Funding:** EU, Air France

 **Start of the project:** October 2019 (duration: 3 years)

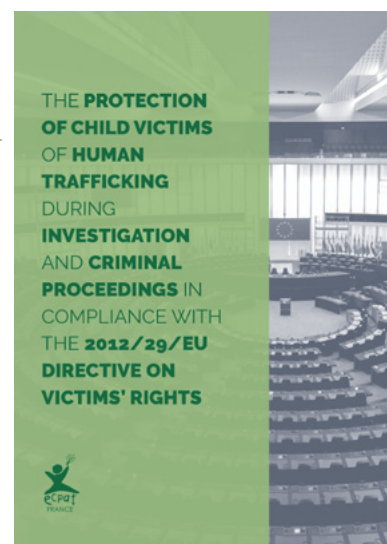
Implemented in four countries (Italy, Belgium, France and the Netherlands), the aim of CAPISCE project is to better protect children victims of trafficking during criminal investigations and legal proceedings, through two main approaches:

- ✓ *enhancing interpreters' capacities on child trafficking so that they have a fuller grasp of children's situations and offer high quality interpretation services;*
- ✓ *reinforcing the national legislative framework for the protection of trafficked children's rights, including through the transposition and implementation of relevant EU directives regarding human trafficking, especially Directive 2012/29 on victims' rights.*

Main achievements in 2021


-  Together with EULITA, 6 training sessions for interpreters and cultural mediators have been organised in each partner country (150 trained people).
-  Presentation of the research "The protection of child victims of human trafficking during investigation and criminal proceedings in compliance with the 2012/29/EU on victims' rights" with the support of the European Deputy Soraya Rodriguez Ramos.


Click on the
image to access
the study



FRANCE - EUROPE

CAP 16.2 project

 **Partners:** Association AFJ, MIST,
Association Koutcha, ECPAT International




 **Funding:** Family foundation, Air France

 **Start of the project:** January 2020
(duration: 3 years)

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 three-year project builds on a three-pillar work approach:

- ✓ *expanding knowledge and practices regarding online and offline sexual exploitation;*
- ✓ *building professionals' capacities to improve child victims' identification, referral and protection;*
- ✓ *strengthening the regulatory framework on child trafficking and sexual exploitation through targeted advocacy actions.*

Main achievements in 2021

-  Launch of an action research on sexual exploitation new trends in the Île-de-France region, which publication is expected in 2022.
-  Start of a comparative study on the issue of online and live sexual exploitation of children, in partnership with French police office OCRVP.
-  465 child protection, justice and police professionals received training on the identification, referral and protection of child victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation.



FRANCE - EUROPE KOUTCHA project

 **Partners:** Association KOUTCHA, centre Esperanto

 **Funding:** EU, Air France

 **Start of the project:** November 2018

Koutcha project aims to better protect child victims of trafficking by providing them with a high-quality and secure shelter. The project contributes thus:

- ✓ *to create the first accommodation centre in France for child victims of trafficking based on the experience of the Esperanto Centre in Belgium;*
- ✓ *to promote good practices that can be replicated at the European level in order to enhance protection of child victims.*

Main achievements in 2021

- 🕒 Opening in October of Koutcha centre, the first accommodation centre in France for child victims of trafficking.
- 🕒 Organisation of a 5-webinars cycle entitled "Review of the state of criminal networks of human trafficking in Europe: what impact on the quality of care for child victims of trafficking", with the aim of creating a space of exchanges and practices between European practitioners in charge of accommodating and supporting child victims. The webinars covered the Roumanian and ex-Yugoslavia, Vietnamese, and Northern-African and Nigerian networks.
- 🕒 Closing of the cycle: the recommendations from the previous sessions could be shared with the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the Organized Crime and Drug Policy Unit, the EU Anti-Trafficking team and in presence of the former UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons (especially women and children).

Recordings of the webinars can be found on our YouTube channel. Click [here](#) to access them.



FRANCE (CALAIS) **PROTECT II** project






Funding: Choose Love and Comic Relief/
Refugee Youth Service



Start of the project: September 2021

Through a multidisciplinary approach, social, psychological and legal support is offered to unaccompanied children on the move victims or at risk of trafficking in Calais. With the objective to reach out to young people thanks to social street work, mobile offices and socio-recreational activities, this three-year pilot project aims to ensure that children have access to information and rights, in direct cooperation with child protection services and associations working with the exiled public in Calais. The project also includes capacity-building activities for organisations and institutions on trafficking and sexual exploitation, as well as child protection. To enable children to be heard and to guarantee access to their rights, advocacy is an integral part of the project. Respect for the best interest of the child and child active participation constitute the core of the approach.

Main achievements in 2021

-  Launch of the pilot phase in September and setting up and implementing social street outreach and psycho-legal offices.
-  Establishment of partnerships and creation of a referral circuit for children.
-  84 unaccompanied children were identified and supported in 2021. They received social, legal and/or psychological support, as well as material support and access to care, in synergy with other actors working in Calais.



MADAGASCAR

MIRALENTA project

Partners: CDEF (children's and families' rights collective), Tandem-Analamanga, OSCAPE (Antsirabe civil society organisation for childhood), Vorongezze, 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: Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Madagascar, French Development Agency, Air France

Start of the project: February 2019 (duration: 3 years)


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 2021

- ① Training sessions on "sexual and emotional health education and gender equity" were conducted with 39 clubs (gathering 830 children and young people) identified or supported in Antananarivo, Mahajanga, Toamasina, Tôlanaro, Toliara, Morondava and Nosy Be.
- ① 10 groups of 159 men received training on "new masculinities".
- ① 150 members of 10 Malagasy civil society organisations (CSO) were mobilised and committed to promote non-violent and more equal gender relations in their communities.
- ① 15 awareness campaigns on gender equality and the fight against gender-based violence were conducted by the CSOs and the men's groups in their communities.
- ① A collection of 5 revisited Malagasy tales and a game entitled "Kalaza" promoting gender equality were disseminated and used to organise events with children's clubs in schools.
- ① Participatory research was conducted by girls survivors of sexual exploitation with 30 girls victims to improve rehabilitation services.
- ① 5 clubs gathering 100 girls survivors of exploitation were created and facilitated.



MADAGASCAR E-SURF project

 **Partners:** ECPAT France's office in Madagascar as direct operator, in partnership with Association Miaro





 **Funding:** La Francophonie avec Elles (International Organisation of La Francophonie fund), Telma Foundation, Air France

 **Start of the project:** January 2021

The economic and health crisis has increased girls' and women's vulnerability, especially to the risks of domestic and sexual violence. As part of a study on the impact of Covid 19 in Madagascar, 77.3% of women surveyed felt that lockdowns had contributed to an increase in gender-based violence (GBV) - UNFPA 2020. In this context, E-SURF project (E-Digital services for girls' economic reintegration) has been implemented in Antananarivo to fight against the sexual exploitation of girls in Madagascar during the health crisis, to enable survivors' economic and civic empowerment and to raise awareness among Malagasy communities regarding the fight against GBV. Thanks to the project, a social and solidarity computer lab, called E-SURF center, could be opened. The center is managed by 11 girls survivors of sexual violence who were trained during the project. It was inaugurated on August 27, 2021 and opened to the public on September 6, 2021. In order to transform trauma into resilience, the centre offers:

- ✓ to provide alternatives to prostitution for girls who run the centre;
- ✓ to promote the safe use of the Internet, especially for children;
- ✓ Economical office and computer services as well as a co-working space with drink services, a shooting/photo corner, etc.

Main achievements in 2021

-  Establishment of a social and solidarity computer lab called E-SURF centre and managed by 11 girls survivors of sexual violence.
-  11 girls victims of sexual exploitation were identified and saw their life skills strengthened (empowerment, self-esteem, listening and psychosocial support), as well as their computer and digital and project management skills (Best Games training, financial and simplified management, marketing, entrepreneurial culture...).
-  Creation of "Miaro" association, which means "to protect" in English, with the vision that all children should be safe from violence, especially girls. The 11 girls from E-SURF project are members.
-  Awareness-raising session on the fight against online child sexual exploitation at E-SURF centre, which is intended to become a hub for girls' online protection and empowerment.





MADAGASCAR

PAESEL project

Preventing online child sexual abuse and exploitation



Partners: ECPAT France's office in Madagascar as direct operator, in partnership with UNICEF and Association Tanora Garan'Teen



Funding: UNICEF, Air France







Start of the project: April 2021

Following PAESEL 1 project and faced with rising risks of online child sexual exploitation and weak preventive measures in Madagascar, PAESEL 2 project 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 for and with children in terms of protection against online abuse and exploitation;*
- ✓ *to assess the situation regarding the issue.*

Main achievements in 2021


-  1,501 children, 52 facilitators and 250 parents were informed on online risks for children and protection from online abuse and exploitation through two training modules developed by ECPAT in partnership with different departments (Youth, Population, Education).
-  Mobilisation of numerous stakeholders, including schools, Fokontany (neighbourhood), scouts and childcare centres on the risks of child sexual exploitation in relation to the Internet and the extent of the issue in Madagascar.
-  Launch of a campaign on social networks to raise awareness regarding the risks of Internet-related child sexual exploitation.
-  Evaluation of information, education and awareness-raising tools and sessions targeting children, parents, teachers and educators.

FRANCE - NIGERIA

Don't Pay With Your Life project

 **Location:** Edo State, Nigeria

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





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

 **Start of the project:** July 2019

"Don't Pay With Your Life" project aims to combat trafficking of Nigerian girls and young women for sexual purposes. Noting that many victims of trafficking in Europe come from Central and Northern Edo State in Nigeria, the project was built on synergies between stakeholders in countries of origin and destination countries and seeks to:

- ✓ mobilise and empower communities in recruitment areas, particularly young people;
- ✓ get them involved in the fight against trafficking through information campaigns;
- ✓ prevent departure prevention;
- ✓ reintegrate young repatriated girls.


Main achievements in 2021

-  35,485 children were informed by peer educators in Central and Northern Edo State on the issue of trafficking and the risks of sexual exploitation.
-  64 primary school teachers were trained to inform their students about the realities and dangers of trafficking for sexual purposes.
-  Over 160,000 people were reached with anti-trafficking messages on the radio.
-  80 repatriated girls and women victims of trafficking for sexual purposes received psychosocial and economic support.



WEST AFRICA **MOPROTAO** *project* *Protected Mobility in West Africa*

 **Partners:** KEOOGO (Burkina Faso), Communauté ABEL (Ivory Coast), ENDA, Case Sahel et ACESEM (Mali), ANTD (Niger), ENDA Jeunesse et Action (Senegal), ECPAT Luxembourg (Luxembourg), Acting For Life (France)

 **Funding:** Air France, French Development Agency, Cooperation and Humanitarian action of the Luxembourg Foreign and European Affairs Ministry

 **Start of the project:** November 2021

In search of a better life, the migration of many children results in a pathway into trafficking and sexual exploitation. The high-level of mobility, especially of unaccompanied children, combined with the very high vulnerability factors in the region pose a significant risk. The project aims to better protect children in migration in Africa from the risks of trafficking and acts at different levels to:

- ✓ *reinforce children's protection and self-protection, especially girls, on their mobility route;*
- ✓ *contribute to the empowerment of girls and boys at the departure, stopover and arrival points;*
- ✓ *consolidate an ecosystem that is better able to identify and protect them;*
- ✓ *ensure appropriate care;*
- ✓ *strengthen institutional and community capacities for a better prevention and response to trafficking in boys and girls in the region.*

Main achievements in 2021

-  Start of the project in November 2021.



BURKINA FASO

Protecting children in crisis in Burkina Faso

 **Technical partners and donors:** UNICEF, CERF




 **Start of the project:** Novembre 2021

The project aims to:

- ✓ *improve children's primary circle of protection (families and communities);*
- ✓ *support local capacities to strengthen protection circles (mandated sectorial institutions and the society in general);*
- ✓ *allow the most vulnerable girls and boys to be better identified and protected, especially those at risk or affected by violence, exploitation and abuse, including in emergency.*


The project works at the local level in displaced and host communities so that they are able to protect children from trafficking and sexual exploitation during this period of crisis when they are particularly vulnerable. Moreover, it seeks to ensure that existing community networks and systems are taken into account and strengthened in order to guarantee the acceptance and sustainability of the project. Finally, institutional stakeholders' capacities will also be reinforced to better support children and their families.


Main achievements in 2021

-  717 girls and 740 boys, i.e. 1,457 children, benefited from psychosocial support through events and listening and counselling sessions carried out in 4 communes in November and December.
-  1 girl and 3 boys aged 13 to 17 were identified in the commune of Pouytenga and received emergency care before family reunification.
-  15 women and 25 men among the staff of NGOs working in the project areas as well as state and communal service agents involved in the provision of care services for unaccompanied and separated children (social services, health services, civil status, police and gendarmerie). attended training in strategies and techniques for identifying them.



IRAQ CURSUS project

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



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

 **Start of the project:** January 2020

There is no training course for social workers in Iraq. This professional activity is carried out by people whose initial training is not adapted or is compensated by strong personal commitment. CURSUS project aims to:

- ✓ *create a pilot training course to train a first cohort of 15 social workers working with displaced populations from Jiyon Foundation and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA);*
- ✓ *produce and deliver a training manual to attendees and a reflection on lessons learned to institutionalise this pilot training for social workers active in Iraq, but also in parts of Syria;*
- ✓ *offer technical expertise and share experience in an intervention context (working with refugees and children affected by conflict-related trauma) and in a coherent geographical area.*

Main achievements in 2021

-  15 social workers were coached during the year to put their new skills into practice.
-  15 certificates were awarded.



Financial report



2021 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. It specifically takes into account the impact of projects undertaken over several years (two to three years on average).

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

Balance sheet

	2021 Gross €k	Depr. & prov.	2021 Net €k	2020 Net €k	Variance €k
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ASSETS

<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Tangible assets	17.1	17.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
<i>Current assets</i>					
Accounts receivables	20.4	-	20.4	20.3	0.1
Other receivables	1,630.2	-	1,630.2	1,196.7	433.5
Liquid assets	2,818.3	-	2,818.3	2,674.2	144.1
Cash	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	-
TOTAL ASSETS	4,486.1	17.0	4,469.1	3,891.6	577.5

LIABILITIES

<i>Equity</i>					
Association funds			463.5	458.8	5.2
Operating profit/loss			27.8	5.3	22.5
Provisions for risks and charges			-	-	-
<i>Dedicated funds</i>			3,725.0	3,255.8	469.2
<i>Payables</i>					
Loans and similar debts			93.4	54.6	38.8
Tax and social security			159.4	117.6	41.8
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	4,469.1	3,891.6	577.5

The balance sheet shows the position of ECPAT France as at December 31, 2021.

Assets

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

Receivables refer to projects concluded with public donors for more than 70% of the total amount (French Development Agency, European Union...) and to projects concluded with family foundations for the remaining 30%.

Variation with the previous year mainly reflects the impact of new projects.

Liabilities

Dedicated funds correspond to funds dedicated to the implementation of projects in coming years. These funds are isolated and allocated to the corresponding projects. They are cleared as the project progresses.

Loans and similar debts correspond to bank accounts receivable as at 31/12/2021, 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.

Profit and loss account

	2021 €k	2020 €k	Var. €k
INCOME			
<i>Operating income</i>			
Operating grants	1,500.0	553.8	946.2
Financial contribution	1,048.9	1,613.8	564.9
Write back of depreciation and provisions, cost transfers	59.9	1.4	58.5
<i>Financial income</i>		0.1	
Use of dedicated funds	1,046.0	1,173.7	127.70
Recovery of dedicated funds	1,508.0	-	1,508.0
Total (I)	5,162.8	3,342.8	1,820.0
<i>Extraordinary income (II)</i>			0
<i>Carry forward of funds not used in previous years (III)</i>			0
Total assets (I+II+III)	5,162.8	3,342.8	1,820.0
EXPENSES			
<i>Operating expenses</i>			
Other external charges	615.9	387.7	228.2
Taxes and duty	14.6	9.8	4.8
Wages	347.2	300.6	46.6
Social security services	122.2	108.8	13.4
Depreciation	0.2	0.2	-
Other charges including grants awarded by the charity	678.7	937.7	-259
<i>Financial expenses</i>			
Carry forward of dedicated funds	3,356.2	1,592.7	1,763.5
Total (I)	5,135.0	3,337.5	1,797.5
<i>Extraordinary expenses (II)</i>	-	-	-
<i>Commitments to be discharged against allocated resources (III)</i>	-	-	-
Total expenditure (I+II+III)	5,135.0	3,337.5	1,797.5
PROFIT/LOSS			
	27.8	5.3	22.5

The income statement presents the year activity. Movements in income and expenses during the financial year reflect the project cycle, with a renewal carried out every three to four years.

Income

In 2021, operating grants of €1.5 million have been obtained for a project with the French Development Agency.

Decrease in financial contribution reflects the fall-off in support from Air France to ECPAT's activity in 2021.

Use of dedicated funds (€1,046k) corresponds to the use of 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.

Recovery of dedicated funds corresponds to funds already received in previous years and allocated to projects implemented during the financial year.

Expenses

Operating expenses mainly consist of grants awarded by the charity. These are essentially transfers of funds made to local partners to implement projects.

Carry forward of dedicated funds (€3,356k) corresponds to project funds already received in the current and previous years on projects and not yet achieved at year-end.

Partnerships



Donors



Networks and memberships



Technical partners





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