

UNICEF Global Programme to Build Capacity to Tackle Online Child Sexual Exploitation



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#WePROTECT Initiative

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Children Online

Summits

December 2014: United Kingdom

November 2015: United Arab Emirates

Aim: To strengthen global efforts to combat online child sexual exploitation, building on the work of the Global Alliance against Child Abuse Online

Participants: Ministries of Interior and Justice, law enforcement agencies, technology companies, INGOs, NGOs, Interpol, Europol, UNODC and UNICEF

Statements of Action agreed by Governments, INGOs, UN agencies and industry partners promoting a coordinated national response



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Goal/Vision

- ❖ Children are effectively protected from online sexual exploitation and abuse
- ❖ Perpetrators are apprehended and prosecuted
- ❖ Children are enjoying the benefits of the internet free from danger



- Implemented with the support of the UK Government under the *#WePROTECT Initiative* in: **17 countries** across **6 regions** with regional level engagement and activities at global level
- One year programme: May 2015 –March 2016
- Government, civil society, industry, UN and INGO partners

Global Programme implementation in 17 countries and 6 regions



Expected Outcomes

- ❖ Child victims of online sexual exploitation are identified and rescued
- ❖ Child victims of online exploitation and abuse receive quality support services in accordance with international standards and practices
- ❖ Cases of child online sexual exploitation are investigated and prosecuted
- ❖ Child sexual abuse material on the internet is reported and removed
- ❖ Children, families, teachers and other caregivers take protective measures to mitigate risks and prevent online sexual exploitation and abuse
- ❖ Evidence on trends, root causes/drivers and effective interventions on online child sexual exploitation is strengthened

Working in close Partnership with Governments, Civil Society, Industry, INGOs and UN Partners at National, Regional and Global Level



Family
Online Safety
Institute



IWF
Internet
Watch
Foundation



INTERPOL



International Centre
FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

The
Marie Collins
FOUNDATION



Special Representative of the Secretary-General on

Violence **against** Children



UNODC
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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To carry out:

- ❖ Research on online CSE and stock taking of existing data/information, legal and policy frameworks, prevention and response services and programmes to provide recommendations for policy makers.

To support:

- ❖ Capacity building of governments, civil society and industry partners and development of coordinated national responses.

To support:

- ❖ Awareness raising and capacity building of children, families, teachers and other caregivers to take protective measures to mitigate risks and prevent online sexual exploitation and abuse.

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To build:

- ❖ Industry capacity, tools and guidance on online child sexual exploitation within a broader framework of children and the digital world, using for example the ITU-UNICEF Industry guidelines on COP

To develop:

- ❖ Global Kids Online methodological toolkit (LSE and UNICEF OoR)

To develop:

- ❖ Guidance for governments on the development of national policies/strategies to address child online protection and digital empowerment, informed by desk review on effective policies, interventions and good practices.

In collaboration with ITU, COP partners, #WePROTECT partners, SRSG VAC and the SR on the Sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and other relevant stakeholders.

Questions and Discussion

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Some Resources

- The #We PROTECT Child Online Summit, London 2014
<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/weprotect-children-online-global-summit-prime-ministers-speech>
- The #We PROTECT Child Online Summit Statements of Action, London 2014
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/weprotect-summit>
- The #We PROTECT Child Online Summit Statements of Action, Abu Dhabi 2015
- <http://www.weprotect.org/2015/>

Some Resources

- [Child Safety Online Global challenges and strategies](#), UNICEF, 2011
- [Guidelines for Industry on Child Online Protection](#), UNICEF, 2014
- [UNICEF Tools for Companies to implement the Children's Rights and Business Principles](#)
- [Releasing children's potential and minimizing risks. ICTs, the Internet and Violence against Children](#), Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, 2014
- Report of Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography - http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Children/SR/A.HRC.28.56_en.pdf
- [Study facilitating the identification, description and evaluation of the effects of new information technologies on the abuse and exploitation of children](#), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 2014
- Child Online Protection Initiative, ITU <http://www.itu.int/en/cop/Pages/default.aspx>
- FOSI - Global Resource and Information Directory <http://www.fosigrid.org/>
- GSMA <http://www.gsma.com/publicpolicy/myouth/mobiles-contribution-to-child-protection>
- The International Association of Internet Hotlines – INHOPE <http://www.inhope.org/gns/home.aspx>
- The Child Helpline International - www.childhelplineinternational.org



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