

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

“Protection of Children from Violence in South-eastern Europe” project, which is implemented with the financial assistance of the EU in coordination with UNICEF, was initiated on 01/07/2011. The duration of the project is 2 years.

The project is coordinated by the Regional Office of UNICEF CEE/CIS and it covers Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania and Turkey.

The **aim of the project** is to build the capacity of civil society partners for monitoring child rights abuses with a special focus on cases of violence against children. Another aim is to promote the partnership between NGOs and governmental decision makers in order to strengthen public services to identify, monitor and address cases of violence against children.

## ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

### “Partnership Network for Preventing Violence against the Child - PNVAC” expands:

The aim of the Partnership Network, established with the participation of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) conducting activities for Preventing Violence against the Child in Turkey, is to support and facilitate rights based monitoring and advocacy activities conducted by national and international CSOs, universities, and professional organizations advocating human rights in Turkey. The Partnership Network has 59 members who signed the Protocol. In this respect, it is well promising for the protection of children that the CSOs are also involved in the process while important activities is being implemented by Turkish Government for developing child protection policies and new practices.

### General Assembly Meeting and first Executive Board Meeting of the Partnership Network were conducted:

General Assembly Meeting was held on **11–12 December 2012** in Bolu, Abant for the purpose of sharing information on current activities conducted and about the planned activities within the scope of the Project, for selecting the members of the Executive Board and training working group, identifying duties and responsibilities and preparing working instructions/guidelines. After group work for “Identifying Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Board and Training Working Group”, 7 principal and 7 alternate members were selected to establish the Executive Board. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the meeting, “**Workshop for Identifying the Indicators**” was conducted by the Consortium of International Child Center-ICC, Association for Solidarity with Freedom-Deprived Juvenile-ÖZGEDER, Turkish Youth Federation-TGF, which provides consultation services for “Identification of the Monitoring Indicators for Preventing Violence against the Child and Preparation of the Training Programs”.

On **21 January 2012**, the first Executive Board meeting was held in Ankara with the participation of both principal and alternate members. During the meeting, framework of the instruction/guidelines was prepared. The draft instructions was shared with all Partnership Network members for their feedbacks and approval via the e-mail group which had been established to share information and documents with regard to violence against the children and Partnership Network activities.

### Logo of the Partnership Network is ready:




The Logo of Partnership Network was identified by taking the feedbacks and approval of all members about both draft and final designs.

## Access to Protection of Children from Violence in South-eastern Europe Project and Partnership Network Activities on Internet:

A web page for Partnership Network will be designed in order to have strategic planning and to identify the priorities in line with the provisions of the Protocol and the Working Instructions of the Partnership Network. In this respect, detailed information and developed documents about the activities conducted within the scope of the Project and Partnership Network were uploaded to the web page of UNICEF Turkey Office (both in English and Turkish) and shared with all members of the Network.

<http://www.unicef.org.tr/en/content/detail/126/protection-of-children-from-violence-in-southeastern-europe-project-2.html>



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Project activities in order to achieve this main goal are being implemented under 3 main components:

1. Improved knowledge on gaps in the responsiveness of professionals in the system of public services to identify and act upon cases of violence against children
2. Improved national capacity for independent monitoring by national civil society networks and formal independent monitoring mechanisms (such as Ombudspersons or child rights observatories) at national and local levels, to raise awareness and articulate inputs to the policy dialogue about violence against children
3. Improved capacity for policy dialogue between civil society actors and State actors (through existing institutionalized mechanisms for policy dialogue) on the effectiveness of policies and programmes to address violence against children

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## "Violence against Children: Monitoring and Indicators Literature Review" is completed:

The aim of the Literature Review is to identify current information and implemented projects on monitoring violence against children, observe strengths and weaknesses of them, and develop new materials to support further activities to be conducted on this field by the civil society organizations in Turkey. Within the scope of the Literature Review, different approaches have been reviewed with regard to monitoring of children's right to protection from any forms of violence, enforcement of these rights, necessary skills for monitoring Violence against Children and VAC indicators identified in Five Settings of Violence defined by UNVAC (United Nations Violence against Children Research). Additionally a desk review was conducted to examine the old and the new literature which has provided information on the current situation about violence against children in Turkey. Within this framework, more than 200 books, reports, guidebooks, educational materials from the libraries and databases of the national and international organizations, documents of the Projects funded by the EU and the articles from academic journals have been used.

**“Guidebook on Indicators for Monitoring of Violence against Children” is ready:**

Guidebook on Indicators was prepared in order to provide CSOs and the other related organizations working in the field of preventing VAC a guidebook for monitoring violence against children systematically in Turkey. In this respect, several meetings have been organized to develop indicators by the consortium of ICC-OZGEDER-TGF.

- 21 December 2012 – Workshop in Bolu, Abant with the participation of the representatives from NGOs (28 participants)
- 17 January 2013 – Meeting with the participation of experts from different fields/disciplines in Ankara (17 participants)
- 19 January 2013 – Consultation meetings with 25 children through Turkish Education Volunteers Foundation.
- Exchange of information via e-mail with 3 members of Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group to Safeguard the Rights of the Child (International Institute for Child Rights and Development-IICRD Secretariat in Canada)
- Four face-to-face consultation meetings with the members of the PNVAC Training Working Group in Ankara and Istanbul in January and February 2013.

In the light of the feedbacks, the draft indicators sets and the guidebook were revised and used as resources for the training programme of the Pilot Trainings and the Guidebook for Participants.

**Preparation of Training Program on Monitoring and Indicators of Violence against Children and Training Materials:**

Based on insufficiencies identified during the situation analyses works, development of a Training Program for the civil society was started with the support of the members of Partnership Network. Training Program covers fundamental principles for monitoring and evaluation of indicators violence against children by the members of CSOs in Turkey. Within this purpose;

- Draft training program and guidebook for the participants have been prepared.
- Pilot Trainings were conducted on 18 – 19 March and 21 – 22 March 2013 in Ankara with the participation of 28 CSO who are the members of PNVAC.
- On behalf of the Partnership Network, the members of the Training Working Group have sent their opinions and recommendations about the materials revised after the pilot trainings, the invitation and the accession criteria for trainings.

**The guidebook prepared to assess the current situation of the Civil Society Organizations and to have a route map, is ready**

**“Violence against Children Monitoring and Indicators Trainings” were conducted:**

The aim of the trainings was to raise awareness and increase the capacity of CSOs on indicators for monitoring violence, reporting and advocacy activities for preventing violence against children in Turkey. Invitation to trainings has been sent to Partnership Network members, CSOs working in rights-based and child rights fields, professionals associations and the academicians.

***Date of Trainings***

27-28 April 2013	Saturday - Sunday
4-5 May 2013	Saturday - Sunday
13-14 May 2013	Monday-Tuesday
18-19 May 2013	Saturday - Sunday
25-26 May 2013	Saturday - Sunday
30-31 May 2013	Thursday – Friday

Accordingly the institutions from **29 provinces** (Adana, Diyarbakır, Kocaeli, Ankara, Edirne, Konya, Artvin, Erzurum, Kütahya, Aydın, Isparta, Mersin, Batman, İstanbul, Muş, Bitlis, İzmir, Rize, Bursa, Kastamonu, Samsun, Kayseri, Siirt, Çanakkale, Kırıkkale, Trabzon, Muğla, Kırşehir, Van), participated in the trainings are as follows;

1. Adnan Menderes University Women Studies Research Center
2. Ankara Bar Child Rights Center
3. Ankara Hitit Youth and Sports Club
4. Ankara University Faculty of Primary Education Department of Preschool Education
5. Ankara University Faculty of Medicine
6. Artı Sosyal Sorumluluk Derneği
7. Atatürk University Faculty of Medicine Department of Forensic Medicine
8. Atatürk University Faculty of Medicine Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
9. Turkish Association for Infant Mental Health
10. White Paper (Beyaz Sayfa) Children Association
11. İstanbul Bilgi University Children Studies Unit
12. UN High Commissioner for Refugees
13. Civil Society in the Penal System (Ceza İnfaz Sisteminde Sivil Toplum Derneği)
14. Child Nurse Association
15. Association of Protection of Children of Child Care Center
16. Network for Combat Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children - CSEC Network
17. Association for Protecting Children, Women and Their Families
18. Çukurova University Faculty of Medicine
19. Didim Children Shall not Cry (Çocuklar Ağlamasın) Association
20. Diyarbakır Bar
21. Diyarbakır Women Studies Research and Implementation Center
22. Dumlupınar University
23. Erciyes University Department of Child Psychiatry
24. Equal Opportunity (Eşit Fırsat) Association
25. Youth Access Association
26. Young Life (Genç Hayat) Foundation
27. Migration Foundation
28. Gün Training and Culture Foundation for Children in Need of Protection
29. The Agenda is Children: The Association for Promoting, Universalizing, Implementing, and Monitoring the Implementation of the Rights of the Child
30. Hacettepe University
31. Turkish Society of Public Health Specialists
32. Life is with You Youth Academy (Hayat Sende Gençlik Akademisi) Association
33. Undersecretariat of Treasury Department of EU Relations
34. Human Rights Research Association
35. Human Rights Association
36. İstanbul Bar
37. İstanbul Science University
38. İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University
39. Development Workshop
40. KAMER Foundation

41. GL Cultural Research Association (KaosGL)
42. Black Sea Provinces Women Platform Samsun Association
43. Black Sea Provinces Women Platform Trabzon Association
44. Kardelen Women Shelter
45. Kastamonu University
46. Kırıkkale University Faculty of Medicine
47. Kırşehir Ahi Evran University
48. Kocaeli University Faculty of Medicine Department of Psychiatry
49. Foster Family, Adoption Association
50. Culture City Foundation
51. Cultural Research and Solidarity Association
52. Mersin Bar Child Rights Commission
53. Mor Salkım Women Association
54. Muş Women Association
55. Happy Children (Mutlu Çocuklar) Association
56. Association for Solidarity with Refugees
57. Medial East Technical University
58. Disabled People Foundation
59. Psychological Counsellors Association
60. Sabancı University – Education Reform Initiative
61. Ivy (Sarmaşık) Association
62. Association of Solidarity with Refugees and Immigrants
63. Association of Civil Society Development Movement
64. Turkish Society of Social Workers
65. Association for Development of Social Cultural Life
66. Community Volunteers Foundation
67. Social Awareness and Anti-Violence Association
68. Trabzon Bar
69. Trakya University
70. Turkish Education Union
71. Turkish Psychological Counseling and Guidance Association
72. Turkish Psychologists Association
73. Turkish Medical Students International Committee
74. Turkish Foundation of Freedom to Children
75. Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey
76. Youth Solidarity Association of Turkey
77. Üsküdar Counseling and Research Center
78. Van Youth Center
79. Foundation for Promotion of Guidance and Counseling in Higher Education

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### **“Violence against Children Monitoring and Indicators Training of Trainers”:**

For the purpose of expanding the training programs throughout the country, identification of a group of trainers from 20 representatives of CSOs is on-going. The aim of the training of trainers (ToT) is to support participants for the planning and facilitation of the training programs and on selecting related tools and materials for the trainings. Any volunteer representative from CSOs, which is a member of Partnership Network, completed the Violence against Children Monitoring and Indicators Training and fulfilling the criteria of being trainer for adult education can take part in the ToT (after the ToT to conduct trainings on Monitoring and Indicators of Violence against Children in line with the training strategy). 4 days long ToT is planned to be conducted in Ankara in June 2013.

### **Designing the Web page of Partnership Network for Preventing the Violence against Children:**

It is planned to design a web-page for the purpose of increasing the exchange of experience and knowledge between the CSOs which are the members of Partnership Network and to publicise the activities conducted in the field of preventing violence against children. Preparatory activities for the design of the web – page are on-going.

### **Contribution to the Provincial Coordination Bodies Trainings:**

The aim of this activity is to strengthen the coordination and communication between the CSOs and the provincial coordination committees. In this respect, it is planned to inform the governmental bodies working actively in the field of preventing VAC about the roles of the CSOs. Preparatory activities for the development of training programs are on-going.

### **Contribution to the Preparatory Activities for the Development of the National Strategy for Preventing Violence against Children:**

2006 United Nations Secretary General’s Study on Violence against Children (UNVAC) recommended countries to conduct the following activities: Prohibition of any type of violence against children in all settings, development of a gender equity oriented and comprehensive national strategy for preventing any forms of violence against children, and collection, analysis and share of data within this field and conduct related researches. In the light of the aforementioned UN Study, it is necessary to develop **“Strategy and Action Plan for Preventing and Decreasing Violence against Children”**. Turkish Government has started development of the national strategy for preventing violence against children with the assistance of UNICEF.

In this respect, Turkish Government launched preparatory activities for “National Strategy on Coordination of Child Protection Activities” with the support of UNICEF and the other related stakeholders. The aim of the Coordination Strategy is to ensure better coordination for protection of children and more effective practices of protection orders at central and local levels. It has been agreed to make a correlation between Coordination Strategy and the Strategy for Preventing Violence against Children within the body of the Ministry of Family and Social Policies.

It is planned to organize meetings for assessment of the strategy with the participation of CSOs and ensure participation and support of the civil society for the final version of the strategy.