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THE BURDEN OF CHILD ABUSE

Because children are robbed of the chance to become productive, happy citizens.

The Magnitude of the Problem

1 Billion children globally experience violence every year

40% of children under 18 are forced into child marriage

95% of child abusers were abused as children

80% of substance abusers were abused as children

90% of prostitutes were sexually abused as children

78% of prison populations were abused as children

80% of runaways cite child abuse as a factor

50% of suicide attempts reported having been sexually abused

It's time to break these cycles of violence.

BECAUSE
Children Matter

ISPCAN Supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals

But it takes all of us to make an effective child protection net and we need your support to make a difference.

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A Mission That Matters

In October 1975, Dr. C. Henry Kempe and 18 other professionals met in Bellagio, Italy, and formed an international working group focused on the problem of child abuse.

The group consisted of child psychiatrists, a surgeon, pediatricians, psychologists, criminologists, social workers and specialists in juvenile law. This meeting created the synergy to hold the first international conference on child abuse and neglect, which took place in 1976.

It also served as the catalyst for the formation of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) in 1977.

The field of child abuse and neglect has changed and evolved considerably since that first meeting in 1975, when Henry Kempe and colleagues explored the possibilities for an international, multidisciplinary membership organization.
ISPCAN provides cutting-edge academic research and data collection tools to practitioners and policy makers worldwide.

**DATA COLLECTION**

We disseminate materials to professionals across all disciplines to directly impact systems of care and drive policy changes and legislation aimed at preventing child abuse.

**BETTER PROGRAMS OF CARE**

Each ISPCAN member may treat or counsel over 1,000 children every year - over 30,000 in their career. Through these efforts entire systems of care in a country can improve.

**A WAVE OF CHANGE**

Child abuse and neglect is 100% preventable, and the global, moral, physical and economic toll of child abuse and neglect can be 100% eliminated.

**BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES**

With proper treatment, many children no longer face a life of crime, drug addiction, mental health issues or incarceration. Cycles of violence can be broken.

**POSITIVE SOCIETAL IMPACTS**

Because Children Matter
Our Goal is to Improve Entire Systems of care - one country at a time

Help us Educate Professionals

All nations share data collection and research to build and improve treatment, child protection systems, and better public health prevention programs. Disseminating academic and clinical research to those in positions to enhance practice and policy.

Help us Build Data Collections

ISPCAN multilingual Icast Data tools, special reports, and publications, International Journal and World Perspectives on Child Abuse grow the poor data on this shameful topic. Without data we cannot address the issues. Raising awareness of the extent, causes, and possible solutions for all forms of child abuse and neglect.

Help us Strengthen Systems

Data, research and best practices drive policy changes in order for governments to develop sustainable and effective child protection systems. Promoting and protecting the Rights of the Child.

Help us Connect all disciplines

International experts share evidence-based theory and practice across all disciplines. Cultures, languages, and practitioners are united through ISPCAN. Connecting professionals around the world and across disciplines through our Congresses, trainings, Working Groups and online communities of learning.
International Journal

*Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal*, rated #1 on Google Scholar for Social Work, is a monthly peer-reviewed journal of multidisciplinary, international information on all aspects of child abuse and neglect. The Journal is downloaded about a million times annually. It is the premier multidisciplinary, academic publication in our field. The journal reaches more than 1,100 CAN professionals each year and is in the electronic holdings of over 1,000 universities worldwide available for downloading.

**ISPCAN World's Perspective**

ISPCAN's "World Perspectives" reflects the pulse of what's happening worldwide regarding country-specific efforts to address child abuse and neglect. More than 1,100 ISPCAN members have free access to data collected from 88 countries that improves research and practice and helps drive change in government and non-government systems of care for children throughout the world.

**ISPCAN Regional Networks**

ISPCAN has created an online platform for every region of the world that allows for collaboration, networking and the sharing of resources and knowledge to address all issues of child protection specific to that region.

**ISPCAN Working Groups**

ISPCAN Working Groups are collaborative active groups of experts addressing specific topics of child abuse to create policy briefs and fact sheets necessary to impact change.

**ISPCAN Communities of Learning**

ISPCAN's role within the sector of Child Protection is to disseminate information and research into the hands of practitioners through specific online communities of learning platforms.
GLOBAL PRESENCE AND COLLABORATION

International Congress

Child abuse and neglect is a worldwide problem which has gained recognition in recent years, and this is evident at our ISPCAN international congresses and conferences. We are acutely aware of the thirst for knowledge in how best to meet the needs of maltreated, refugee, and trafficked children; child brides; and children exposed to war/famine. In developed countries, there has been increased awareness of the economic cost to society of the failure to recognize the impact of these Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

ISPCAN international Congresses and regional conferences convene leaders, clinicians, and researchers from across disciplines to share the latest scientific research in prevention, clinical practice, and advocacy around child rights issues. Over the last three years, over 2,750 delegates have attended our events in Kenya, Calgary, The Hague, Dubai and Prague. Approximately 25% of conference delegates are from low/middle income countries and have been financially subsidized to attend these valuable ISPCAN events.
ISPCAN supports the GPeV to spread best practices and policies in child protection globally. ISPCAN sits on the board of directors for the Global Partnership to End Violence and is an active member of the Civil Society Organization (CSO) Forum.

World Health Organization is a scientific sponsor of ISPCAN Congresses. In 2018, ISPCAN partnered with WHO and the GPeV to add workshops on the INSPIRE Strategies for ending violence against children to both event programs.

Oak Foundation is family-led and reflects the vision and values of its founders. We have worked with Oak to pursue rights-based approaches, and sexual abuse prevention resources. ISPCAN builds region specific, culturally appropriate and multi-lingual resources with the support of Oak.

Powerful New Partnerships

Targets to end violence against children are meaningless unless they are matched by a strong commitment to action. We have a legal and moral obligation to act, and a growing body of evidence from around the world that shows us how we can make societies safer for children. With implementation of the right laws, systems, policies and investments, as well as adequate monitoring and evaluation, along with robust public education and campaigning, we can achieve significant, sustained and measurable reductions in violence, while doing more to respond to the needs of child victims.

This is why ISPCAN has partnered with End Violence Against Children for “Agenda 2030” which calls for all countries and all stakeholders to come together in a collaborative partnership to deliver sustainable development to all, and especially to the poorest and most vulnerable.
That is why ISPCAN is proud to be part of the Civil Society (CSO) Forum to work with a group of 15 leading global organizations on implementation strategies for the 26 Pathfinding Countries. Together with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, we are working to end abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence and torture against children.

Leaving a legacy of better child protection systems in cities and regions around the world is the primary goal of all ISPCAN congresses and events—and now that work has been recognized with an Incredible Impacts grant from the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) and the BestCities Global Alliance. ISPCAN was one of three international associations selected by the Incredible Impacts Programme as a leading example of excellence within the global meetings industry.

ICCA and BestCities noted the legacy developed at ISPCAN’s December 2018 Caribbean Congress in Montego Bay, Jamaica, including a focus on bridging the gap between academic research and the work of practitioners serving vulnerable children targeted by sex tourism and other forms of abuse, and adding the voices of youth and adult survivors within the region. In line with Jamaica’s new national plan to address violence against children, the event also included a Youth Forum that engaged local youth ages 16-25 in the topic of sex tourism, giving them a platform to create their own plan and use social media and multimedia to tell their stories.
Expanding Our Reach

Our digital footprint has nearly doubled, as we explore new ways to bring professionals together via email campaigns, social media platforms, and e-learning.

In 2018, ISPCAN gained more than 400 new members through our Congress and conference in Prague, Czech Republic, and Montego Bay, Jamaica.

To engage new and existing members throughout the year, as well as those in the broader ISPCAN community, we rely on digital platforms including our website, social media, webinars, and direct emails—all of which expanded in 2018.

ISPCAN has seen tremendous growth in its digital community. This is the lifeblood of our communications with our international network.
The ISPCAN community includes ISPCAN members in 90 countries. Seventy nine percent (79%) of those members are from high income countries and 21% are from low/middle-income countries.
ISPCAN Country Partners

ISPCAN’s Country Partners are national, multidisciplinary organizations working in child abuse and neglect prevention with whom we share experiences, research, and resources in an effort to augment efforts at local, national, and regional levels to end child maltreatment.

Argentina
Asociación Argentina de Prevención del Maltrato Infanto-Juvenil (ASAPMI)

Africa
African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN-UGANDA)

Australia
National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)

Colombia
Asociación Contra El Maltrato Infantil (AFECTO)

Denmark
Danish Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (DASPCAN)

Greece
ELIZA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Hong Kong
Against Child Abuse (ACA)

Iceland
Nordic Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NASPCAN)

Italy
Italian Network of Services for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CISMAI)

Japan
Japanese Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (JaSPCAN)

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
National Family Safety Program and Neglect (SENECAN)

Lebanon
Association de Foyer L’Enfant Libanais (AFEL)

Portugal
Caminhos da Infancia

Saudi Arabia
National Family Safety Program (NFSP)

Serbia
Incest Trauma Center – Belgrade (ITC)

Singapore
Singapore Children’s Society

Spain
Federation of Associations for Prevention of Child Mistreatment (FAPMI)

Turkey
Turkish Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (TSPCAN)

United Arab Emirates
Dubai Foundation for Women and Children (DFWAC)

United Kingdom
British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN)

United States
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
ISPCAN Executive Council

ISPCAN Councilors are world renowned leaders in the field of child abuse & neglect and help set strategic directions for the organization. They volunteer countless hours to advancing the field of child abuse prevention, by providing technical expertise and invaluable resources to ISPCAN.

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There is so much more that we can achieve with your support. YOU can make a difference, let us be your catalyst for change in our world.

Every dollar donated will support efforts in developing countries that are in desperate need of the latest research, data and training materials so that victims of child abuse and neglect and their families may begin the process of healing their minds, bodies and hearts.

Your sponsorship allows ISPCAN to provide practitioners with the tools and resources necessary to prevent, respond to and deliver life-saving services in over 100 countries.

Let your donation support thousands of children for years to come as together we improve entire systems of care and help drive social change in regions of the world in which children do not have a voice.

Please contact partnerships@ispcan.org to learn more.