

Child Protection workshops for partner organisations abroad



Girls and boys are affected by sexual violence and abuse in every country and in every society. According to the World Health Organization 10% of all boys and 20% of all girls worldwide are victims of sexual violence. The number of unreported is probably much higher. Children who are supported and cared for in institutions face an even higher risk of violence and abuse.

Attacks such as corporal punishment or other educational methods which include physical or psychological violence are still common all over the world. Common causes of maltreatment of children are usually poor knowledge of relevant legislation leading to flaws in its implementation, ignorance of children's rights and an inadequate qualification of staff including a lack of knowledge of alternative educational methods.

International and local developmental organizations and humanitarian agencies often lack structured systems to protect children against all forms of violence, to adequately support children in cases of abuse and to hold perpetrators to account. Since these organizations often work in fragile contexts in which the protection of children is already weakened due to the difficult general conditions, potential perpetrators seek access to children via them. In most cases, the implementing agencies have little knowledge about local governmental and non-governmental agencies that can provide support in child protection. Therefore cases are often not pursued adequately if at all and the affected children do not receive adequate support.

Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment and contributing to a safe environment in which their rights are assured: this is KNH's main task. This is why KNH offers a training program with the goal of anchoring the topic of child protection in the work development and humanitarian agencies. The training includes three sequential modules in which the organizations are empowered to set up and to implement their own Child Protection Policies. Each module is followed by a guided phase of implementation in which the training content is put into practice. The training is based on a practical mix of methods and includes inputs by experts as well as practical exercises which are examples of realistic scenarios from the particular country.

KNH supports projects worldwide which contribute to achieving the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Already more than 650 projects in 30 different countries were trained by KNH to implement Child Protection Systems in their work. KNH would like to share this expertise with further organizations and institutions worldwide.

Training Content

Module 1 (3 days)

Objective: The organization has full knowledge about child protection and is enabled to develop an own Child Protection Policy.

Course units:

- Cultural and legal framework of children's rights and child protection
- Definition of child abuse and maltreatment
- Types of abuse and maltreatment, attitudes and values, definitions
- Identification of risks and risk management
- "Keeping Children Safe Coalition" Standards
- Elements of a Child Protection Policy
- Self-Audit of organizations
- Preventive strategies (Human Resources, Code of Conduct and Standards for Communication)
- Case Management System (actors, functions, processes, protection of victims etc.)
- Elaboration of an action plan and implementation strategy

Module 2 (4 days)

Objective: The participants are able to implement their child protection systems and realize them together with children.

Course units:

- Status quo and exchange of experience
- Preventive measures and case management
- The local child protection system
- Concept of child participation
- The ability of staff to communicate in a child friendly manner
- Child protection initiatives at project level
- Preparing adult facilitators
- Introduction of the child protection toolkit
- Children's participation in the child protection system
- Development of an action plan and an implementation strategy

Module 3 (3 days)

Objective: The participants get the opportunity to improve their Child Protection Policies through exchange of experience with other organizations and to develop the governmental child protection systems through networking and advocacy.

Course units:

- Identifying progress and lessons learnt during the implementation
- Achievements and challenges for case management
- Achievements and challenges related to child protection initiatives at project level
- Monitoring the implementation of the Child Protection Policy
- Online Child Protection
- National Child Protection System
- Next steps and evaluation of the workshop

The training is conducted by experienced regional trainers together with the particular local trainer to take the specific cultural context into account and to guide the phase of implementation. KNH coordinates the workshops' organization with the help of the local partners which can take care of all logistics.

Contact

If you are interested in our workshops on child protection, please contact us. In cooperation with you, we will adapt the training modules to the needs of your organization and your partners. Together, we can make an important contribution to child protection worldwide.

For more information, please see:

https://www.kindernothilfe.org/child_protection_workshops.html

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