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MOSA (Ministry of Social Affairs) Initiative Child-centered

The value-added of international cooperation in the protection of children at risk

International Conference – The Role of International
Cooperation in Tackling Sexual Violence Against Children

Rome, 29–30/11/2012

LEBANESE CONTEXT

Communitarian dimension: Child protection is based on local traditions and practices. Social stigma and family honor.

Children refugees: “grey zone” in the legal protection and scarcity of available public social services.

Juridical framework: main focus on juvenile justice and lack of prevention instruments. Regulatory gaps.

Citizenship and participation: limited sense of citizenship and reduced direct participation in local affairs.

Value added of the International Cooperation with relation to the existing context

1 – Introducing innovative concepts

CHILD FRIENDLY CITIES: “lowering” the reference standard of the city administration to the child level: a city suitable for the children is a city that is suitable for all.

CITIZENSHIP AND PARTICIPATION: enlarging the local governance by involving municipal stakeholders in the definition of a Municipal Action Plan which materializes a better city for all

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS OF CHILDREN: Children and youths become part of the municipal dialogue, are “agents of development” and a legitimate Municipality’s counterpart. They make their voice heard in the definition of the city’s priorities and perspectives.

2 – Strengthening the Child Protection system

Task Force : it gathers high-level national and international experts and practitioners in order to develop operational proposals for strengthening the Child Protection system. The Task Force is linked to inter-ministerial representatives and is a tool of advocacy

Higher Council for Childhood: MoSAIC strengthens its capacities in terms of external communication and documentation



Child Helpline: CREATING A NATION-WIDE, EFFECTIVE COUNSELING SERVICE, BY DEVELOPING A TERRITORIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL “REFERRAL SYSTEM”, AND REINFORCING ITS SCOPE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR CHANNELING THE CASES.

3 – Awareness and Advocacy

Communication as a *tool for social change*.

Children are involved in the definition of communication campaigns.

The establishment of a *National Documentation Center for Childhood* as a tool to inform the public and provide support for the elaboration of national policies and reports.

ADVOCACY

Targeting political leaders and the Parliament

THANK YOU