# Combating child abuse images and sexual exploitation online

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**ECPAT International** 



### Work of ECPAT International

- Global monitoring action and producing Country reports for x countries
- Situational analysis of the emerging issues
- Working with grass root organisations and training and capacity building on CSEC issues.
- International Advocacy and working with International agencies.





### Work of ECPAT towards combating online child exploitation

#### **Capacity Building**

Organise training workshop for setting up hotlines. Capacity building work on child abuse images.

Publication of handbook and manuals to conduct training on online safety.

#### **Empowering Youth**

Consultation with young people on various online platforms and obtaining inputs and recommendations from them to develop relevant educational materials for their protection online.

### **Protecting Children Online**

Conduct educational and awareness – raising campaigns.

Undertake specific and targeted actions to prevent and stop child pornography.

Call upon Internet service providers, mobile phone companies and others to develop and implement CSR mechanisms.

Research on linkages between ICT and different forms of CSEC.

Strategic Objectives

### **Global Advocacy**

Collaborative work with international legal experts and law enforcement.

Strengthening the work within the Dynamic Coalition on Child online safety.

Participate and present in key global forums to impact on development of national polices.



### Some observations from the program

Lack of understanding on the harms posed to children by new technologies

Growing Complexity of CSEC through ICT

Lack of expertise and capacity to investigate these crimes

Increased criminalization of the Internet

Lack of comprehensive prevention and rehabilitation Programmes

Lack of programmes involving children in their design and implementation



# Working with Global experts on Child Abuse Images and Sexual Exploitation of Children Online

Shared current research and work addressing child abuse online

### Some of the key areas of work:

- > dynamics of social interaction in virtual environments
- > children vulnerability & resilience online
- > therapeutic responses; legal and law enforcement responses
- role of the ICT industry in addressing trade in abuse images

Proposed priority actions and mechanisms to guarantee the right to protection for children in virtual spaces



# Follow up processes of World congress III

- Using International instruments such as the CoE convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse and the Rio Outcome document
- Harmonisation of law and identification and definition of child pornography in the law should be a priority.
- Integrated approach in bringing other agencies under collaboration for child protection who are currently marginally involved in such processes
- Focus on setting up suitable mechanisms for comprehensive child protection plans.
- Establishing regional and national hotlines



# What ECPAT observes from its Global work in the field

(In relation to child sexual exploitation)

- Recent reports received indicate a strong increase in the use of webcams and streaming videos for selling sexual services online.
- These crimes against children are undertaken through work of small organised units. Very young children as well as adolescents are victims
- Law enforcement in origin countries not well equipped to handle such situation.
- The problem remains even after reporting to Law enforcement agencies and International hotlines.

## Peer to peer networks as underaddressed but growing problem

- P2P file transfers still problematic for the reporting and investigative purposes
- Child abuse image materials are being disguised through other innocent torrents such as game console downloads
- Content identified as illegal in certain jurisdictions find its way through using this channel

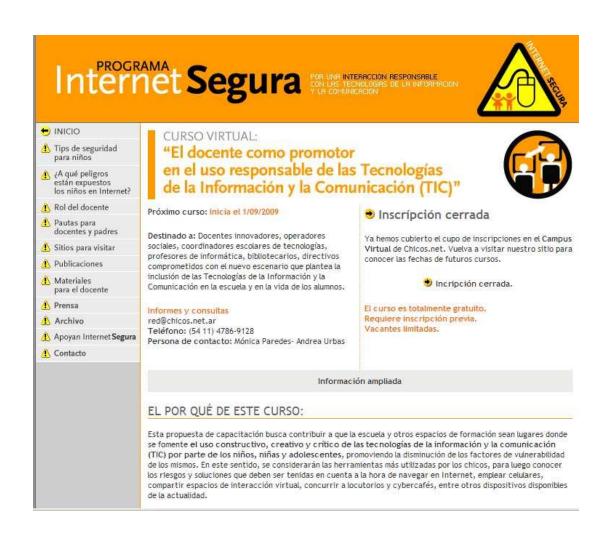


### Some ECPAT global Initiatives:





# Online course for teachers, NGOs on commercial sexual exploitation in the online environment in Latin America





### Young people speak on online safety competition of videos by children



#### **Promotional Video**





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San Miguel de Tucumán chica 2565 dice:

como va?

coguu dice:

te conosco?

chica 2565 dice:

soy yo del abasto, la rubi.

Título: Tecnologia... segura??? Autores: Los monolitos

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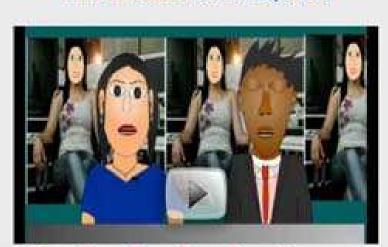




### Videos ganadores

Han sido 387 videos participantes y casi 1500 niños y niñas participando en toda América Latina y eso nos pone muy contentos!! Los videos que obtuvieron más puntaje fueron:

PRIMER PUESTO: Jornal Caps Web



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## Make IT Safe Campaign

Young people speaking on Internet Safety

Working with Internet Cafes in Asia and Africa

### **In Africa**





### **In Asia Pacific**







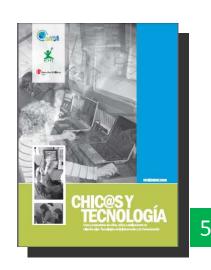
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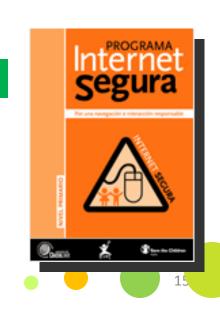






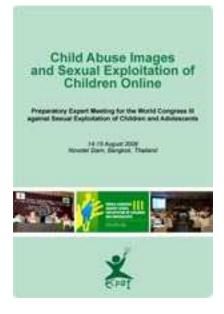




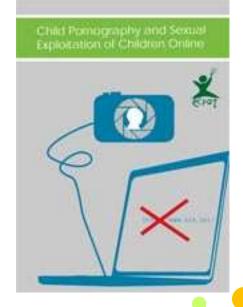




### **Research Studies & Papers**









### Priorities for ongoing action

- Better information exchange
- Systematic data collection based on agreed indicators to measure progress on child protection online
- Innovative technology and research for counter intelligence and interventions
- Country plans must include specific provisions for child protection in the online environment
- Greater Integration of ministries of ICT in development of child protection policies and dialogues linking with child welfare and the legal system
- Implementation of International instruments like the CoE convention for the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse by the states.





# Thank you!

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