

Building global capacity Protecting children from harm



International Society for Prevention
of Child Abuse and Neglect

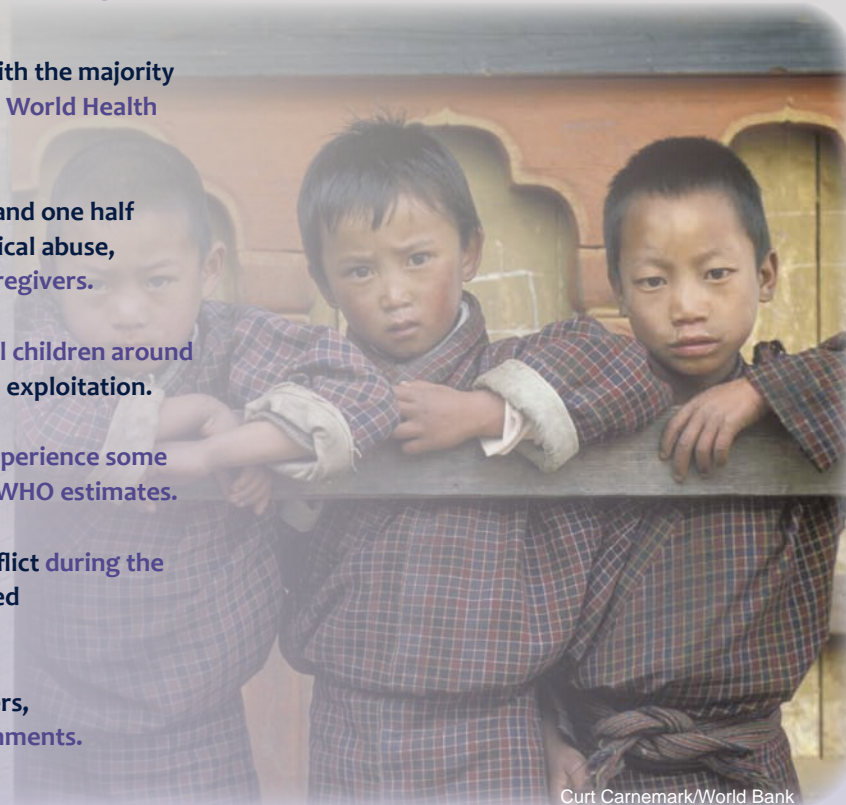


Every child has the right to a life free from violence

Numbers speak when children cannot

Child abuse is a grim worldwide disgrace

- 31,000 children are killed by adults each year with the majority being less than four years old, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Depending on the country, between a quarter and one half of all children report severe and frequent physical abuse, including being beaten, kicked or tied up by caregivers.
- Each year, approximately one million additional children around the world are recruited into commercial sexual exploitation.
- 150 million girls and 73 million boys under 18 experience some form of forced sexual intercourse or violence, WHO estimates.
- 2 million children died as a result of armed conflict during the past decade and another six million were injured or disabled, according to UNICEF estimates.
- Worldwide, 218 million children serve as laborers, 126 million of whom work in hazardous environments.



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The costs affect us all

The consequences of child abuse are vastly underestimated

- Exposure to maltreatment and violence during childhood can ultimately lead to the principal causes of their death, disease and disability.
- Families, communities and society all suffer when psychological and physical consequences prevent children from reaching their full potential.
- Child abuse costs families and communities billions of dollars each year in medical costs, lost earnings and tax revenue, special education, psychological and welfare services, protective services, foster care, preventive services, and adult criminality.

ISPCAN's MISSION is to support individuals and organizations working to protect children from abuse and neglect worldwide

ISPCAN's key GOALS are to

- Increase global awareness of the extent and causes of and solutions to child abuse
- Disseminate academic and clinical research to advance advocacy and best practice
- Advance detection, treatment and prevention of child abuse worldwide

Our commitment to the challenge

Founded in 1977 by international pioneer and visionary Dr. C. Henry Kempe, ISPCAN works to prevent cruelty to children in every nation, in every form: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, street children, child fatalities, child prostitution, children of war, emotional abuse and child labor.

As the premier international network of child protection professionals, ISPCAN has expanded its work tirelessly to make an impact worldwide:

- Participating in crafting the UN's General Comment 13 on Article 19 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child
- Working with partners to develop the groundbreaking ISPCAN Child Abuse Screening Tools, translated into seven languages
- Impacting the work of practitioners and policy-makers in over 175 countries, with multidisciplinary teams trained in well over 30 countries with emerging economies

"...No violence against children is justifiable; all violence against children is preventable. There should be no more excuses"

— Paolo Sergio Pinheiro, author of "World Report on Violence Against Children"



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International Congresses and Regional Conferences

Attracting interdisciplinary professionals to network and engage in trainings and educational forums, biennial Congresses convene a cross section of participants from around the world. Conferences focus on the issues of the European, African, Asian/Pacific, Arab and Latin American regions in which they are held.

Publications Including *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal*, a monthly peer-reviewed journal; the *LINK*, ISPCAN's triannual topical newsletter; an annual Special Report on emerging trends or current topics; and the prestigious *World Perspectives on Child Abuse*, a review on current child safety policies and practices around the world.

Membership Services Providing access to an international community of prominent professionals and to the dynamic online members' only community capabilities: a professional profile, member directory, active Listserv and special interest group dialogues. Benefits also include subscriptions to ISPCAN's regular and archived publications and discounts to global and regional events.

We are on the ground making a difference

Many regions of the world . . . One common goal

Data collection An instrumental partner in creating the ISPCAN Child Abuse Screening Tools (ICAST), experts from ISPCAN work with countries to develop, modify, and improve their collection systems.

International advocacy ISPCAN's network of experts provide training, data collection and strategies that will support international systems change.

International multidisciplinary training Offered through local partners throughout the world to increase professional skills ranging from community-based organizations to large child protection systems and multidisciplinary teams.

“A veil of silence covers violence against children, yet abuses are so pervasive that no country can ignore them, and no society can claim to be immune from them.”

— Louise Arbour, former UN High Commissioner on Human Rights

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