

III PLAN AGAINST SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN
IN SPAIN
[2017-2020]

Activities report 2018
[Executive summary]



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Presentation

Over the last years, Spanish Government has developed very important efforts in the fight against sexual exploitation of children (SEC), specially relating to legislative field. So, Spain counts on specific Action Plans for the protection of children, different provisions in the Spanish Criminal Code and the ratification of different international instruments. In spite of these advances, the analysis of the social and political context in the country evinces the need of continuing working at different levels in the design and implementation of concrete actions that allow to proactively move forward in the fight against SEC, mainly in the fields of research on the problematic in all its manifestations, prevention and awareness raising, protection of victims and youth participation.

Along 2018, FAPMI-ECPAT Spain, in view of the above, has continued with its work of building an integrator, holistic and reference regulatory framework adjusted to the international and national standards, that guarantees children's right to protection from any form of sexual exploitation. This framework permits to continue along to the activities developed to date in the context of the development of an action state strategy against sexual exploitation of children in Spain, tackling the problem in an integral way, involving all sectors and agents.



Strategic guidelines

By the end of 2011 FAPMI-ECPAT Spain was recognized as the national group in Spain of the ECPAT International Network and the The Code organization; taking this context, three action plans against sexual exploitation of children were developed: I Action Plan against SEC (2012-2013), II Action Plan against SEC (2014-2016) and III Action Plan against SEC (2017-2020). Its deployment implies a set of complementary guidelines with the aim of involving all organizations, entities, institutions and companies directly linked to the problem of SEC. These guidelines, could be summarized as follows:

- Promoting and disseminating of research, tools and knowledge on SEC in any of its forms;
- Providing information, awareness raising and prevention;
- Training for the improvement of the attention to victims
- Advocacy
- Promoting alliances
- Positioning FAPMI-ECPAT Spain as a reference in Spain in the fight against SEC.

These guidelines include a children's approach based on the Convention of Children's Rights as fundamental and transversal axis to all the above.



Outcomes and activities

2018 in numbers

Activities carried out



8.483

beneficiaries



Development and promotion of scientific knowledge on the problem of SEC.



185.273

beneficiaries



Provision of information and awareness raising on the problem of SEC, addressed to general population and specific groups with the aim of becoming prevention, detection and reporting active agents facing SEC.



3.111

beneficiaries



Capacity building of professionals that allows a real approach to the problem of SEC, an appropriate attention to victims and a concrete implementation of measure to combat SEC.



1.135

beneficiaries



Implementation of prevention activities among those especially vulnerable groups with the aim of which they acquire knowledge and tools for self-protection.



120.457

beneficiaries



Development of protection measures, including legislative reforms, reinforcing public networks and social initiative structures involved.

Development of cooperation activities at the international and national level and promotion of networking, facilitating the coordination of strategies and optimizing the responses to the problem.

Activities by strategic goals

Strategic Goal

1.

Promotion and dissemination of research, instruments and knowledge about child sexual exploitation in all its forms.

Along 2018, FAPMI-ECPAT Spain has continued working in awareness raising and increase of scientific evidence on the problem of sexual exploitation of children in any of its forms. This work has been done throughout different simultaneous ways: through the recompilation and dissemination through the channels of the Federation (virtual documentary center, web page and social networks), of reports and research on the issue, the call for dissemination and the implementation of training activities with different agents on the problem, and the development of reports and proposals contributing to a highest body of knowledge.

Within this goal, monographic reports for mass media have been developed too, with the aim of promoting empirical knowledge on this reality among the sector.

In addition, and important work of dissemination of contents and international proposals has been developed, which have impacted and motivated a change in the fight against sexual exploitation in our country.

Besides the above, activities in the areas of identification and dissemination of good practices have been developed, in the fields of prevention, detection and reporting; protocols and interinstitutional coordination, training for professionals, legal and legislative framework.



Promoting scientific research.

On the other hand, FAPMI-ECPAT Spain is leading a research on self-produced images by children with sexual content. The aims of the research are: 1) to know the kind of images derived from the processes of sexting and the context minors take and share these images; 2) to understand the motivation of minor to take and disseminate self-images with sexual content and the way they face perceived risk; 3) to know the decision making process and the consequences for minors derived from the production and dissemination of self-images with sexual content; 4) to contribute to the adaptation of strategies to tackle protection and the safety use of the Internet, especially in the face of online sexual violence by minors, taking into account their point of view.

Strategic Goal**2.**

Providing information, awareness raising to general populations, and to all significant agents and to the private sector in particularly on the problem of SEC, in order to become prevention, detection and reporting active agents.

Along 2018 different activities aimed to the increase of knowledge, awareness raising and active involvement in detection and reporting of SEC have continued been developed in the following sectors:

General population. Through the dissemination of information and awareness raising materials related to the issue of SEC developed by FAPMI-ECPAT Spain and third parties at FAPMI's specific website and social networks.

Sexual exploitation of children in the context of travel and tourism (SECTT) awareness raising campaign, in the context of the Football World Cup in the Russian Federation, with the aim of increasing social awareness on the problem of SECTT and to promote the reporting of cases.

Children, families and educational context. In this field is has to be highlighted the activities carried out in the context of the Make-IT-Safe program, of safety use of the Internet initiated in 2015 (more detailed information in Strategic Goal 6).

Private sector. Within this goal, we have continued working in the implementation of the code of conduct for the protection of children from sexual exploitation in travel and tourism.

Tourism and Childhood forum. This initiative has been led by FAPMI-ECPAT Spain, and it has been configured an informal participation space for all agents linked to childhood with the aim of analyzing the problem of SECTT and to agree improvement measures for the better protection of children.



Strategic Goal**3.**

Promoting the improvement of attention and protective measures for victims of SEC in all its forms through training of significantly groups and dissemination of tools in all levels and in all contexts directly linked to this problem.

This goal has been achieved through the identification of training materials disseminated through the Federation's virtual documentary center and social networks, and the organization and development of different capacity building activities addressed to professionals linked to childhood in the issue of SEC.

Advocacy. It has to be highlighted the development and presentation before Spanish Senate Children's Rights Commission a report related to the problem of violence against children in Spain; the development of different reports and proposals, e.g. related to the situation of children with disabilities victims of SEC or the protection of children from online SEC and child sexual abuse.

On the other hand, a proposal for the inclusion of specific dispositions on SEC including all its forms has been developed in the framework of the integral law on violence against children promoted by the Spanish Government.



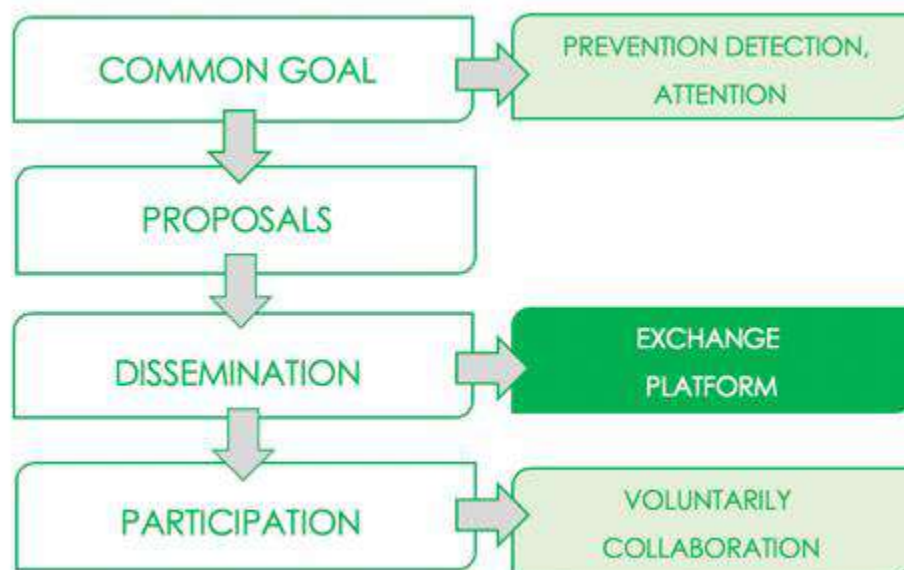
Strategic Goal

4.

Promoting interinstitutional coordination at local, state and international level and the collaboration of all social agents, administration and private companies directly linked to this problem.

This goal has been achieved mainly through the promotion of the Spanish Network Against Sexual Exploitation of Children. This initiative, led by FAPMI-ECPAT Spain, was established to increase and reinforce the collaboration of all significantly agents in the fight against SEC in Spain, and consists in a task force integrated by different profiles (civil society, professionals from different fields, organizations, universities, administrations, private companies, mass media, etc.). Its main activities are addressed to the development of a common frame in the fight against SEC in Spain in its different manifestations, advocacy, awareness raising and prevention.

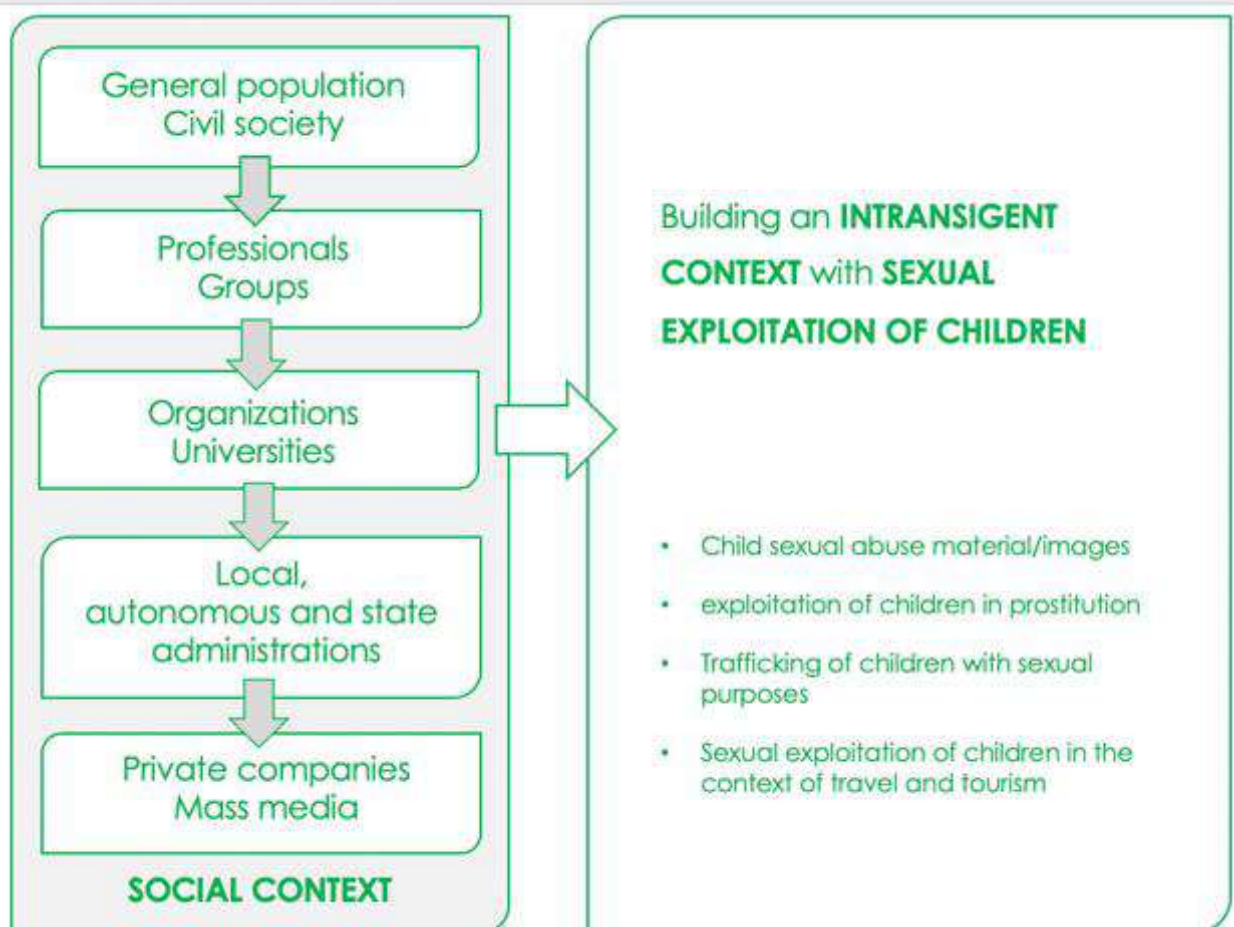
Complementary and within this goal, the construction of alliances and the promotion of networking with related entities has been developed; specially it has to be highlighted the collaboration in different projects with ECPAT International and others groups of the aforementioned organization, as well as the new synergies developed with state Police Bodies and other entities with analogous objectives.



Strategic Goal**5.****Reinforcing FAPMI-ECPAT Spain position of the main Network against SEC in Spain.**

Within this goal, it has to be highlighted the development of different reports related to the activities carried out by FAPMI-ECPAT Spain in compliance with its Action Plan against SEC in Spain.

The Federation has continued participating in different forums where the Federation has collaborated, such as ISPCAN, The Code, ECPAT International, Childhood Observatory and its different task forces, Childhood Organizations Platform or The Spanish Network against trafficking of human beings, all of them entities and organizations where the Federation participates actively.



Strategic Goal

6.

Empowering children as effective agents in the prevention of SEC among their peers.

Since its start in 2015, the Federation has continued with the activities addressed directly to children in all those Autonomous Communities where the Federation has representation through its federated associations, implementing the make-IT-safe Program.

The Program pursues the aim of training children in the identification of protective responses before possible own or perpetrated by others victimization experiences to whose they can be exposed while their exploration of the Internet and social networks, through a positive and good treatment approach.

The effectiveness of the program is based on the direct work with children as main recipients, and also the work with their reference adults, which allow the development of a common and shared language between children and their families. In that way it's possible to hatch a protective network around the online victimization experiences where children as well as their reference adults handle clues, tools and strategies to preserve children's welfare.

On the other hand, it has to be highlighted, within the objectives of the make-IT-safe initiative, the implementation of activities addressed to the promotion of youth participation. In this case, a pilot initiative has been developed during 2018, consisting in the training of adolescents in one school from Salamanca in order to train to their peers in the safety use of the Internet and social networks.



Conclusions

The program for the prevention of sexual exploitation of children it's a pioneer initiative led by FAPMI-ECPAT Spain currently under development, which continues its activities benefiting of an informal and formal network of entities more and more committed in the fight against SEC in our country.

The assessment of the execution period is very satisfactory. Results have been achieved in all the goals in line with previous exercises and areas for improvement detected have been addressed; in this regard, the expectations initially established have been reached as relating to the number of beneficiaries as the number of activities developed.

From our point of view, it's possible to point out a positive evolution regarding knowledge and social awareness in the fight against SEC at the state level and a progressive implication of more and more agents and groups in this issue, which can be highlighted as significant achievements in the fight against SEC.

As part of the development of this report it's possible to identify new challenges which will require an increasing effort during the next exercise, e.g., a greatest visibility (in the level of external communication), and a greater incidence specially regarding the legal framework.

We thank all agents, from public administrations, entities and organizations, private sector, professionals and individuals, which have contributed to FAPMI-ECPAT Spain's work in support of children's rights and promotion of good treatment to children.



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