



**THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN TACKLING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN**

Mediterranean Project

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Commitments before & after revolution to promote child rights

Lead by NCCM with the relevant governmental entities, donors institutions as;

- United Nations organizations.
- The Italian Cooperation,
- EC & the World Bank
- Civil society.

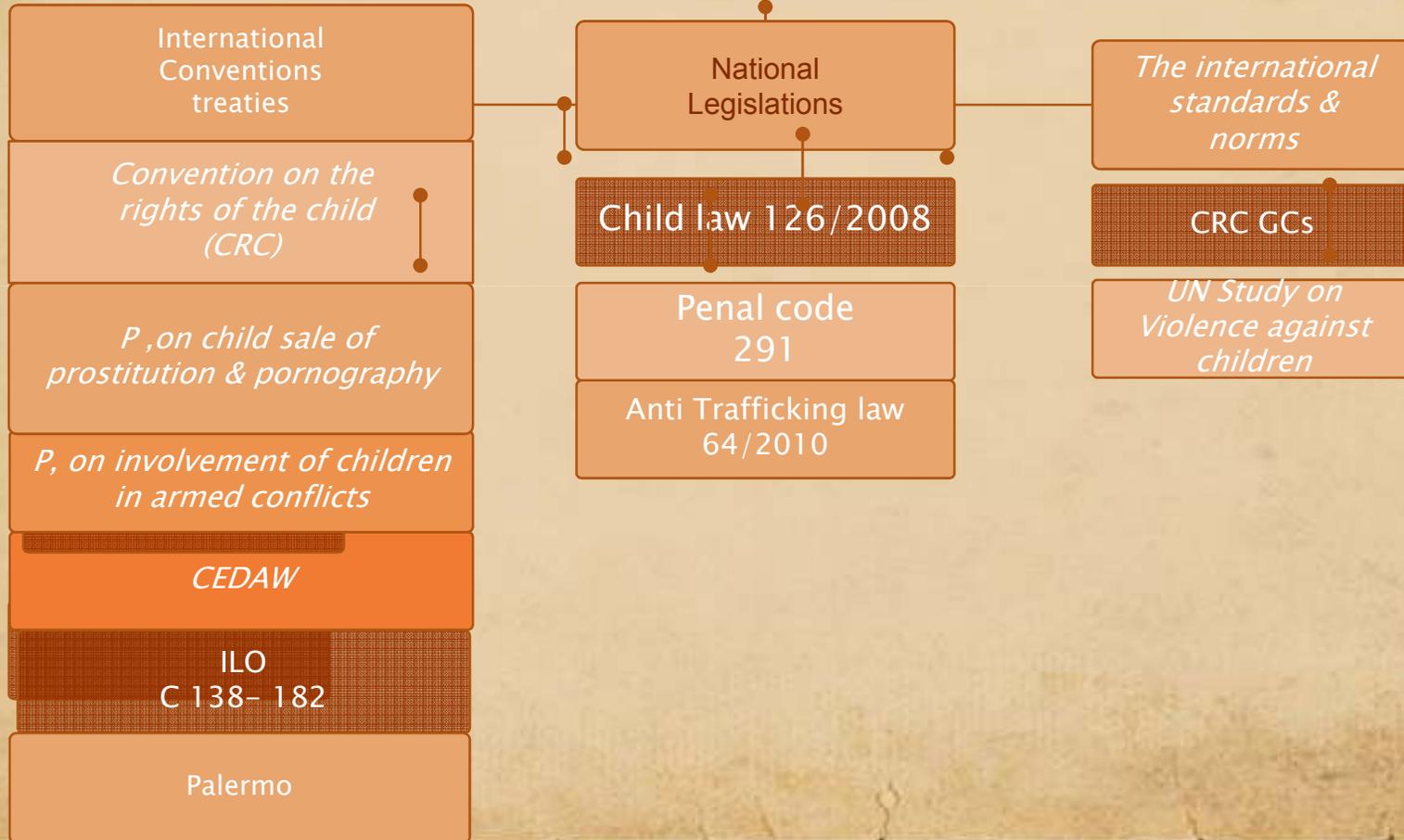
The outcome=

- Shedding light on many gaps.
- mobilizing the community .
- Technical & financial assistance to build capacities of NCCM staff.





Legal Frame work



Binding legal instrument
“appropriate legislative, administrative, social
& educational measures “

Some basic aspects of the civil status law to strengthen protections & rights of marginalized children to :

- Free birth registration.
- Guarantee identity to every child without discrimination.
- Unwed mothers—to register her child at birth & to issue her child a birth certificate with the mother's name .
- Age for registration of marriage was raised from 16 to 18 years.
- health and education are basic human rights,
- Protection from violence, abuse,, corporal punishment& maltreatment.
- criminalization of FGM.
- Criminalization of child trafficking, sale, prostitution & pornography.

Challenges and gaps

- Unmet needs related to fulfilling the children and parents basics rights.
- Insufficient resource allocations to child protection agencies.
- political, economic and security instability.
- Lack of specialized services for preventing and responding to the key child protection issues.
- A multidimensional cross cutting factors(poverty, cultural, social norms, lack of information & knowledge, discrimination& gender based violence).
- Illiteracy.
- Family size.
- Lack of basic services.
- Harassment in the streets .
- Schools (remote, unequipped, lacking quality, bullying)

Threatening child 's safety, moral, health, or life

- Increase phenomenon of street children(abused in drug trafficking, prostitution, organized begging & in petty crimes, used as catalysts in protests)
- Social and cultural norms supporting abusing the girl child in harmful practices (child marriage –summer or transactional marriages)
- Dilemma of violations of various forms of physical, moral, social & psychological violence.
- Decreased opportunities (illiteracy, unskilled, unwanted pregnancies, new children denying their rights to identity, susceptible to sale & trafficking by gangs who sell neonates born out of wedlock).

Figures from Egypt

- 36% of the population in Egypt are children.
- 26.4% of the children are below poverty line.
- 11.8% are deprived of food.
- 5% deprived of basic education.
- 1.5 million are children engaged in labor (CAPMUS Egypt report 2012).

Figures from Egypt

- Corporal punishment in schools may compromise the already very fragile learning process
- in disadvantaged communities, 81% of children declared, they were beaten at home and 92% were beaten at school.
- Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) reaches 91% in the age group 15–49 and 74% for girls aged 15–17 years. 72% were performed by medical doctors in 2008.
- The exact number of children living on the streets is unknown
- (Available studies go from 5,000 to 18,000. However these numbers do not reflect the reality. UNICEF estimates the number to be in the tens of thousands of children).
- 7% to 21% of children between the ages of 6–14 are working (boys more than girls),
 - 81% of working children are located in rural areas .
 - For working children aged 10–14, 53% work in agriculture & 28% work in construction, which are considered hazardous occupations .
- **(UNICEF reports)**

International Cooperation and best practices

The “*Poverty Alleviation project legal rights for children, women & girls*” collaboration between the NCCM & the World Bank funded by the Italian cooperation:

- Through continuous efforts of donors group to safeguard the basic rights of children.
- By protection and empowerment of families, specially women & girls.
- Increasing their available opportunities, and improve their economic & social conditions.
- The Italian Cooperation provided technical support (capacity building & monitoring the impact).
- The World Bank partnered in implementation, technical & administrative support, & funding activities.

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The project was conducted in 7 governorates.

It aimed at:

- Raising awareness on child rights and human rights., particularly their rights to identity,
- Building capacities of NGOs, health service providers, and local communities on the procedures required to issue official documents required to guarantee child ‘s identity.
- Facilitating access to birth certificates, IDs.
- Empowering the project’s beneficiaries economically, educationally.
- Enhancing access to health services guiding policy makers.

International Cooperation and best practices

Cooperation with IOM for rehabilitation and reintegration of children victims of trafficking “*Best interest determination in collaboration between NCCM/ IOM & UNICEF*” ...A Long Journey Home

- Mariam was sold when she was 10 to an Egyptian family living in her country, Freeland. Brought to Cairo, she was physically and emotionally abused.
- Mariam escaped after six years and was arrested for her irregular migratory status.
- IOM was called in to provide return assistance. Recognized as an
- unaccompanied minor (UAM) and Victim of trafficking(VoT),
- Mariam was released & admitted to the NCCM/IOM shelter.
- Her employer is being prosecuted in accordance with Law 64/2010.
- In coordination with UNICEF, NCCM & Freeland authorities, IOM helped
- Mariam to return home, as per her desire as outlined in the NCCM Best interest (BID) determination.
- An IOM travel escort accompanied Mariam to final destination, where she was welcomed by a shelter specialized in assistance to VoTs.
- Mariam can now continue her education. She found her long lost family. IOM will support her reintegration needs with a grant.

Way Forward ... *more has to be done specially now*... “International cooperation in implementation of sustainable child protection mechanism

- Adopting a **comprehensive protection & time-bound coordinating strategies & frameworks** for child care giving & protection, with the children themselves,
- Budgets at **national & decentralized levels** should be the primary source of funds for child care giving & protection strategies & **international cooperation & assistance from donor institutions to support, both financially & technically** the child protection programmes, including training professional groups & those who are working with & for children.
- This **financial & technical support** should be provided systematically through **strong & reasonable partnerships**, at the national & international levels.
- **Child rights-based protection programmes** should be one of the main components in assisting sustainable development in countries receiving international assistance.

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- Continue working with the **S R SG on Violence against Children** & other international & regional human rights mechanisms to advance this goal.
- International Cooperation for **enhancing human resources**, improving communication, cooperation & individual exchange experiences, within & between professional groups working with, and for children .
- International cooperation for **financial measurement, coordination, M & E** of the impact of a holistic child protection approach versus the costs of managing the direct & indirect impact of violence at the individual, community, national & even international levels.

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- International cooperation & technical support for **developing evidence-based indicators, systems, models**(model legislation, tools, guidelines, protocols & practice standards for use by communities & professionals, with guidance on their adaptation to different perspectives)
- A **platform for organized sharing & accessing of information, knowledge & best practices.**
- Mechanisms for ensuring child rights protection **during up & down cycles of economies, & challenging circumstances** as war, revolutions, protests, natural disasters..etc.
- **Regional & international cross-border cooperation risk situations regionally or cross-border** as in what we call “children *on the move*” (Children who migrate in search of opportunities, children exploited in the context of migration, children who flee dangerous situations, children of migrants/ refugees facing with social vulnerabilities & discriminations, unaccompanied /separated /orphan migrant children, children involved in illegal adoption, or missing children.

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