Portugal

Ministry of Justice

Information provided further the statement by the Lanzarote Committee Chair and Vice-Chairperson on stepping up protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse in times of the COVID-19 pandemic

The Portuguese Ministry of Justice (Directorate-General for Justice Policy, briefly referred to as DGPJ) has:

- 1. Translated the Declaration.
- 2. Selected seven strategic partners, including professional bodies (medical doctors and psychologists), as well as a technological Consortium which also includes the private sector.
- 3. Sent the translated version to those partners, with a special reference to its specific demands, asking them to inform us about the measures taken.
- 4. Notified these selected partners about the information provided by the Council of Europe on the effects of COVID-19 on children's rights, which can be found at https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/covid-19.
- 5. Published the original Declaration on DGPJ' site https://dgpj.justica.gov.pt/ (15th April) and DGPJ's Facebook https://www.facebook.com/DGPJ-Direção-Geral-da-Política-de-Justiça-195351910489295/ (8th April).

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Responses to specific questions by the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

Here you can find information from Polícia Judiciária (PJ – Judiciary Police), Observatório de Tráfico de Seres Humanos (OTOSH - Observatory on Trafficking in Human Being), Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP, Public Security Police), Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR – National Republican Guard), and from the Comissão Nacional Promoção de Direitos e Proteção Crianças e Jovens (CNPDPCJ - National Commission for the Promotion of Children and Youth Rights and Protection).

Other relevant information and sources can be found at the final chart, which should be read together with the annexes. We tried to use the division presented at www.coe.int/en/web/children/covid-19

From the information collection procedure carried out by the Ministry of Justice as well as from the search made through publicly available websites, it seems possible to conclude that:

- There is a clear and strong commitment to prevention and protection measures during the lockdown.
- There is clear and strong awareness of the need to promote and facilitate the reporting of potential or actual situations of sexual abuse and exploitation, whether committed through ICT or in person.
- Resources were made to reach a wide group of targets: children, civil society, separated or divorced parents, schools, families, etc. Although some of them do not deal specifically with the subject of sexual violence, they were sent by the different entities as being related to the subject.
- It is also possible to find concerns on these issues in relation to training of professionals.
- Some of the measures presented here are related to the area of domestic violence. Please note that the crime of domestic violence includes sexual violence towards minors and also sexual violence that minors can perceive.
- Civil society has become involved in this problem.
- Media coverage on sexual abuse and exploitation during the lockdown has been done, many involving public agencies.
- Premature and transient character of existing data cannot give an overall picture of trending.

1. What extent, if at all, has the threat of child sexual abuse/exploitation changed due to COVID-19? If so:

- Please tell us about whether the level of risk has increased/decreased/remained the same and if possible specify this with regard to the various types of sexual offences against children (Articles 18-23 of the Convention);
- You may also wish to indicate any emerging trends relating to child sexual abuse/exploitation, as the result of COVID-19, and point at measures taken to address them.

a) Polícia Judiciária (PJ - Judiciary Police)

The analysis of objective crime data investigated by the PJ in the first quarters of 2018, 2019 and 2020 reveals that in relation to child sexual abuse and child pornography there are no significant fluctuations. However, an analysis of the number of arrests made by PJ in the same period shows an increasing trend between the first four months of 2019 and 2020 in relation to child sexual abuse, with an increase of 21%.

The number of new inquires on child sexual abuse and child pornography due to COVID-19 has not increased, according to crime under investigation data. However, there has been an increase in arrests of suspected perpetrators of the crime of child sexual abuse.

Given the comparative analysis of the crime investigated and the new reality of children and adolescents, in the face of the pandemic - it is possible to foresee changes in a near future, but it is also known, that realities within families thicken the so-called "black numbers of crime" (difference between actual and recorded crime).

b) <u>Observatório de Tráfico de Seres Humanos (OTOSH - Observatory on Trafficking in Human</u> Being)

It should be noted that in relation to the crime of trafficking in human beings, the reports of the OTSH are quarterly. The relevant period being between January and March 2020 it was not possible to assess possible impacts. However, given the closure of the land borders and the suspension of most flights (Schengen, EU and international), it is expected that there will be changes both in the number of victims of the crime of trafficking in human beings and in the modus operandi used.

c) <u>Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP - Public Security Police) and Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR – National Republican Guard)</u>

Based on the compared PSP and GNR data related to the time interval corresponding to the COVID-19 pandemic period with the same period in previous years, there is a decrease in reported cases of child sexual abuse or exploitation.

2. Did lockdown cause child sexual abuse/exploitation cases (identified/reported) to increase, decrease or stay the same? Please submit data (number of victims/offenders) and highlight what you think may explain the trend.

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a) Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP - Public Security Police)

PSP presents the number of reported cases that may involve child sexual abuse or exploitation for the time period between March 18 and May 25, 2020, 2019 and 2018:

- March 18 to May 25, 2020: 84 cases with 92 victims;
- March 18 to May 25, 2019: 38 cases with 39 victims;
- March 18 to May 25, 2018: 74 cases with 78 victims.

b) Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR – National Republican Guard)

As illustrated in the table below, which includes the period between 19 March and 21 May in 2020 and 2019, GNR also recorded a decrease in cases of child sexual abuse and other child-related sexual crime. Regarding victims and suspects, in the same period there was also a negative trend.

It should be noted that the concept of sexual violence against children and young people encompasses, for the purposes of this analysis, both crimes against freedom and against sexual self-determination and sexual abuse of children, adolescents and dependent minors that are perpetrated against minors, that is, all persons between the ages of 0 and 16.

Crimes	19MARCH to 17MAY			
Crimes	2019	2020	DIF	DIF %
Sexual abuse of children, adolescents and dependent minors	7	7	0	0,00%
Other crimes against freedom and sexual self-determination	21	7	-14	-66,67%
Total	28	14	-14	-50,00%
Injured/Offended under 16 years old	19MARCH to 17MAY			
	2019	2020	DIF	DIF %
Sexual abuse of children, adolescents and dependent minors	7	8	1	14,29%
Other crimes against freedom and sexual self-determination	23	7	-16	-69,57%
Total	30	15	-15	-50,00%
Suspects	19MARCH to 17MAY			
Suspects	2019	2020	DIF	DIF %
Sexual abuse of children, adolescents and dependent minors	7	8	1	14,29%
Other crimes against freedom and sexual self-determination	27	4	-23	-85,19%
Total	34	12	-22	-64,71%

From 19 March 2020 to 17 May 2020, corresponding to 60 days period, there was a 54.84% decrease for the crimes under analysis compared to the 60 days preceding the 1st State of Emergency from 19 January 2020 to 18 March 2020. Considering the periods under analysis, the number of minors victims of sexual crimes registered a decrease of -24 victims (-61.54%). In the same line the number of suspects decreased (-10 suspects (-45.45%).

Crimes		19MARCH20 to 17MAY20	DIF	DIF %
Sexual abuse of children, adolescents and dependent minors	13	7	-6	-46,15%
Other crimes against freedom and sexual self- determination	18	7	-11	-61,11%
Total	31	14	-17	-54,84%
Injured/Offended under 16 years old		19MARCH20 to 17MAY20	DIF	DIF %
Sexual abuse of children, adolescents and dependent minors	18	8	-10	-55,56%
Other crimes against freedom and sexual self- determination	21	7	-14	-66,67%
Total	39	15	-24	-61,54%
Suspects	19JAN20 to 18MARCH20	19MAR20 to 17MAY20	DIF	DIF %
Sexual abuse of children, adolescents and dependent minors	14	8	-6	-42,86%
Other crimes against freedom and sexual self- determination	8	4	-4	-50,00%
Total	22	12	-10	-45,45%

MAI considers that although there is a decrease in the number of cases reported, it should be taken into account that this may be due to a lower propensity to identify/signalize this type of victims during the pandemic period. The lower social level of exposure does not facilitate detection, either by society or by state services.

However, it is too early to have a clear and accurate picture of the real consequences of COVID-19 as regards child sexual exploitation and abuse. It is likely that in the coming months, when the data are made available and concrete data for this period will be worked out, it will be possible to draw properly substantiated conclusions.

c) <u>Comissão Nacional Promoção de Direitos e Proteção Crianças e Jovens (CNPDPCJ - National Commission for the Promotion of Children and Youth Rights and Protection)</u>

According to data compiled and published by this National Commission, in March and April 2020 there was a 52.5% decrease in the number of communications of dangerous situations compared to the same period of the previous year.

3. Please also tell us whether and how general child safeguarding measures were, or are likely to be, affected by measures taken by governments in response to COVID-19. In addition, highlight any additional, specific measures put in place during lockdown to ensure reporting by victims of child sexual abuse/exploitation as well as to support and assist them, and whether these measures will be maintained even when the lockdown is lifted.

Judiciary Police's answer already included in the general appreciation.

In the current situation, PSP and GNR continue to develop their outreach policing of the most vulnerable population.

OTSH started daily monitoring work in the first half of March and now includes information and data on the impacts of COVID-19 on: vulnerabilities and risks, organized crime, children and gender, among others. In addition to this monitoring effort, the OTSH has programmed, and is currently promoting, a cycle of 5 webinars, in partnership with the Multidisciplinary and Specialized Teams to Assist Victims of Human Trafficking (EMEs) from the North, Centre, Lisbon and Tagus Valley, Alentejo and Algarve of the Association for Family Planning. Their objective is to promote a reflection on the possible impacts of COVID-19 on human trafficking, hoping that it can serve to support the design of future measures from a multidimensional perspective. Each of the webinars therefore focuses on sub-themes that curb the crime of human trafficking, including two webinars on sexual exploitation (July 2) and trafficking in children and youth (July 16).

- 4. Finally, please tell us whether children have been duly listened to on decision-making concerning their protection against sexual abuse/exploitation during this period. Please also tell us whether and how children will be involved in decision-making on or assessing the impact of COVID-19 measures in the future.
- a) Polícia Judiciária (PJ Judiciary Police)

Children and teenagers identified as victims in sexual abuse/pornography inquiries of minors investigated by PJ are always heard according to the rules defined by this Police.

Law 130/2015, 4th September, which approves the statute of the victim, urges PJ to adapt (at national level) appropriate rooms for victim support, including minors, after collecting information from victims, health professionals and investigators. Training of investigators was also promoted in order to promote the interview technique.

b) <u>Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP - Public Security Police) and Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR – National Republican Guard)</u>

In this regard, and in accordance with the responsibilities attributed to the PSP and GNR, they develop awareness and prevention actions, through social networks, the media and criminal prevention and community policing structures, in accordance with the instructions and guidelines issued by the competent authorities.

c) <u>CNPPCJ</u>

In the immediate term, the urgency was to respond to the need to build support instruments that would make it possible to contribute as quickly as possible to the support needs that were felt on the

ground in protecting children and preventing danger. Meanwhile, the CNPDPCJ is setting up a National Children and Youth Council, (whose nominations for the election of its representatives by the young people themselves are under way), precisely to involve children in decision-making, to evaluate impact assessments of measures aimed at them and to take into account their opinions.

Please see:

 $\frac{https://www.iefp.pt/documents/10181/702348/folheto\ triptico.pdf/d0055307-681d-4d96-b6bd-09cdfe3add08}{09cdfe3add08}$

CHART ON DIFFERENT INITIATIVES

TALKING TO	POLICIA JUDICIÁRIA (PJ - JUDICIARY POLICE)
CHILDREN ABOUT COVID-19	has carried out work in connection with Europol, that can be found at: https://www.policiajudiciaria.pt/wp-
AND VIOLENCE,	content/uploads/2020/03/cybersecurity with children PT.pdf
INCLUDING SEXUAL	https://www.policiajudiciaria.pt/fichas-de-alerta-europol-o-novo-normal-pos-covid-19-guia-de-seguranca/
VIOLENCE	COMISSÃO NACIONAL PROMOSÃO DE DIREITOS E PROTEGÃO CRIANGAS E JOVENS
(NOT EXCLUSIVELY)	COMISSÃO NACIONAL PROMOÇÃO DE DIREITOS E PROTEÇÃO CRIANÇAS E JOVENS (CNPDPCJ - NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH RIGHTS AND PROTECTION)
	Prepared a child-friendly document for further intervention and preparation by children and young people, in particular with regard to the danger of sexual abuse. Available in English at https://www.cnpdpcj.gov.pt/publicada-versao-inglesa-de-documento-da-cnpdpcj-sobre-como-lidar-com-abuso-sexual-no-contexto-da-pandemia-da-covid-19.aspx.
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	https://aepedome.net/webmedia/combate-ao-abuso-e-exploracao-sexual-
	contra-criancas-em-tempo-de-covid-19/ or http://www.esbocage.com/covid-19.
	Provided support and information at national level:
	https://www.cnpdpcj.gov.pt/corona-virus-covid-19-como-lidar-com-a-situacao.aspx
	ORDEM DOS PSICOLOGOS (OP – PORTUGUESE PSYCHOLOGISTS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION)
	Simple reading documents have been drawn up and distributed to help children, and children in residential care, in general terms acolhimento residencial.pdf (ordemdospsicologos.pt)
PARENTING	PROCURADORIA GERAL DA REPÚBLICA (PGR: PROSECUTOR GENERAL OFFICE)
IN TIMES OF COVID-19	Released "Coronavirus (Covid-19) - A guide for parents and educators", March 2020, published by UNICEF at: http://gfcj.ministeriopublico.pt/pagina/coronavirus-covid-19-um-guia-para-pais-e-educadores-como-proteger-os-seus-filhos-e-alunos
	And also https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/COVID-19.aspx

ORDEM DOS PSICOLOGOS (OP – PORTUGUESE PSYCHOLOGISTS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION)

Simple reading documents have been drawn up and distributed to help divorced or separated parents in the exercise of their parental responsibilities

http://recursos.ordemdospsicologos.pt/files/artigos/covid 19 pais divorci ados separados.pdf

CNPDPCJ

Produced and published: "Como evitar o "burnout parental" durante o "confinamento em casa" na pandemia do coronavírus? (How to avoid parental burnout) during COVID lockdown) and https://www.cnpdpcj.gov.pt/corona-virus-covid-19-como-lidar-com-asituacao.aspx

ΡJ

Published: https://www.policiajudiciaria.pt/fichas-de-alerta-europol-o-novo-normal-pos-covid-19-guia-de-seguranca/ and:

https://www.policiajudiciaria.pt/fichas-de-alerta-europol-covid-19-cyber-prevention-advice/

CHILDREN'S ONLINE SAFETY ON TIMES OF SOCIAL DISTANCE

PGR

Re-editing of the brochure "Tu e a Internet" (you and the internet) at http://cibercrime.ministeriopublico.pt/pagina/tu-e-internet-nova-edicao
This brochure addresses aspects related to the main criminal activities that are currently practiced online. Updated information is provided that will allow victims, children and young people in particular, to know how to react, with whom to contact and how to establish such contact.

Content has been updated to include more recent legislative changes, as well as the contacts made available, in order to facilitate direct communication of the recipients of the brochure with PGR.

In addition to the placement on the portal of the Public Prosecutor's Office the brochure was disseminated trough CNPDPCJ and representatives of the entities present in it, in order to reach as many recipients as possible.

ΡJ

https://www.policiajudiciaria.pt/fichas-de-alerta-europol-covid-19-cyber-prevention-advice/

OTOSH

The Human Trafficking Observatory (OTSH) started daily monitoring work in the first half of March and now includes information and data on the impacts of COVID-19 on: vulnerabilities and risks, organized crime, children and gender, among others.

This exercise seeks not only to analyse the current state, but to offer a medium and long-term analysis (new vulnerable groups, new forms of recruitment, among others)

Among the information collected and preliminarily analysed is the issue of confinement of minors, their vulnerability to online recruitment and exploitation, among others, as examples of the adaptability of the crime of trafficking to or as a result of COVID-19. As an example, the following information collected, processed and disseminated to the following partners:

- Statement by the Lanzarote Committee Chair and Vice-Chairpersons on stepping up protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse in times of the COVID-19 pandemic – CoE;
- UN rights experts call for urgent action to mitigate heightened risks of violence against children – United Nations;
- Why children are at risk of sexual exploitation during COVID-19 ECPAT;
- Pandemic profiteering How criminals exploit the COVID-19 crisis Europol;
- School Closings Due to COVID-19 Present Potential for Increased Risk of Child Exploitation – FBI;
- OPINION: We need to support child victims of trafficking amid coronavirus -Thomson REUTERS;
- Coronavirus fuels cybersex trafficking fears for children in Southeast Asia Thomson REUTERS.

In addition to this monitoring effort, the OTSH has programmed, and is currently promoting, a cycle of 5 webinars, in partnership with the Multidisciplinary and Specialized Teams to Assist Victims of Human Trafficking (EMEs) from the North, Centre, Lisbon and Tagus Valley, Alentejo and Algarve of the Association for Family Planning. Their objective is to promote a reflection on the possible impacts of COVID-19 on human trafficking, hoping that it can serve to support the design of future measures from a multidimensional perspective. Each of the webinars therefore focuses on sub-themes that curb the crime of human trafficking, including two webinars on sexual exploitation (July 2) and trafficking in children and youth (July 16).

CONSÓRCIO INTERNET SEGURA (SAFE INTERNET CENTRE CONSORTIUM)

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Safe Internet Centre Consortium prepared and published resources, developed content for publication on social networks and websites, as well as promoted webinars aimed mainly at the school community.

The following is a list with the respective links:

- Dissemination on the Centro Internet Segura website of resources produced by various partners https://www.internetsegura.pt/recursos/all/all
- Disclosure of the serial "Grandparents on the Net" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sML63Tg4qls&list=PLYFk-hCP5pDNQwGl0cp3TqLuOkbhXNCSC
- Facebook page Centro Internet Segurahttps://www.facebook.com/internetsegura.pt
- Announcement on the SeguraNet website of several initiatives and initiatives - https://www.seguranet.pt/
- Facebook page of SeguraNet https://www.facebook.com/seguranet/
- Translation into Portuguese of the Council of Europe game
 "Combate o Virús"
 https://www.seguranet.pt/sites/default/files/default_images/Recursos/Info_sheet-Keeping%20young_citizens%20busy_Portuguese.pdf
- Recommendations of the Directorate General of Education in conjunction with the National Center for Cybersecurity and the National Commission for Data Protection on "Study at Home: Security Recommendations:" https://www.seguranet.pt/pt/estudo-em-casa-recomendacoes-de-seguranca
- Home Study Campaign: Tips to Stay Safe:
 https://www.seguranet.pt/pt/campanha-estudo-em-casa-dicas-para-te-manteres-seguro
- Production of 6 webinars on ethical and safe use of distance learning: https://www.seguranet.pt/pt/noticias/webinars-dge-seguranca-no-ensino-distancia
- 14 days Wellness Diary, collaboration between the Portuguese Institute of Sport and Youth and the Portuguese Red Cross: https://www.cruzvermelha.pt/images/Di%C3%A1rio-de-Bem-Estar-CVP-revisto-DGE-DR-30Mar.pdf
- APAV Barometer Population Perception on Cybersecurity: https://apav.pt/apav-v3/images/pdf/Barometro-APA-v-Intercampus-Ciberseguranca.pdf

- 7 Days with Media 2020 without leaving home "Initiative of GILM -Informal Group on Media Literacy"
- http://www.7diascomosmedia.pt/iniciativas-2020/
- Facebook page of the initiative 7 days
 https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Education-Website/7-Dias-com-os-Media-2020-102394658003236/

CHILDREN AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE: HOW TO SPOT THE SIGNS AND REPORT

CNPDPCJ

Preparation of a child-friendly document for further intervention and preparation by children and young people, in particular with regard to the danger of sexual abuse. The English version can be found at: https://www.cnpdpcj.gov.pt/publicada-versao-inglesa-de-documento-da-cnpdpcj-sobre-como-lidar-com-abuso-sexual-no-contexto-da-pandemia-da-covid-19.aspx a quick survey over the net has shown that same schools have reproduced this document, for example:

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PGR

file:///C:/Users/Admin/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/UV2OC12D/brochura tu e a internet 6-5-2020.pdf

COMISSÃO INTERMINISTERIAL PARA A IGUALDADE DE GÉNERO (CIG - INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR GENDER EQUALITY):

Published online information about how "The National Network of Support for Victims of Domestic Violence" is working. And publicizing the toll-free lines and messages services, (SMS 3060 or call 800 202 148). It is a toll-free line, it works 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The CIG also has an e-mail service for questions, requests for support and emotional support: violencia.covid@cig.gov.pt and https://www.cig.gov.pt/categoria/noticias/

See also the portal on domestic violence: https://www.cig.gov.pt/portal-violencia-domestica/covid-19-seguranca-isolamento/

OP

Produced webinar of the Psychologists Professional Association at: https://youtu.be/VAzBwX1JfLk

This webinar is intended for all psychologists and wishes to improve the actions of entities with responsibilities over children, calling for a more active participation as well as the need to meet children. It highlights the situation of children who are victims of sexual abuse or exploitation ('33.17), stressing

that social isolation dilutes external control - especially that which occurs in schools.

It also shows that the signals against domestic violence (which include sexual exploitation or abuse) have decreased. Special care has been taken in the work of psychologists in the field of residential care.

CNPDPCJ

Created a Campaign on "The protection of children belongs to everyone", to underline the importance of communicating danger situations, calling for the special involvement of the whole civil society, reinforcing the work being done by the CPCJ throughout this period of pandemic and confinement.

In order to make the communication of dangerous situations more accessible, a telephone number 96.123.11.11. was created, under the responsibility of the CNPDPCJ.

It can be found at:

https://www.cnpdpcj.gov.pt/cnpdpcj-lanca-campanha-de-comunicacao-de-situacoes-de-perigo-de-criancas-e-jovens.aspx

<u>file:///C:/Users/Admin/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge</u> 8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/i008939%20(1).pdf

file:///C:/Users/Admin/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge 8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/i008941%20(1).pdf

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MINISTÉRIO DA EDUCAÇÃO (ME: Ministry of Education) and CNPDCPJ

A communication form has been adapted in order to reinforce the work being carried out by the Commissions for the Protection of Children and Young People (CPCJ) throughout this period, the CNPDPCJ, in articulation with the areas of Education and Citizenship and Equality, has developed a model for the communication form of situations of danger and requiring evaluation of the CPCJ, adapted to the current context, which should be used by schools.

https://www.dge.mec.pt/noticias/orientacoes-gerais-para-proteger-criancas-e-jovens-em-tempo-de-covid-19

CIG

https://www.cig.gov.pt/portal-violencia-domestica/covid-19-seguranca-isolamento/

Eportugal

https://eportugal.gov.pt/servicos/contactar-linha-telefonica-de-informacao-as-vitimas-de-violencia-domestica

PSP

PSP has created a specific institutional email (<u>violenciadomestica@psp.pt</u>) to receive reports of mistreatment and domestic violence;

The PSP has collaborated with CiG to create an articulation mechanism to give an immediate response to urgent situations of domestic violence. The PSP has carried out a fortnightly report to the Ministry of Home Affairs with a summary of occurrences and measures taken in the context of Domestic Violence.

The PSP has regularly collaborated with the media in order to disseminate preventive guidelines and reinforce to the public the importance of reporting crimes

In this context, between March and April, the PSP participated in the following programs:

- "Você na TV" TVI (19.03.2020);
- "Programa da Cristina" SIC (24.03.2020);
- "A Tarde é Sua" TVI (26.03.2020);
- "Linha Direta" RTP3 (08.04.2020);
- "Portugal em Direto" RTP (09.04.2020);
- Participation in videoconference for Faculdade de Farmácia de Lisboa;
- TVI (09.04.2020);
- Reportagem "Portugal que trabalha" SIC (18.04.2020);
- Contributo para noticiário Rádio Renascença (20.04.2020);
- "Alô Portugal" SIC (22.04.2020);
- "As três da manhã" Rádio Renascença (29.04.2020).

In addition to its participation in these programs, the PSP has published 5 posts and 3 awareness videos on its official social networks.

In addition to this monitoring effort, the OTSH has programmed, and is currently promoting, a cycle of 5 webinars, in partnership with the Multidisciplinary and Specialized Teams to Assist Victims of Human Trafficking (EMEs) from the North, Centre, Lisbon and Tagus Valley, Alentejo and Algarve of the Association for Family Planning. Their objective is to promote a reflection on the possible impacts of COVID-19 on human

trafficking, hoping that it can serve to support the design of future measures from a multidimensional perspective. Each of the webinars therefore focuses on sub-themes that curb the crime of human trafficking, including two webinars on sexual exploitation ("Trafficking in Human Beings for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation: New Spaces and Vulnerabilities", scheduled for July 2) and trafficking in children and youth (Trafficking in children and young people: what capacity for protection?", scheduled to take place on July 16).

After each webinar, an evaluation report is made. At the end and considering the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights, it is planned to launch a public announcement on the topics covered and videos of the webinars.

Public debate on this issue is considered as a key issue in raising awareness of intervention and the imminent need to reference, identify and protect victims and vulnerable groups. These webinars are therefore open. They have been disseminated through OTSH social networks and partners. Based on the sessions already held, it can be seen that each webinar has around 190 participants, mainly professionals.

OTHER INTERESTING RESOURCES

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF JUSTICE POLICY - DGPJ, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

https://dgpj.justica.gov.pt/Noticias-da-DGPJ/Reforco-da-protecao-das-criancas-contra-crimes-sexuais

CONSORTIUM INTERNET SEGURA

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Consortium of the Internet Segura Centre (IIC) informed that the declaration would be circulated among the consortium partners and members of the IIC's Monitoring Board.

BAR ASSOCIATION

https://portal.oa.pt/media/130966/guia-para-advogados covid19-e-em.pdf, publicizing the Lanzarote Declaration

CNPDPCJ

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