Partnering to End the Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

International Justice Mission partners with select governments, corporations and organizations to identify cases of online sexual exploitation of children and hold perpetrators accountable. We're supporting global collaboration between law enforcement, the financial sector and technology platforms to prioritize protection for children from these crimes.

As trustworthy law enforcement increases, it shifts how survivors, offenders and communities perceive and engage with the justice system as a protective mechanism.

As criminals — on both the source and demand side — see perpetrators facing consequences under the law, some offenders will choose to stop exploiting children.

As violence drops and trauma-informed services increase, communities engage with the system more, sustaining the strength of the justice system.

Short-Term Outcomes

• Improved capacity to identify victims and refer them to justice and social service systems.
• Trauma-informed practices improve crisis care and empower survivors.
• Coordinated investigations lead to an increased number of prosecutions.

Mid-Term Outcomes

• Increased survivor support through public justice and social service mechanisms.
• Activated communities advocate for changes in policies and laws.
• Improved collaboration between financial, law enforcement and technology sectors.

Long-Term Outcomes

• As justice systems strengthen and industries adopt preventative technologies, children are safer and protected from online exploitation.

THEORY OF CHANGE

STRENGTHEN JUSTICE SYSTEMS
Governments increase response to the crime.

IMPROVE CONFIDENCE
Stakeholders begin expecting the system to respond.

INCREASE PUBLIC TRUST
The public begins relying on the justice system.

DECREASE PREVALENCE
The crime occurs less frequently.
Online sexual exploitation of children is a fast-growing, borderless crime.

The Center to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children partners globally with governments, corporations, nongovernment organizations, survivor leaders, and other relevant stakeholders to protect children from online sexual exploitation. We protect children in the Philippines and scale the fight against this crime globally.

Since 2021, IJM has worked in partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to improve responses to CyberTipline reports in five countries through two projects: Project Needlestack in Southeast Asia, funded by the U.S. State Department, and Project Boost in Africa, funded by Meta. These projects have expanded access, improved assessment, and supported action on CyberTipline reports – including reports about online financial sextortion of children.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

As systemic gaps are revealed and the number of CyberTipline reports consistently increases, the ability for effective response is limited. The first step to address these problems is to build law enforcement capacity – Project Boost does just that.

With the support of NCMEC, Meta, and IJM program offices, IJM’s Center to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children engages relevant law enforcement units, civil society and other organizations (e.g., INTERPOL) to execute three project phases.

PHASE 1: TRAINING
Five-day, in-person training on CyberTipline reports.

PHASE 2: CONSULTATION
Six months of weekly mentoring for initial participants.

PHASE 3: WORKSHOP
Five-day, follow-up workshop, including training refresher.

PARTNER WITH US

IJM is preparing to adapt its model for maximum impact as new challenges and context-specific factors arise. To support, expand and enhance these interventions, IJM invites engagement from other stakeholders, including government agencies, funding entities, electronic service providers, financial institutions, and more.

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