COVID-19 affects us all, but the most vulnerable are those who do not just fear the virus. Many children are in quarantine with those that can cause them the greatest harm.

We must protect them at all costs.
THE BURDEN OF CHILD ABUSE

The Magnitude of the Problem

1 Billion children globally experience violence every year

25% of women report having been sexually abused as a child

25% of all adults report having been abused as a child

80% of child abusers were abused as children

80% of substance abusers were abused as children

80% 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

Children are robbed of the chance to become productive, happy citizens
The Crisis within the Crisis
The Effect of COVID-19

A third of the global population is on lockdown, and school closures have impacted more than 1.5 billion children.

As families struggle with disruptions in routine, isolation from society, financial insecurity, stress, and anxiety, the risk of child abuse in all forms is on the rise – particularly for children already living in vulnerable situations. Those children now lack access to the safe spaces, services, and people that schools provide. And while online communities have become central to learning, support, and play for children, they also increase exposure to cyberbullying, risky online behavior, and sexual exploitation.

The most vulnerable children in society – refugees, migrants, and those who are internally displaced, deprived of liberty, living without parental care, homeless, disabled, or living in conflict zones – are a particular concern. For them, growing economic vulnerability will increase the threat of child labor, child marriage, and child trafficking.

We fear more cases of abuse going unreported because the normal child protection systems are not functioning at full capacity. Identifying and preventing child maltreatment is more important than ever, requiring a multidisciplinary approach and effective prevention programs that support parents and teach positive parenting skills during times of crisis.
ISPCAN provides access to the latest tools, techniques and procedures for the champions who protect, care for and nurture the children of the world, creating environments where they can recover and thrive.

ISPCAN's forums are globally recognized as the optimal source of best practices in pediatric care, psychological treatment, research, policy advocacy, and prevention of abuse and neglect.

ISPCAN’s membership includes medical, psychological, academic, educational, nutritional, law enforcement and policy professionals from every continent bound together by a unity of purpose: protect the world's children during this global health crisis.
OUR MISSION
ISPCAN's mission is to increase public awareness of all forms of violence against children, develop activities to prevent such violence, and promote the rights of children in all regions of the world.

OUR PROMISE
From the most remote villages in developing countries to the urban communities of the world's largest cities, ISPCAN will work to protect children.

OUR TEAM
The ISPCAN Council has over 20 world renowned professionals across all disciplines of child protection working tirelessly to ensure all children have the right to health and happiness.

OUR COMMITMENT
ISPCAN remains focused on delivering valuable resources to the front line professionals still fighting to ensure that children remain safe and cared for.

WE WILL NOT STOP
UNTIL WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

OUR PROMISE
Global organizations recognize the impact of COVID-19 on children. United Nations Policy Brief:

This is an unprecedented crisis and it presents unprecedented risks to the rights and safety and development of the world's children. Those risks can only be mitigated through unprecedented international solidarity for children and humanity.

We have to work together to make progress on these three fronts—information, solidarity and action. But we have to act now, we have to act decisively, and at very large scale. This is not a gradual issue; it is a clarion call for the world's children, the world's future.

ISPCAN STANDS WITH OTHER LEADING WORLD ORGANIZATIONS IN ADDRESSING RISING CHILD ABUSE ISSUES DURING COVID-19

ISPCAN stands in solidarity with world leaders in Joint Leaders' Statement:

From 21 Child Rights Organizations including WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, World Vision, ISPCAN and other major child protection organizations around the globe.

Our collective response must include:

Maintaining essential health and social welfare services, including mental health and psychosocial support; providing child protection case management and emergency alternative care arrangements; ensuring social protection for the most vulnerable children and households; continuing care and protection for children in institutions; and communicating with and engaging parents, caregivers and children themselves with evidence-based information and resources.
During this COVID-19 global health crisis, ISPCAN's impact can only be felt by having the financial resources available to provide the data, research, training materials and critical communications to front line child protection workers and caregivers.

Your Financial Support Matters during COVID-19

By supporting ISPCAN financially, you will more deeply engage with your worldwide community. Your sponsorship provides ISPCAN members with the tools and resources necessary to prevent, respond to and deliver life-saving child abuse resources in over 100 countries.

DONATE TO ISPCAN TODAY AND IMPROVE ENTIRE SYSTEMS OF CARE ACROSS THE GLOBE

Please contact: partnerships@ispcan.org for more ways to support ISPCAN's Mission.
WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

HELP ISPCAN BRING CHILD PROTECTION KNOWLEDGE TO EVERY CITY ONE NATION AT A TIME