

Meaningful child and youth participation in combating sexual exploitation of children: empowering young survivors



Global Youth Partnership Program against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

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WHAT DO WE HAVE?

- **MILLIONS OF CSEC VICTIMS**
- **RIGHT TO BE HEARD & TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION**

But

- **VICTIMS OPINION IS NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION**



Child and Youth Participation against CSEC

Youth Partnership Programme (YPP) against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children



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Overall Objective:

To ensure children's right to meaningfully participate in social change against commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)



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Promoting Youth Power!

Key elements

- ✓ Peer to peer
- ✓ Involving experiential children and youth (children victims of CSEC) at those at risk
 - ✓ Support of children and youth led initiatives in awareness raising and advocacy



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YPP Key Strategies

Partnership

Participation

Protection



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YPP Key Activities

Leadership and Life Skills Development

Conducting Peer Support Programs

Implementing Micro Projects

Establishing Child Protection Framework



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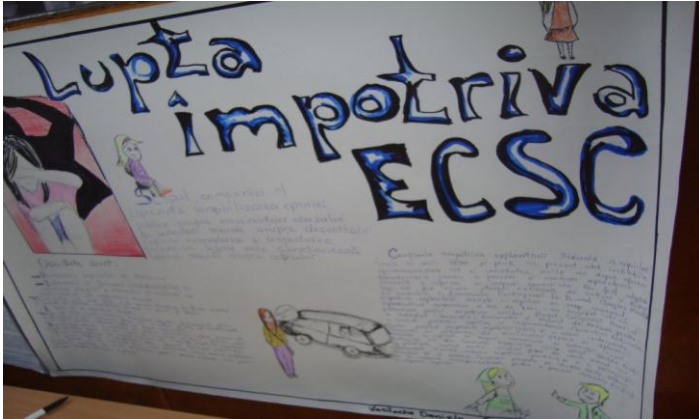


Peer to Peer Approach: Methodology for Support

- 1) Direct Support
- 2) Peer Education
- 3) Group Activities



PSP achievements



- **455 educational events in the frames of *Pear Support Program in Ukraine* for 4023 children & youth (September 2009-January 2012)**

Pear Support Program in Moldova

- **15 institutions with 35 Peer Supporters (PS) aged 14-17 (september 2009- december 2011)**
- **1032 direct beneficiaries**
- **6811 indirect beneficiaries**



YPP Youth-led Advocacy

Participation in Stop Child Sex
Trafficking Campaign

Moldova → 1520 signatures

Ukraine → 55 726

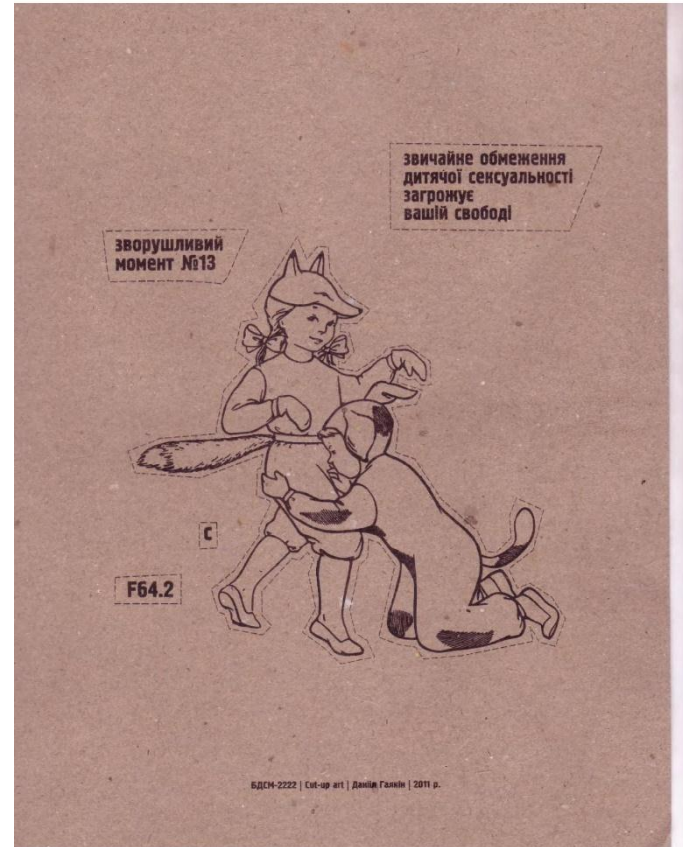


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YPP Youth-led Advocacy

YPP children and youth against abusive images of children

The author in its pictures show that sexuality is natural for children and that it is normal to develop this sexuality.



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To be free, a children's drawing.

«This project helps a lot of at-risk children to be aware of how to protect themselves and to find their way in life».

Global YPP Youth Motivator.