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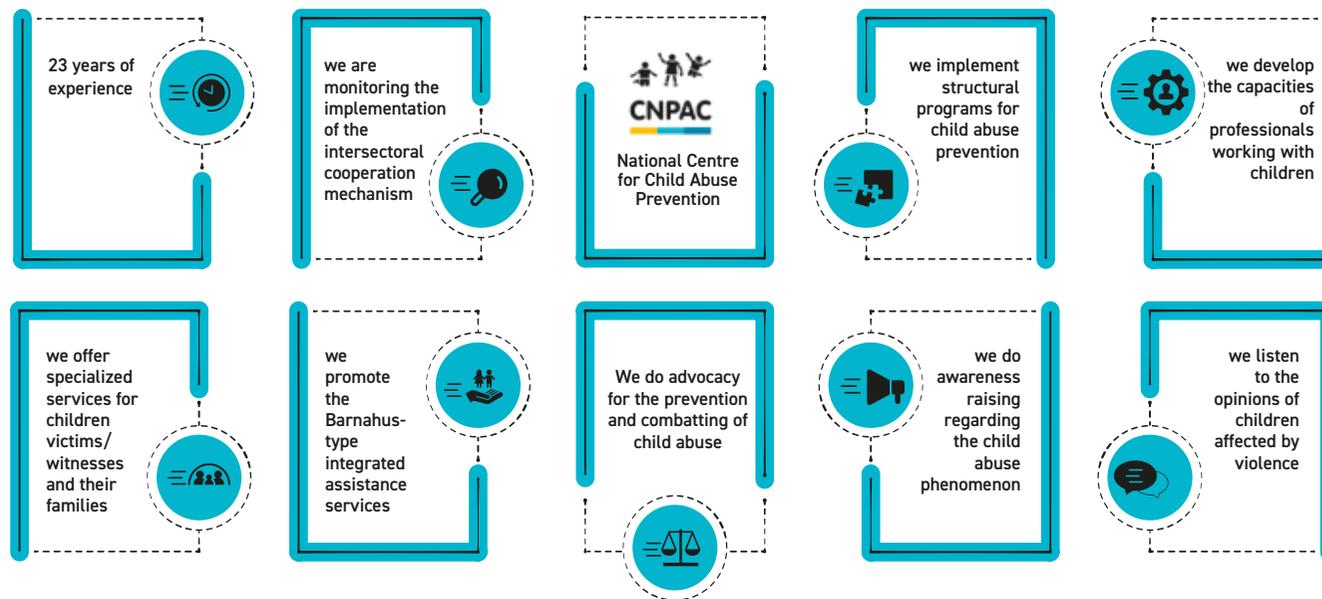
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WHO WE ARE



The National Centre for Child Abuse Prevention (NCCAP) is a non-governmental organisation from the Republic of Moldova which promotes the children's rights to be protected against any form of violence. Throughout its whole period of activity since it had been registered in the Ministry of Justice in 1998, NCCAP developed a large and complex spectrum of services, being a promoter of the most innovative practices for child abuse prevention, and for the assistance of child victims, also sharing its expertise with the child protection authorities.



Vision

A society in which all the children are protected against any form of violence.

Mission

We contribute to the decrease of the incidence and of the consequences of violence against children through prevention, advocacy, capacity building and specialized services' provision.



FOREWORD



Dear friends!

The year 2019 meant for the NCCAP team the continuation of our mission assumed more than two decades ago, but also taking of new commitments for a new five-year period, based on the NCCAP Strategic Plan for 2019-2023. Since we strongly believe that through the empowerment of children, development of their life skills and resilience on the one hand, and through the development of parental skills among caregivers on the other hand, we will be able to consistently prevent all forms of violence against children, we carried on the dissemination of educational programs. Thus, more than 3000 children and young people benefitted from our structural education programs, while the pool of facilitators trained in 2019 reached a total number of 920 professionals, mainly psychologists, pedagogues and librarians from more than 15 districts of our country.

It was a year in which we attempted to contribute to the life quality of children temporarily placed in alternative care services. We believe that the responsibility of providing a safe environment to children temporarily separated from their families is one of the key priorities. We provided support to 3 temporary placement centres that have a total number of 57 children in service, in the development of their Institutional Child Protection Policies. It proved to be an endeavour with many lessons learnt, which we will undoubtedly share in the following years. The fact remains that every childcare service must develop its own child protection policy.

We learned extremely important yet simple things from children affected by violence. We are lucky to have 5 new team members, former beneficiaries of our centre and survivors of sexual abuse in their childhood. Together with them we worked on an advocacy message addressed to professionals. Their voice matters a lot to us and we are grateful for their involvement.

520 child victims of violence, out of which 221 victims and witnesses of sex crimes and domestic violence received specialized assistance. We are glad that we could help for the rehabilitation of these children, however we stay aware of the fact that still a big number of children in similar situations from our country do not have access to such services.

The year 2019 was marked by a result that we had been striving for in the last several years – adoption of the Governmental Decision on the creation of Barnahus-type Centres for integrated assistance to child victims/witnesses of crime. This means that starting with 2020 more children affected by violence will have access to specialized services guaranteeing them friendly legal proceedings and qualified psychological rehabilitation.

I am grateful to the NCCAP team, to partners, supporters and donors, together with whom we succeeded to promote zero tolerance regarding violence against children and to provide a protective environment to hundreds of children.

Daniela Simboteanu, President of NCCAP

PROJECTS



MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESPONSE TO CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN, 2017-2020, implemented with the support of **World Childhood Foundation**, for the provision of Barnahus-type integrated assistance services to child victims/witnesses of violence.



BASELINE SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL CENTER OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, 2019-2022, offered by **OAK Foundation**, for the implementation of the NCCAP Strategic Plan 2019-2023.



DEVELOPMENT OF RESILIENCE AGAINST SEXUAL AND COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION FOR ADOLESCENTS FROM VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, implemented with the support of the **Embassy of the Netherlands** for the prevention of abuse, sexual-commercial exploitation and human trafficking among young people with an increased vulnerability level.



OUR VOICES TOO, implemented in partnership with the International **Research Centre for sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking against children, from the Bedfordshire University (UK)**, with the support of **OAK foundation**, for the promotion of children and adolescents from Europe participation in the area of combating of sexual violence.



RAISING AWARENESS ON THE ON-LINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION PHENOMENON IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, supported by the **Council of Europe**, for the consolidation of the Lanzarote Convention implementation and for the promotion of the European Day for child protection against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.



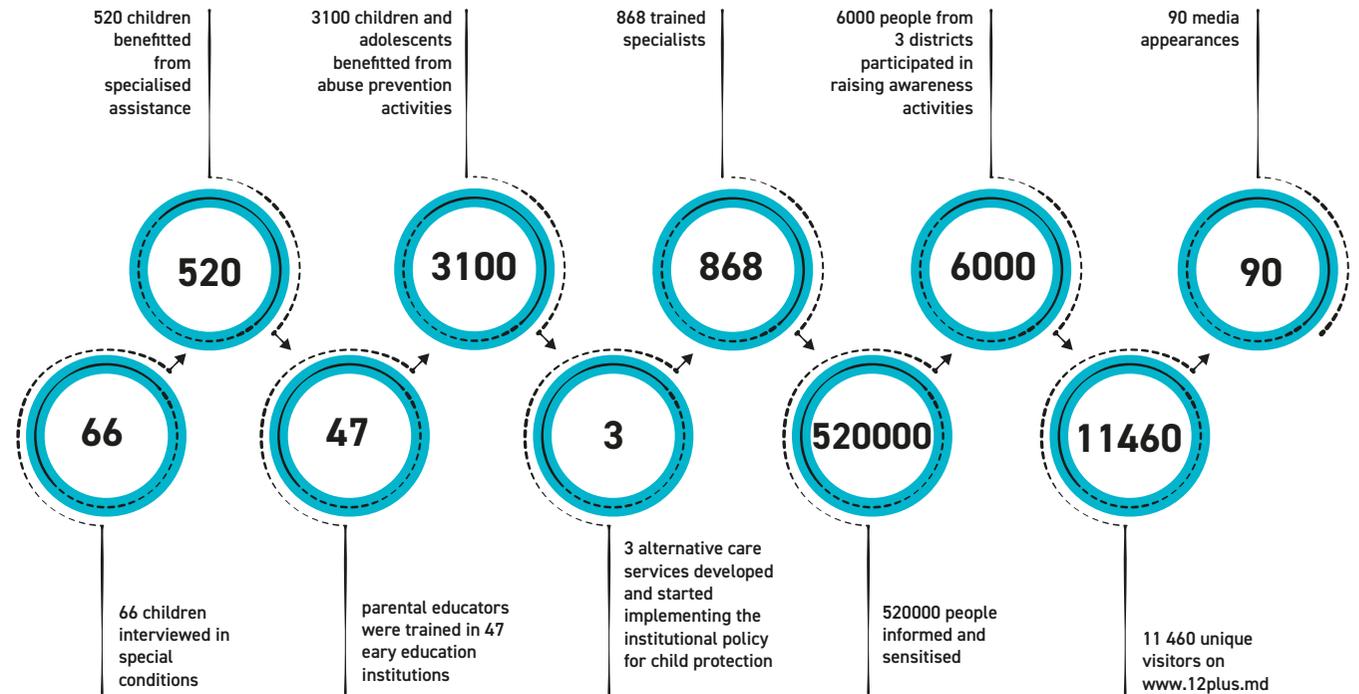
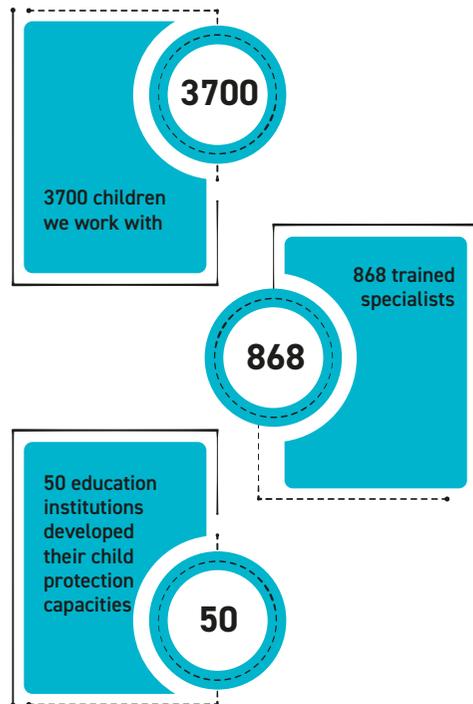
PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION IN THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE - A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, implemented in partnership with **Empowering Children Foundation**, with the support of **OAK Foundation**, in order to reduce the societal tolerance for the child sexual abuse phenomenon in 6 European countries, as well as for the empowerment of children and professionals for the recognition and response to the respective area.



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, implemented with the support of the **Council of Europe - Chisinau Office**, for the awareness-raising among decision-makers, parents and caregivers, children and adolescents regarding the on-line child sexual abuse and exploitation phenomenon.



2019 RESULTS IN NUMBERS



CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY

For more than two decades we have been striving for the prevention of all forms of violence against children in our country. We focused our efforts with great commitment on the implementation of structural programs for violence prevention, which imply, like a red thread, the development of resilience among children of all ages.

The firm belief of our organisation is that children and adolescents will be capable to cope with risks and adversities provided that they are trained on how to become resilient, acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills for that. Especially in 2019 we were convinced of the importance of children and adolescents' participation in this prevention effort, including those affected by violence.



Copiii trebuie
învățați să facă
față adversităților

Prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation



THE EXPERIENCE OF THE CAMPAIGN “NOBODY TOUCHES HERE” WILL BE USED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF EARLY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST CHILDREN

The campaign “Nobody touches here” launched 5 years ago in the Republic of Moldova as part of the “One in five” campaign for the prevention of child sexual violence, carried out by the Council of Europe, proved to be highly successful in our country and its results were highly appreciated by both children and parents. The campaign targeted the parents, educators and caregivers of little children aged 0-7, aiming at increasing the level of their involvement, which is crucial for stopping child sexual abuse. In this respect NCCAP together with the Council of Europe distributed useful materials to children and adults, aiming at the prevention of child sexual abuse.

Our actions did not stop here. After the approval by the MECR in 2018 of the Early Education Standards and Early Education Curriculum that included all the indicators regarding protection of children against sexual abuse, in 2019 together with the **Council of Europe** we continued to consolidate the capacities of the education system for the application of this curriculum through the piloting of a program on continuous training for teaching staff, educators, methodologists from the early education institutions. On October 10 - 11 2019, a training of trainers “**Kiko and the hand**” was organized for 23 methodologists from 18 kindergartens from our country, using the messages and instruments from the “Nobody touches here” Campaign. This training course will be replicated in order to cover a bigger number of professionals from early education system.



THE PROGRAM FOR ADOLESCENTS 12 PLUS WAS BROUGHT TO 10 VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FROM MOLDOVA

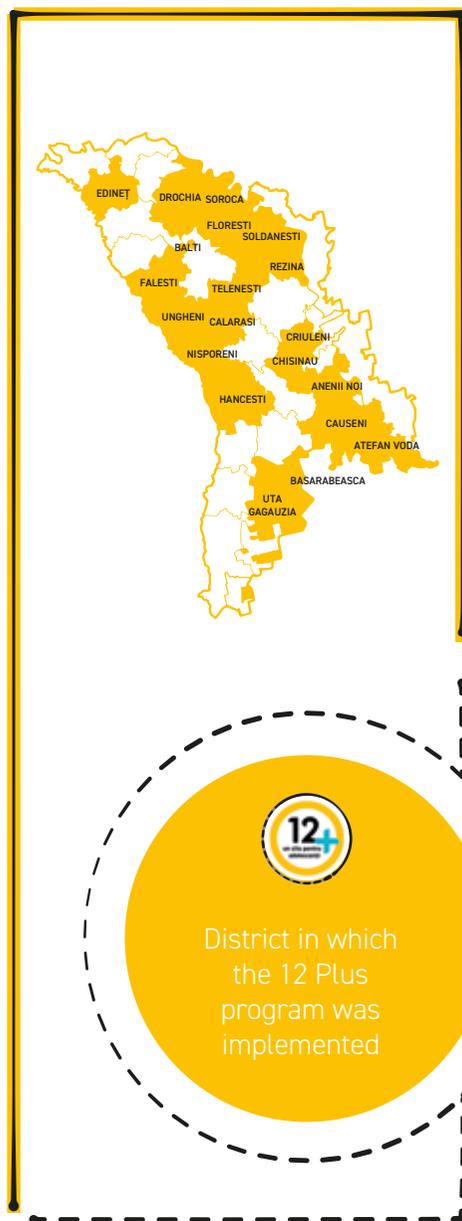
920 pupils from 10 vocational schools from Chisinau, Balti, Ungheni, Alexandreni (Sangerei), Comrat and Ceadar-Lunga participated in different activities for consolidation of knowledge and skills for the prevention of risks associated with the phenomenon of abuse, sexual exploitation and human trafficking. In total, 160 workshops and 15 discussion clubs were organized for the pupils in the framework of the Structural Programme for the development of adolescents' resilience against sexual abuse and exploitation "12Plus".

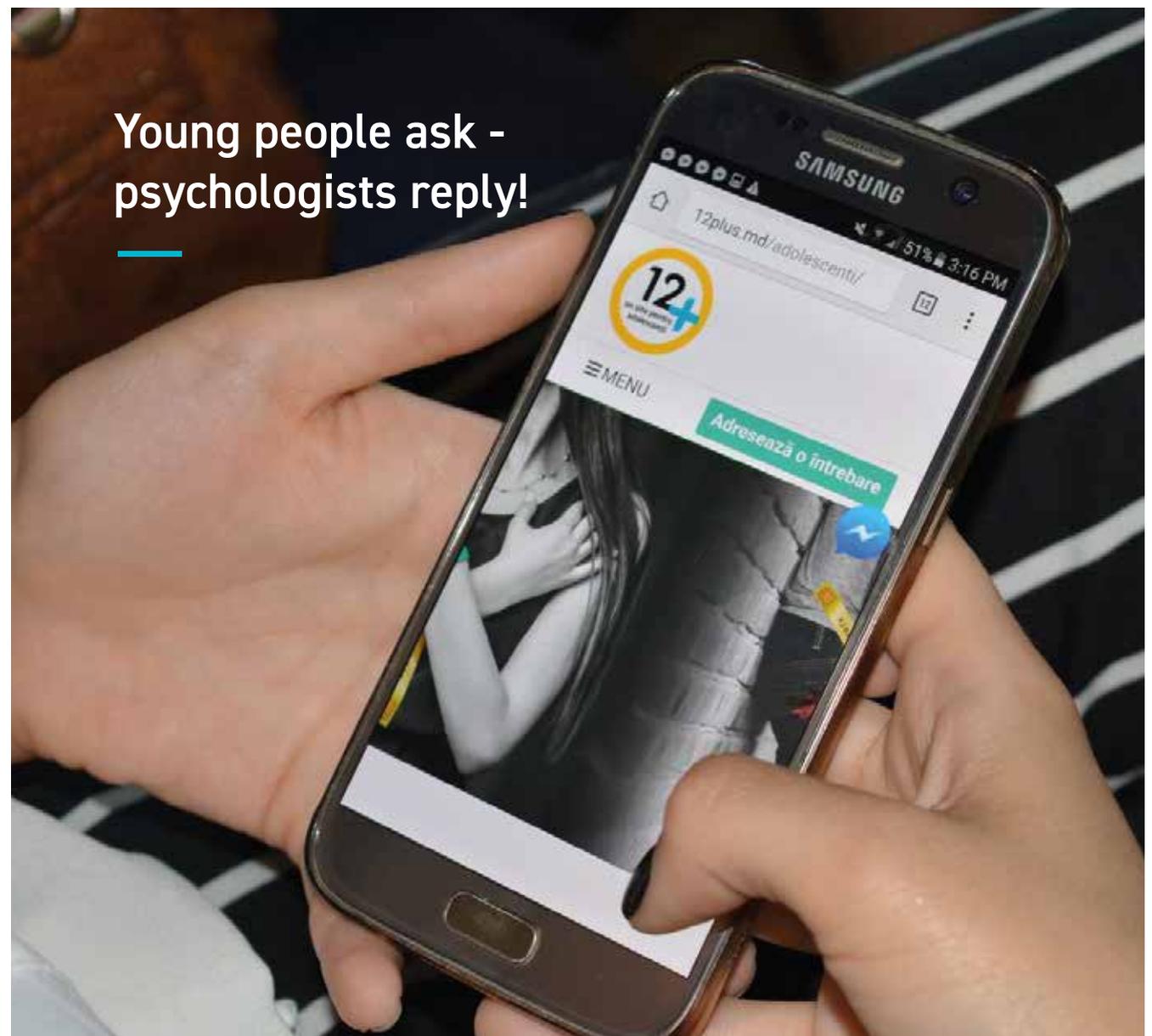
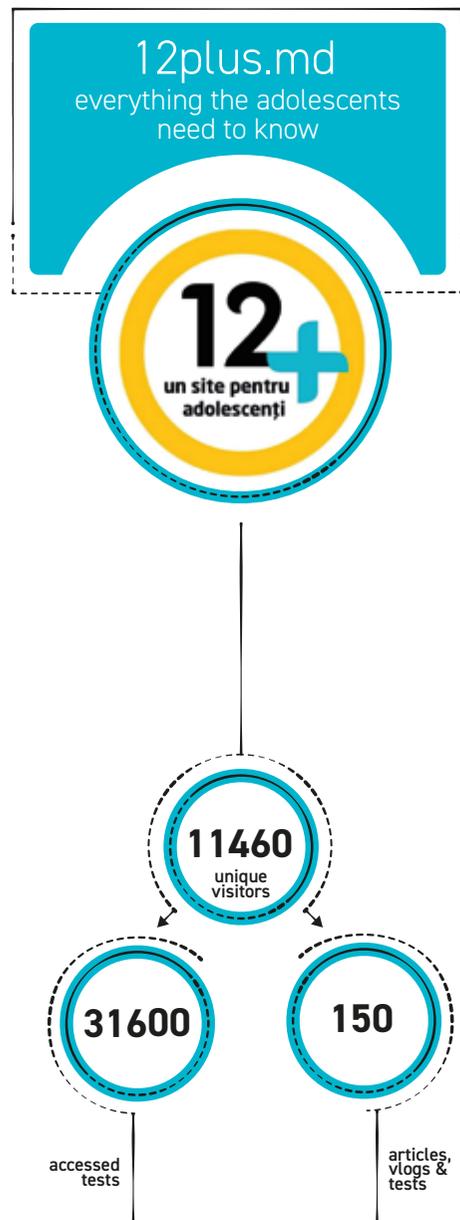
The adolescents learned new things about the mechanisms of constraint/manipulation used for luring the young people into exploitative relations, which allowed them to develop new competences for the identification of potentially dangerous situations.

302 professionals from these vocational schools attended 10 training seminars where they got acquainted with such topics as resilience and risk factors in adolescence, indicators of sexual abuse among adolescents, protection interview etc.

In partnership with the Republican Centre of Psycho-pedagogical Assistance, we organized trainings for 55 psychologists from 15 districts and 2 municipality from the country, who develop the necessary competences for the application of the "12Plus" program.

Since the Program had been launched three years ago, we trained 173 specialists from all over the country to apply the 12PLUS Programme when working with adolescents.







respondents who believe that the sexual exploitation phenomenon does not take into account socio-demographic characteristics



respondents who believe that poverty is a main trigger for children and adolescents to be involved in sexual activities for money or other material benefits



respondents believe that punishment must be applied for the use of sexual services from underaged persons that are initiated/requested by a client



respondents believe that punishment must be applied for the use of sexual services from underaged persons, if these are initiated by the minor or if some payment or material benefits are involved

Results of the study “Societal attitudes versus the sexual-commercial exploitation of children and adolescents”, data from 2019

A COMPARATIVE STUDY 2015/2019 EMPHASIZED THE SOCIETAL ATTITUDES VERSUS THE PHENOMENON OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

The results of the comparative study “Societal attitudes versus the sexual-commercial exploitation of children and adolescents”, accomplished by IMAS at the request of NCCAP, showed an increasing trend in 2019 compared to 2015, of the degree of recognition by the society of the sexual abuse and exploitation phenomena. Nevertheless, there are still plenty of misconceptions in place, and the child sexual abuse is justified by 3 out of 10 respondents, poverty being taken as an excuse. 1 in 10 persons believe that no punishment is to be applied for such actions.

The Study was launched in the framework of a press-club with the topic „Child sexual abuse: scale of the phenomenon and involvement of the state the solving of this problem”, which included discussions on different aspects of the phenomenon, including about the fact that sexual abuse remains to be a severe crime against children, the respective phenomenon being in an increasing trend in the Republic of Moldova, so that this topic reflects an urgent issue for our society which needs to be brought into light as often as possible through mass-media.



Raising awareness among children and young people regarding the on-line sexual abuse phenomenon

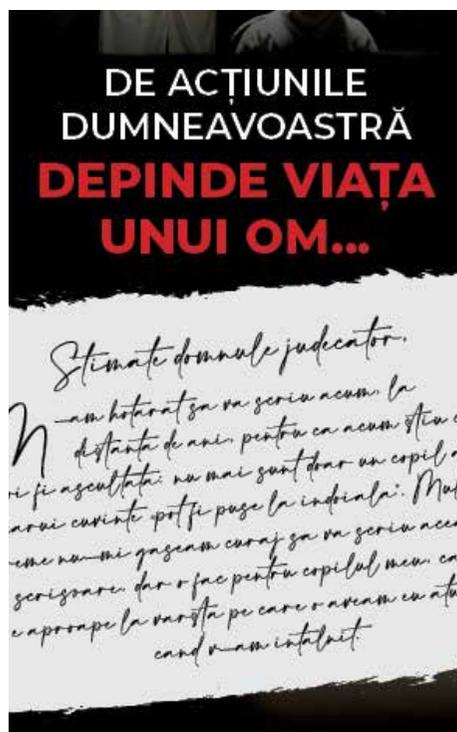


OFFLINE PREVENTION OF ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

20 photographs whose scenarios were developed together with a group of young women, child sexual abuse survivors, were included in the "Offline exhibition about online environment: how can the online child sexual abuse be prevented" which we accomplished with the support of the Council of Europe in order to raise the awareness of decision-makers, parents and caregivers, children and young people regarding the phenomenon of on-line sexual abuse and exploitation.

The exhibition was launched on **November 18, on the occasion of the European Day for child protection against sexual abuse and exploitation**, in the premises of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, to be further exhibited until June 2020 in 12 localities from the country: Chisinau, Balti, Ungheni, Sangerei, Comrat, Ceadar-Lunga, Orhei, Straseni, Leova, Hancesti, Causeni, Criuleni. More than 6000 children and young people visited the photography exhibition together with their parents and teachers, getting acquainted with the threats they may encounter in on-line environment, especially about the risks and mechanisms of constraint/manipulation used for luring someone into exploitative relations.

A special output of this campaign – the 2020 calendar including 12 out of 20 photographs from the exhibition, was distributed in the schools from all over the country, to hundreds of specialists in the area of child protection and to dozens of public libraries and services for children.



"OUR VOICES TOO" - PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE, SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

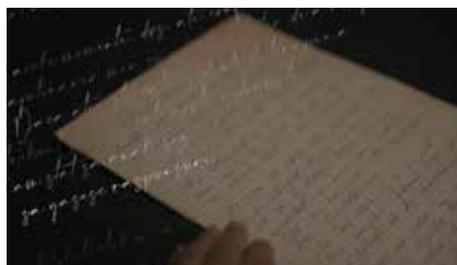
5 youth advocates, survivors of child sexual abuse, former beneficiaries of the Centre for psycho-social assistance for child victims of abuse "Amicul", participated in 2019 in an innovative regional programme of participatory advocacy „Our Voices Too”, at the initiative of NCCAP, aiming at the promotion of children and youth from Europe participation in the combating of sexual violence.

The young women took part in 12 sessions' training that pursued the goal of empowering them to become **"youth advocates"** and to further get involved in advocacy activities as a response to the child sexual violence phenomenon. In the framework of the programme they learned about safe space, consent, confidentiality, advocacy and lobby, participation in decision-making processes and children's rights.

The program was implemented at the regional level by the International Research Centre in the area of sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking against children, from the Bedfordshire University, which cooperated with three partner-organisations from South-East Europe: NCCAP (the Republic of Moldova), Different and Equal (Albania) and ATINA (Serbia). On September 9-10 we were honoured to host to final event of the project in Chisinau, in the framework of which we shared our experience in working with groups of children and youth affected by sexual abuse.

THE VIDEO "LETTER TO THE JUDGE"

We are proud with the deliverable of the group of youth advocates and NCCAP –the video "Letter to the Judge", through which the survivors of sexual abuse addressed to the specialists coming in contact with the child victims.



MORE AND MORE PUBLIC LIBRARIES BECOME THE PLACE WHERE CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

During the last three years, 6680 children of early school age, among which 1283 in 2019, learned how to cope with potentially dangerous situations they may encounter in different social environments, due to the program **"On the way home"**, proposed by our organisation to schools starting with 2012, as well as to public libraries starting with 2017. The program is based on a table game with the same title, during which the players tackle different dangerous situations they may encounter on their way back home, in the school, in the parks, in shops or in the street.

We continued to train the trainers for the program "On the way home" in 2019 as well. 30 librarians and 25 specialists from alternative care services attended our trainings in 2019 for the application of the program, from a total number of **377 professionals** who are currently delivering this program in the institutions from Hancesti, Cimislia, Leova, Chisinau, Orhei and Straseni.



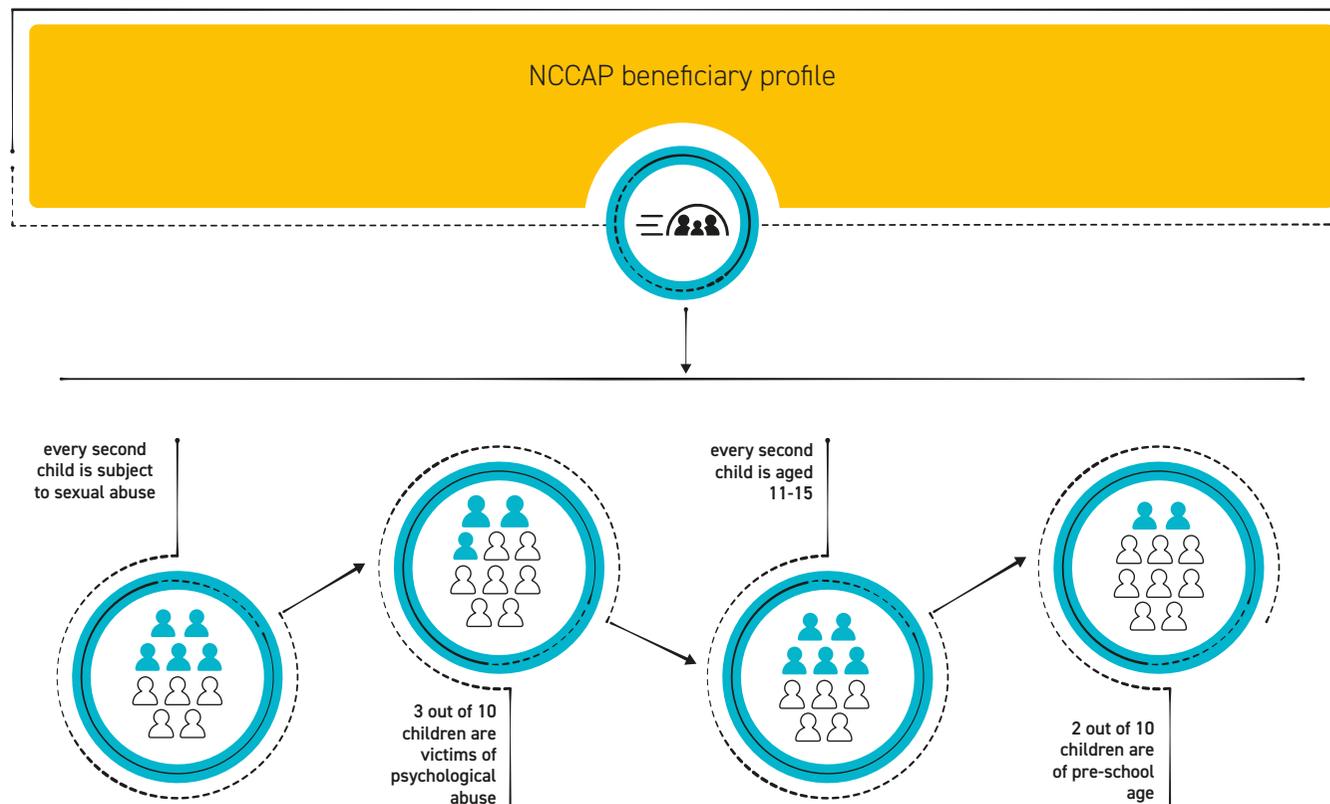
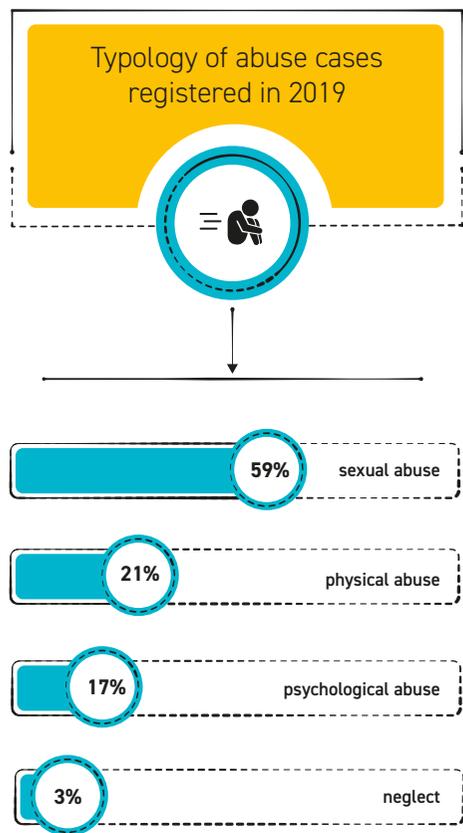
Districts in which
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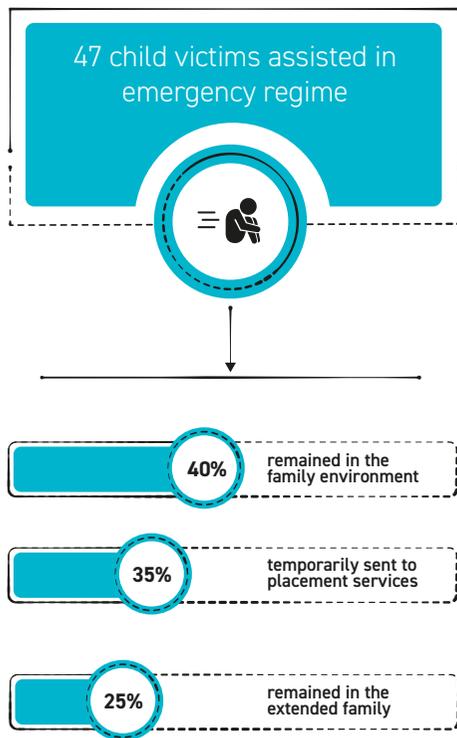


Increasing the access of children and families to psycho-social assistance services

INCREASING THE ACCESS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO SPECIALIZED SERVICES

More than 520 child victims, including victims of crime, received specialized services in the framework of the **Psycho-social assistance service for children and families „Amicul”**, managed in collaboration with the Municipal Directorate for Children's Rights' Protection. In 2019 we took into service 213 new children, and the remaining 307 benefitted of continuous assistance.





Psycho-social assistance for circa 300 child victims of various forms of violence

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 143 child victims and their parents/ caregivers received psychological support: 860 sessions of counselling and psychotherapy.
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 We performed the assessment of notifications about suspected cases of child abuse in the framework of three care services, in which a total number of 18 children were placed. The abuse was stopped and measures were taken for the punishment of the specialists involved in ill-treatment. 2 children were temporarily transferred to other placement services.
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 166 child victims benefitted of legal assistance.
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 In the case of 9 children taken into service in 2019, upon the request of guardianship authorities from 3 districts (Chisinau, Leova, Hancesti) we produced psychological assessment reports for the determination of the level of traumatization as a result of the abuse.
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 In the case of 47 child victims, among which 21 victims of sexual crimes and domestic violence, we provided assistance to the local multidisciplinary teams for the application of emergency protection measures. Thus, in 19 cases the children remained in a safe family environment, 30-90 days protection orders being applied to aggressors as restrictive measures. In 12 cases the children were provided with protective space in the extended families. Due to the lack of family-based alternatives, the guardianship authorities decided to place 16 children in temporary placement services in emergency regime (community houses, placement centres and maternal centres).



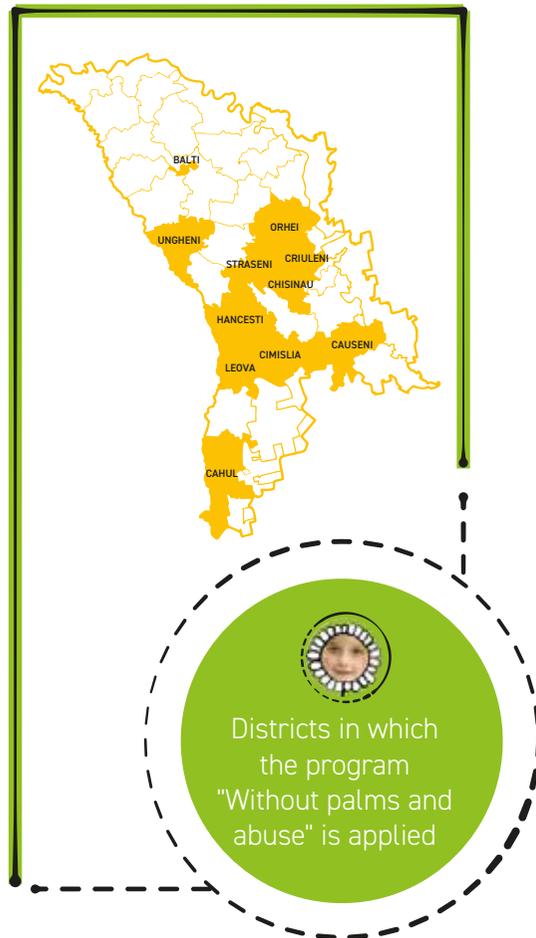


Access to child-friendly assistance and legal proceedings for 221 child victims/witnesses of sex crimes and domestic violence

- 66 children were offered specialized assistance and facilities (specially equipped interviewing room, specialized equipment) for the forensic interviewing of children in special conditions, according to the provisions of art. 110¹ (PPC), which means that out of the total number of 266 child victims/witnesses of crime interviewed in special conditions at the country level, **4 out of 10 were interviewed with the support of NCCAP.**
- 87 children benefited of crisis psychological support, or depending of the case they were offered a complex program of psychological rehabilitation. A total number of **520 counselling and therapy sessions** had been accomplished.
- For 38 child victims of crime we developed and presented psychological evaluation reports upon the request of the penal investigation bodies, which were included into the case materials.
- During the reported period 40 child abusers were convicted in cases assisted by us, including due to the support we provided to the children and to the courts of law in the framework of the legal proceedings. Other 16 convictions were maintained by the hierarchically superior courts of law.
- We performed legal monitoring of all cases in which we were providing assistance. In 94 cases the children, through their legal representatives, received legal counselling and guidance on how to submit complaints/requests to the penal investigation bodies, how to protect their rights in the legal proceedings, how to access the free legal aid services or the services of specialized lawyers for recovery of moral damages.



Development of parental skills for adults taking care of children



In the districts Cahul and Ungheni the first parental educators were trained in the framework of the program "Without palms and abuse"

Positive discipline is a process of learning about the desired behaviour which requires understanding, patience and effort on behalf of parents/caregivers and, the last but not the least, it requires a set of competences that can be acquired in the framework of parental education programs. In 2019 the network of early education institutions from our country applying the program was extended by 47 kindergartens from the districts Cahul and Ungheni, the educators and methodologists receiving training and materials offered by NCCAP.

During the time period 2012-2019, NCCAP trained **370 parental educators** through the parental education program "Without palms and abuse".



Monitoring the implementation of the intersectoral cooperation mechanism

for identification, referral and assistance of child victims and potential victims of violence, neglect, exploitation and trafficking (VNET)



A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE INTERSECTORAL COOPERATION MECHANISM IMPLEMENTATION (ICM) WAS ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER WITH THE MHLSP

Based on the administrative data offered by the ministries responsible for ICM implementation as well the ones provided by the partners, there was developed an *Analytical Note on the intersectoral cooperation in the VNET area in 2017-2018* aiming at getting a general picture of the process of ICM implementation with the main focus on the evolutions related to: identification, record-keeping and referral to the guardianship authorities of VNET suspected cases, assurance of immediate intervention in case of imminent threat for the life and security of a child, accomplishment of specialized examinations for the ascertainment and legal description of the committed abuses, as well as the quality assessment of the data flow presented by relevant sectors for the monitoring of the phenomenon.

Among the most relevant findings the following should be mentioned:

- It was found that the phenomenon of VNET against children remains to be rather high at the national level, which is confirmed through a big number of new cases registered by partner organisations and referred to guardianship authorities during the analysed period of time (only in 2018- 5428 cases). The biggest number of cases referred in 2018 were from police (2462 cases), being followed by the sectors like education (1644 cases) and healthcare (911 cases, an increase by 16,9 p.p. compared to 2017). At the level of guardianship authorities, the number of new VNET cases registered 2018 showed a 35% growth compared to the previous year.
- There was also noticed an increase in the number of crimes against children, and the sex crimes represent circa 1/3 from its total. The number of this type of crimes increased by 19,5% compared to 2017 and by 82% compared to 2014, when the VNET ICM started being implemented.
- Emergency protection measures were applied for more than 1000 children who found themselves in situations of imminent threat for life and health. As for the emergency placement services, although there were recorded some positive trends regarding the placement of children in family-type environment, the residential type placement remains to be the predominant form of protection in cases of imminent threat to the life and health of a child (60,2%).
- The functionality of the ICM is confirmed through the high number of VNET suspected cases registered and referred to the guardianship authority by the partner sectors. However, its functionality is undermined by the quality of data presented, the situation remaining practically unchanged compared to 2016 when a similar finding was formulated in the framework of a thematic study accomplished by NCCAP.

CHILDREN IN ALTERNATIVE CARE INSTITUTIONS

According to the Guidelines on the alternative care of children, approved by the UN General Assembly in 2009, children must be always treated with dignity and respect. All the children must benefit of efficient protection against abuse, neglect and all forms of exploitation, regardless whether it is committed by caregivers, peers or third parties, and regardless of the caregiving environment they find themselves in.

Starting with 2019, one of the areas of activity that we got commitment for with utmost responsibility is capacity strengthening of alternative care institutions in Moldova to ensure a protective and favourable environment for the rehabilitation of child victims.



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**Children must be treated
with dignity and respect
in any environment**

Global impact advocacy

At the end of 2019, we marked a historical moment for children separated from their families. On December 18, in New York, 193 member states of the United Nations Organisation officially announced that residential type of care cannot be considered to be an adequate form of child protection and that, on the contrary, it is severely harmful to them. The resolution requests the elimination of child institutionalization at the global level, showing that all the children who have families must be supported to remain next to their families.

At a 10 years distance since the adoption of the Guidelines on alternative care for children and 30 years from the adoption of the UN Convention on Children's Rights, being a part of a global coalition that promotes and protects the rights of the children remained without parental care, together with other partners from the civil society from Moldova (CCF Moldova, P4EC, Keystone, etc) we participated in the consultations on the recommendations to the Government of the Republic of Moldova and we encouraged it to sign and promote the UN Resolution.



Capacity development for alternative care institutions applying child protection policies

Three temporary placement centres for children developed their institutional policies on child protection

In collaboration with the Municipal Directorate for Children's Rights' Protection, we provided support to 3 alternative care centres from Chisinau (Placement Centre for Children; Centre for Childhood, Adolescence and Family; Social Rehabilitation Centre for Children „Casa Gavroche”) in developing their Institutional Policies on Child Protection. The child protection policies of those three centres include a Code of conduct, instructions on safe communication with and about children, procedures for reporting suspected abuse cases, etc.

The process of participatory development of child protection policies was launched in the framework of a workshop organised on March 27, 2019, which was attended by 23 professionals from those three institutions.

The process lasted for 6 months, it was a participatory one, involving all the staff from those institutions, in total 39 professionals (pedagogues, social assistants, psychologists, medical assistants, auxiliary staff), following the **Methodological Guide on the Development of Child Protection Policies for the Providers of Alternative Care Services**, developed by NCCAP. We delivered training and mentorship to the teams of those three centres. The plenary participation of all employees of a service in the process of CPP development is pre-requisite for their proper understanding of the document and of their commitment for its implementation.



The specialists from alternative care services were trained for being capable to properly respond to the needs of children facing adversities

57 specialists (managers, social assistants, psychologists, pedagogues) from alternative care institutions, day centres for children with special needs, professional parental assistance service and the sectoral directorates for children's rights' protection from Chisinau municipium attended 3 training workshops for the development of specific competences necessary for the implementation of the institutional policies on child protection:

-  the workshop "Limit manifestations among child victims of sexual abuse", organized on March 7 2019,
-  the workshop "Initial and complex evaluation of cases of violence against children", organized on May 23 2019,
-  the workshop "Development and application of intervention strategies in working with child victims of abuse", organized on June 13 2019.



Raising the resilience of children placed in alternative care institutions against the risks of abuse

Children from 3 alternative care services and from 2 day-centres for children in risk situations benefitted of educational programs for abuse prevention

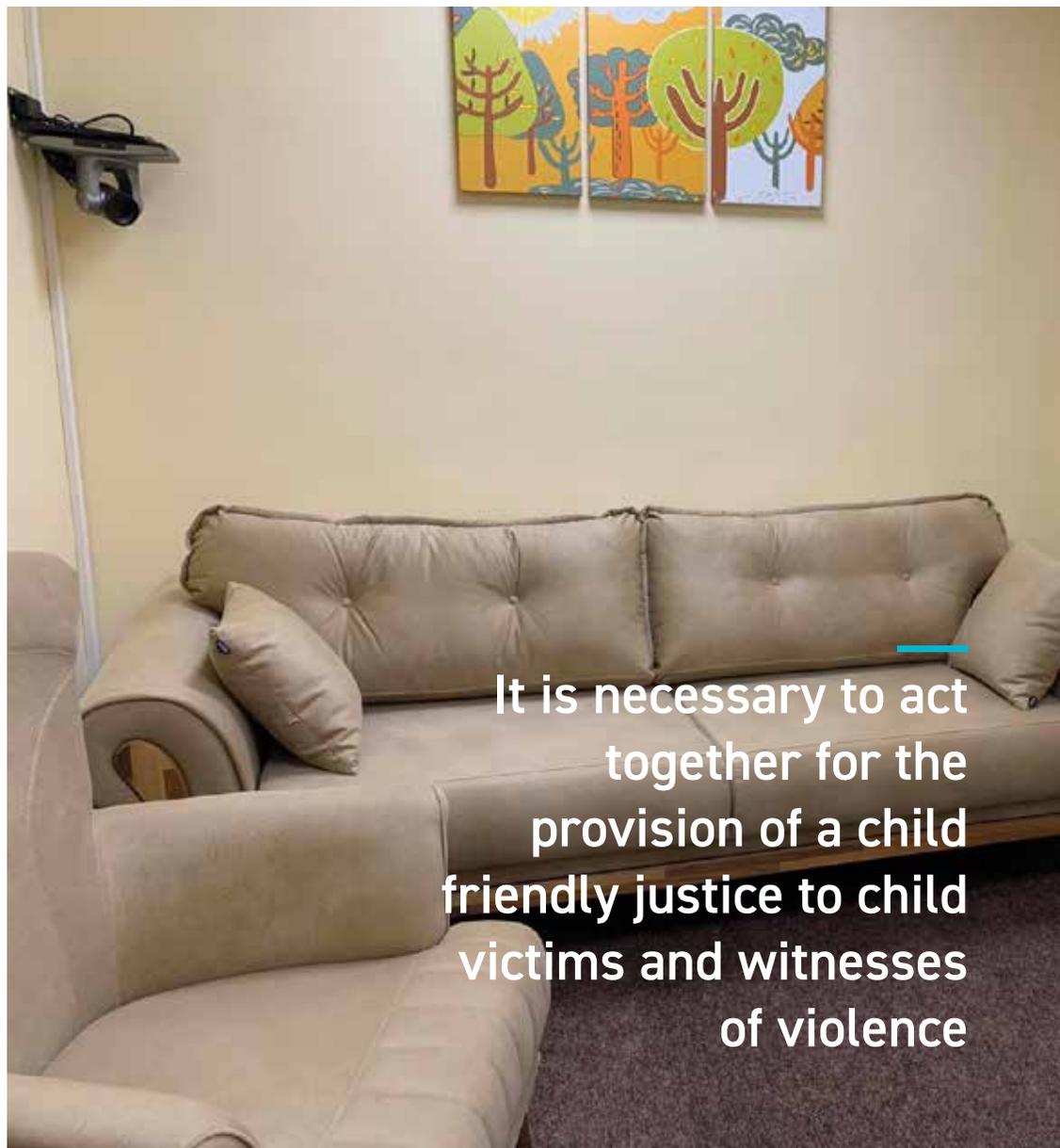
121 children from 3 alternative care services and from 2 day-centres for children in risk situations developed their resilience against sexual abuse and exploitation as well as against other potentially dangerous situations they may encounter in school or in society: 109 children aged 6-12 were trained in the framework of 25 sessions based on the program „On the way home“. 12 adolescents aged 14-16 ani participated in 4 sessions in which they developed resilience against sexual abuse and exploitation through the program „12PLUS“.



CHILDREN IN JUSTICE SYSTEM

The awareness-raising campaigns, especially the ones targeting the specialists from the legal system, organized throughout the years, advocacy activities among decision-makers, the legislative changes which modified the procedure of hearing the child victims/witnesses of crimes are just one part of the practices that we have been promoting and which generated a common position of the responsible actors and decision-makers in the area of justice and child protection.

The main achievement of 2019 is the decision taken at the Government level for the establishment in our country of Barnahus-type Regional Centres for integrated assistance for child victims/witnesses of crime, for which we have been pleading in the last years.



It is necessary to act together for the provision of a child friendly justice to child victims and witnesses of violence

Integrated assistance provision in case of child victims/witnesses of crime



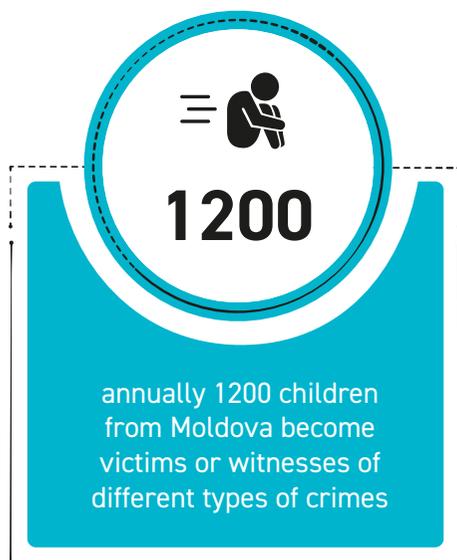
THE GOVERNMENTAL DECISION ON THE CREATION OF BARNAHUS-TYPE CENTRES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA WAS ADOPTED

The Barnahus-type Centres were acknowledged by the UN Committee for Children's Rights and by the Council of Europe as models of good practice for a multidisciplinary interinstitutional response in cases of sexual violence against children, as it is stipulated in the Convention on Child Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (Lanzarote Convention).

The Republic of Moldova lines up with the European countries that are successfully applying and promoting the Barnahus-type integrated assistance services to child victims/ witnesses of crime.

All the joint efforts made by NCCAP and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection for the provision of integrated assistance to child victims/witnesses of crime were brought to maturity in 2019 through the approval by the cabinet of ministers of the Governmental Decision no. 708 of 27.12.2019 on the establishment in our country of the first Barnahus-type Centre for integrated assistance to child victims/witnesses of crime. The Decision stipulates the development of the *Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Regional Centre for integrated assistance of child victims/witnesses of crime* and of the minimal quality standards for the provision of the respective services, as well as the allocation of funds for the functioning of the respective centres.





CONSOLIDATION OF EFFORTS FOR ENSURING THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE BARNAHUS-TYPE CENTRES IN OUR COUNTRY

On May 17 2019 NCCAP in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection hosted a public event attended by all representatives from the responsible central public authorities, law enforcement bodies, local public authorities from the northern region of our country where the first such type of centre is going to be open, for the presentation of the documents regulating the activity of the Barnahus-type Centre for integrated assistance services to child victims/witnesses of crime, which were previously consulted with all the categories of specialists at all levels of administration.

In the framework of the event there were presented the *Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Regional Centre for integrated assistance of child victims/witnesses of crime* and of the minimal quality standards for the provision of the respective services, as well as the financing mechanism for the service, which is described as a highly specialized social service, with no residential component, which provides a complex and highly qualified assistance to beneficiaries.





BARNAHUS European Network was officially launched in November 2019 at Helsinki, Finland, through the signing by the participating countries of a commitment for supporting of child-friendly justice. The event was organized in the framework of the PROMISE project and it involved the founders, partners and supporters, among which NCCAP, the promoter of such type of service in the Republic of Moldova.

A team of specialists from Moldova studied the Swedish practice in the development of Barnahus-type services

A group of 9 professionals from Moldova, formed of interviewers, prosecutors, psychologists, forensic doctors, judges and social workers who will interact with children in the framework of the first Centre for integrated assistance services for child victims/witnesses of crime planned to be created in Balti and the NCCAP specialists went in a study visit to Sweden, in the Barnahus from Linköping, in order to learn the best practices in this area directly from the team of the best known Barnahus from Europe.

According to the international model, the efficiency of evidence-collection in penal proceedings without the revictimization of the child is only achievable through a multidisciplinary interdepartmental cooperation among all specialists working in the area of child protection and who cooperate with the Barnahus (judges, prosecutors, penal investigators, medics, forensic doctors, psychologists, social assistants, interviewers etc.).



Capacity building for specialists who interact with child victims/witnesses of crime

The interviewers, specially trained specialists for forensic interviewing of children in special conditions, met in the framework of a supervision workshop

In cooperation with the Police Academy "Stefan cel Mare" a supervision workshop was organized for the network of interviewers from Chisinau and Balti, in order to discuss the main challenges in their activity, in the context when the activity of such interviewers is very summarily regulated in the legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

In 2015-2016, with the support of international experts, NCCAP in partnership with the National Institute of Justice trained a group of 7 interviewers who keep on working until today on a voluntary basis and with the support of NCCAP in Chisinau and Balti.



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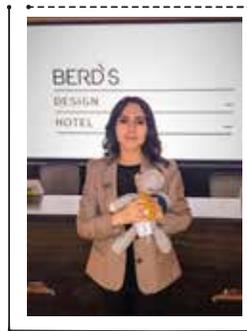
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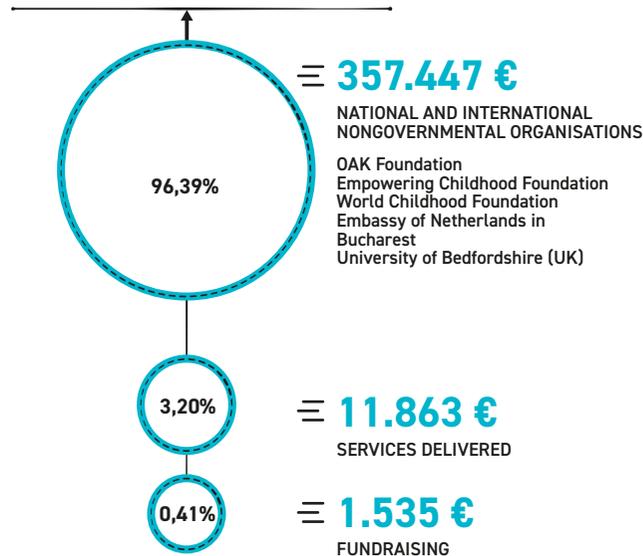


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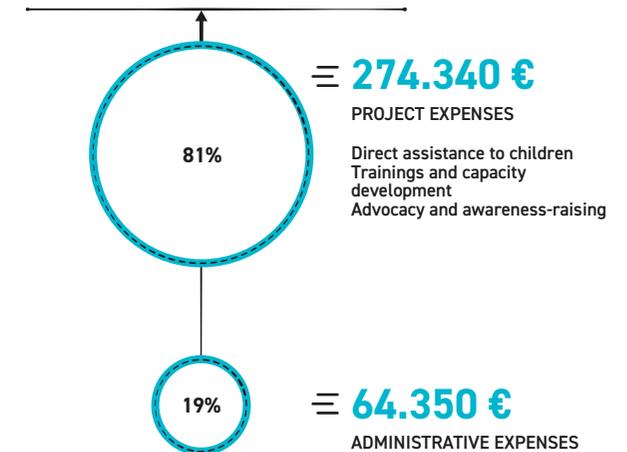
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