

CHILD10 AWARD PROGRAM 2021

Report from the joint work with the Child10 Awarded Member Organizations to prevent trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.



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“THE CHILD10 AWARD HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST POSITIVELY IMPACTFUL EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO OUR ORGANISATION AND OUR BENEFICIARIES IN OVER 20 YEARS OF OUR EXISTENCE. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION IT AFFORDED US.”

Iroko Onlus, Awarded Member Organization

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FOREWORD

IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY to end trafficking and sexual exploitation of children. This fundamental conviction is at the core of the collaboration between Child10 and H.M. Queen Silvia's Foundation – Care About the Children.

Every year, millions of children around the world are sexually exploited. Despite an increased global focus on this issue and substantial progress being made in the field, this heinous crime is on the rise, and perpetrators continue to find new and innovative ways to target their victims. Countering this development is one of the most crucial issues of our time – and one of the most challenging.

However, it is not an impossible task. The 10 Awarded Member Organizations presented in this report – and many others that we have been privileged to work with in the last few years – teach us that there are effective solutions out there. The knowledge is there. The methods are there.

What we need to do is to connect the dots. We need to listen to the experts – to the survivors and the organizations working tirelessly on the ground. We need to build the link between the decision-makers and the victims of trafficking. And we need to do it together. We need to team up, to collaborate and coordinate our efforts, across organizations, across sectors, and across borders.

This is what we have set out to do through the Child10 Award Program.

In 2020, our respective foundations decided to join forces to intensify our mutual efforts to end the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children. In December of the same year, we jointly selected 10 bold organizations to join our global network and take part in the sixth edition of the Child10 Award Program. Throughout 2021, we have worked side by side with these organizations to identify new solutions, overcome common challenges, and strengthen the collective voice against child trafficking.

This report contains a summary of this work and some of the insights we have had on the way. We hope that you will find it interesting – and that you will follow us on our continued journey.

Because ending child trafficking is not just a vision. It is our responsibility.

Therese von Blixen-Finecke Managing Director,
H.M. Queen Silvia's Foundation – Care About the Children

Jacob Flärdh,
Secretary General, Child10



In the photo (from left to right): Therese von Blixen-Finecke, Managing Director, HM Queen Silvia's Foundation – Care About the Children; HM Queen Silvia of Sweden; and Jacob Flärdh, Secretary General, Child10.

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CHILD10 AWARD PROGRAM

JOINING FORCES TO END CHILD TRAFFICKING

The Child10 Award Program is a central part of Child10's work to end child trafficking. Together with other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the field, we develop effective and durable solutions and amplify the collective voice against trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.

CHILD10 STARTED IN 2014 as an annual event to gather and support organizations around the world working on the ground to protect children and prevent child trafficking.

Since then, Child10 has grown into an international organization with offices in Stockholm and Vienna. The overall scope and ambition of our international work, however, has remained true to our vision, which is to end trafficking and sexual exploitation of children, and we do this through enhanced cross-national and cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration in this field. This encompasses activities on many levels, including national and international policy work.

A sizable part of this work is done in collaboration with our Awarded Member Organizations. Each year, we select 10 new Awarded Member Organizations to become part of an action group working towards the shared vision to end child trafficking.

The Award Program consists of two main pillars: the *Ecosystem Development Program* and the *Joint Advocacy Program*.

THE ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM is a support program designed to strengthen the selected organizations and their work, and to enhance collaboration and coordination within the group, as well as across the field and even transcending sectoral boundaries. Each Awarded Member Organization receives a financial grant of 100,000 SEK (around 9,400 Euro) as well as capacity-building support from expert mentors from our partner, Applied Value (read more about the partnership below), to scale their impact and improve sustainability in their operations. All Awarded Member Organizations also participate in monthly workshops where they discuss common challenges, identify best practices and develop effective and durable solutions. Methods, tools, and insights developed within the program are also shared externally in the form of reports to extend the impact of the work beyond the Awarded Member Organizations.

THE JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM aims to strengthen the collective voice of the CSOs in questions regarding trafficking and exploitation of children. The Awarded Member Organizations work together throughout the year to communicate the jointly developed solutions to policymakers at different levels and ensure that organizations working on the ground are given a direct voice in crucial decision-making processes. This work includes joint input to policy documents, joint Op-Eds, and participation in policy events.

Each year's Award Program focuses on a specific thematic topic. For the 2021 Award Program, the thematic topic was *Girls' Rights Have No Price*, and the 10 organizations selected all work to prevent the trafficking of girls for sexual exploitation in Europe.

The report you have in front of you contains a review of the 2021 Award Program, from research and selection of the Awarded Member Organizations to the program's conclusion in December 2021.

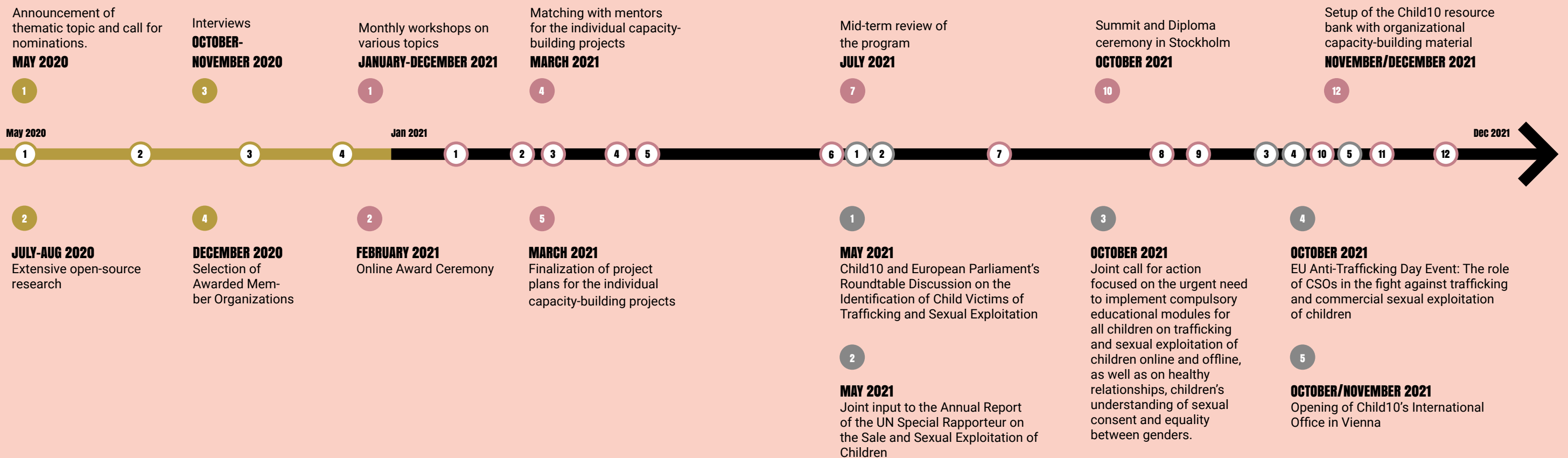
H.M. QUEEN SILVIA'S FOUNDATION - CARE ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND CHILD10

For decades, HM Queen Silvia of Sweden has been a pioneer in the fight against commercial sexual exploitation of children in Sweden and internationally. More than 25 years ago, the Queen initiated the first-ever World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, and a few years later, she founded the World Childhood Foundation. H.M. Queen Silvia's Foundation – Care About the Children (CATCH) is HM Queen Silvia's private foundation. Since its inception in 2013, the foundation has contributed to over 60 projects worldwide to improve the situation for especially vulnerable children.

Since 2020, CATCH has been Child 10's Main Partner, and the 2021 Award Program has been developed and implemented in collaboration between Child10 and CATCH. As part of this collaboration, CATCH contributes 100,000 SEK to each Awarded Member Organization to help strengthen and speed up their organizational development and impact.

THE JOURNEY WITH THE AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The timeline below shows highlights from the different parts of the 2021 Award Program. Each piece is presented in further detail in the following pages.



RESEARCH AND SELECTION

CREATING AN ACTION GROUP AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING

The seven-month research and selection process for the Award Program includes an open nomination process as well as open-source investigation and field visits to candidates. In selecting the 2021 Awarded Member Organizations, Child10 scrutinized more than 90 organizations dedicated to fighting against trafficking and sexual exploitation of girls in Europe.

CALLING FOR IMPACTFUL ORGANIZATIONS

The research and selection process leading up to the Award Program aims to identify 10 organizations with the potential to have a significant impact in line with Child10's vision to end child trafficking. The selection criteria are both individual for every candidate and complementary to form an action group that will work together to achieve collective impact and benefit from each other's experiences.

The selection process is initiated through a public announcement of the thematic topic for the upcoming Award Program. Candidates are nominated through an open call for nomination as well as extensive open-source research.

In May 2020, the theme of the 2021 Award Program – Girls' Rights Have No Price – was communicated through Child10's and our partners' channels. The objective was to put the spotlight on the trafficking of girls for sexual exploitation in Europe and to identify 10 organizations to form an action group around this theme.

The public nomination and research resulted in a list of more than 90 candidates from 27 different countries working on the ground to prevent trafficking of women and girls.

CREATING THE ACTION GROUP

The nomination process is followed by a period of intense outreach work by the Child10 team, including in-depth research on the shortlisted organizations through interviews, review of internal and external documents, and field visits. The screening of candidates includes a thorough due diligence process to evaluate the organizations' quality, sustainability, and impact. The selection process also focuses on ensuring that the selected organizations have

a strong human rights-based approach, that they are gender-sensitive, and that they have an inclusive and collaborative approach.

For the 2021 Award Program, 20 out of the 90 nominated organizations were shortlisted for face-to-face interviews with the Child10 team, and 15 out of these proceeded to a second interview. In December 2021, an independent selection committee consisting of sector experts with varying backgrounds and perspectives finally selected the 10 Awarded Member Organizations.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR ACCELERATED IMPACT

In addition to forming the action group, the research and selection process also contributes to the overall vision of Child10 in other ways. Since 2014, Child10 has engaged with several hundred organizations working to end child trafficking through the research and selection processes. This provides unique knowledge and a network that can be utilized to scale impact, collaboration, and coordination in the field.

The nomination process can also have a positive secondary effect for the organizations in question by imploring them to evaluate their focus, their processes, and their working methods. Through the interaction with the nominated organizations during the selection process, Child10 highlights the chosen thematic topic and the urgent need to address this collectively. The discussion also includes an assessment of how organizations integrate a child rights-based and gender-sensitive approach in their work as well as efforts to ensure meaningful survivor inclusion, in turn, highlighting the importance of these aspects.

IMPACT EXAMPLE: lightup International

lightup International is an international youth movement consisting of three independent national organizations in Germany, Austria, and Norway. Although the national lightup organizations were already collaborating, they were all nominated for the 2021 Award Program as individual organizations. In the conversations during the research and selection process, Child10 suggested that they instead accept the nomination as an international movement to strengthen their nomination. By participating jointly in the Award Program, the three national organizations have been able to develop their collaboration further and strengthen the international lightup movement and joint identity to help facilitate possible future expansion.

"The Child10 Award nomination brought us closer together as we accelerated the creation of our common international website to submit as part of the nomination process. The Award Program itself provided a platform throughout the year with web-based workshops where we could work through relevant topics together with the other awardees. We got more experience in cooperating/connecting with other NGOs in the field while being represented as lightup International. This has, without a doubt, strengthened our cooperation and our international work in new ways. We have also greatly benefited from the possibility to work on our international theory of change together."

lightup International, CHILD10 AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATION 2021.

MEET THE AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

ASTRA is a grassroots organization dedicated to eradicating all forms of exploitation and trafficking in human beings. They were the first actor to raise the issue of human trafficking in Serbia. ASTRA has a holistic approach to the problem of human trafficking, they deal with all forms of exploitation, and assist all categories of survivors including women, children, and men. For more than 20 years, ASTRA has worked with providing direct support and assistance, education and raising awareness, advocacy, research, and networking.



Iroko Onlus is an international NGO with headquarters in Italy and offices also in Nigeria and the UK. They have, for more than 20 years, been providing services and support to victims and survivors of sex trafficking, prostitution, and pornography with a specific focus on trafficking of women for sexual exploitation from Nigeria. Their work falls broadly into three categories: direct service provision where they provide help to victims, advocacy to shift the responsibility from victim to perpetrator, and prevention by raising awareness.

Footprint to Freedom is a survivor-led organization inspired by a survivor of human trafficking, Malaika Oringo. They stand up for survivor inclusion and engagement and give survivors a platform to own their voices and work to break the cycle of human trafficking by preventing victimization and revictimization of survivors through empowerment. Their work is focused on six-interlinked approaches: prevention, education, empowerment, engagement, reintegration, and advocacy.

eLiberare is a Romanian organization focused on preventing human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Their goal is to equip people to prevent human trafficking in their own communities. Their priorities are five-fold: prevention education to decrease the risk of trafficking, capacity-building through specialized training sessions, external assistance by helping to restore and reintegrate victims in society, strategic advocacy to ensure better legislation, and awareness events where vulnerable are informed about the phenomenon.

MARTA Centre is a civil society organization in Latvia that works to achieve gender equality. MARTA Centre provides support to women and children who have been victims of domestic violence and human trafficking by providing social services and psychological and legal assistance. The association also pursues violence and sexual exploitation prevention by working with youth and men to bring about necessary structural changes.

Ellencentret is part of the non-profit foundation 1000 Möjligheter, based in Stockholm, Sweden. For more than ten years they have been working with young people subjected to prostitution and trafficking, targeting young people up to the age of 25. They provide help, advice, and therapy through their national chat helpline and in their help and trauma center in Stockholm. They also offer legal advice through collaboration with lawyers and educate professionals on the subject of young people in sexual exploitation.

The Association Novi put was established in 2010 by women with longstanding anti-trafficking experience. Their main objectives are prevention and combating human trafficking, gender-based violence, and child abuse. The Association is a member of the core Regional Monitoring Team for anti-trafficking and participates in drafting and reviewing relevant State Action Plans and Strategies aimed for the prevention of human trafficking in Bosnia-Herzegovina.



lightup International is an international youth movement consisting of three independent national organizations based in Germany, Austria, and Norway. Their vision is a world where every person lives free from human trafficking and exploitation – because people are priceless. They are youth-led, human rights-based youth organizations, existing to address the structural causes of human trafficking rooted in global injustice.

Novahuset is an organization working against sexual violence with support, prevention and outreach. They meet all types of victims of sexual violence and an essential part of their operations is aimed at online-related sexual violence. Their work with support and outreach is executed both in-person and online, and the preventative work mainly takes place in schools and aims to reach children, caregivers, and professionals.

Vatra Psycho-Social Center's activities date back to 1999, aimed at preventing trafficking in human beings, domestic and gender-based violence, and social-economic empowerment of victims of these phenomena through information, education, advocacy, and social residential and community services in Albania. Their main activities are focused on prevention through awareness raising, reintegration services for victims, access to justice support for victims, capacity-building for state and non-state actors, and advocacy towards governmental institutions.

THE ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Through the ecosystem development program, Child10 facilitates stronger collaboration and coordination within the CSO sector in this field as well as across sectors. At the same time, the program provides capacity-building support to strengthen individual organizations. The program includes monthly workshops within the group as well as individual and cluster-based support from external experts.

The Ecosystem Development Program is designed to achieve two outcomes:

1. Enhancing collaboration and coordination of efforts in the field.
2. Capacity-building of organizations: To help each Awarded Member Organization identify and address areas of development, to strengthen their efficiency, impact and sustainability.

ENHANCING COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION

In addition to the capacity-building delivered by *inter alia* external experts, the program includes monthly workshops to discuss common challenges, identify best practices and develop effective and durable solutions. The CSO sector in this field is vital, not least because it often provides the services that children are entitled to, especially when the official sector is not readily able to. Without the official sector's oversight, however, it is challenging to have an overview of the various services available and efforts made, often resulting in duplication as well as gaps in the protection system both nationally and internationally. The Child10 program is therefore designed to strengthen the CSO sector by providing a platform for enhanced coordination and collaboration, making the sector more efficient and avoiding duplication of efforts as well as giving it a stronger joint voice towards policymakers.

The workshop discussions ranged from human rights-based approaches and best practices in services and outreach, to discussing the field more broadly and the joint challenges

facing CSOs. One of the topics addressed was the normative challenges when it comes to commercial sexual exploitation of girls including the lack of acknowledgment of commercial sexual exploitation as gender-based violence but also the new challenges that are emerging around the normalization of commercialization of young girls' bodies. Children's easy access to pornography, the increasing use of derogatory names for girls and the practice of selling sex for 'pocket-money' to young perpetrators who are often the same age as their victims, are all rising problems that require more innovative solutions than traditional approaches.

The workshops provided a valuable opportunity to share best practices that promoted cross-learning across the group. To take this learning a step further, the material and resources gathered from the workshops have been compiled in various ways and shared widely with other actors in the field. One such example is the comprehensive report focusing on best practices in programming for child victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation that was published by the 2021 action group. The Best Practice Report was received positively by national and international networks of service providers and partners of Awarded Members.

CAPACITY-BUILDING OF ORGANIZATIONS

In 2021, the organizational capacity-building support as part of the Award Program has grown significantly and been professionalized *inter alia* through collaboration with the private consulting company, Applied Value.

At the beginning of 2021, Child10, in collaboration with each organization, conducted a needs assessment for the Awarded Member Organizations. Based on the results of the needs assessments, the organizations were matched with consultants with relevant expertise from Applied Value and together they developed individual capacity-building projects plans. The consultants worked with the organizations throughout the year to implement the project plans; learnings and tools developed within the projects were later converted into general support tools for CSOs working in this field. For many organizations, the work focused on strengthening internal governance and core processes. For others, the needs identified and addressed related to external work such as communication and fundraising.

Working with a large number of organizations from different parts of the world, we have seen that some challenges and obstacles tend to be similar for most organizations, whereas other challenges are different and require specialized individual solutions. To address this, the organizational capacity building support is delivered both as cluster support, where challenges are addressed in a cluster with several organizations, and as tailored individual support, including one-on-one consulting and support by external consultants.

FEEDBACK FROM ORGANIZATIONS

The feedback from the Awarded Member Organizations has shown that the support has led to concrete positive effects for all organizations. All 10 organizations "strongly agree" that the program has benefited their organization internally, whereas 9 out of 10 "strongly agree" that the program has benefited the work that the organizations engage in (e.g., overall goals

and aims, support to victims). Specific areas where organizations mention having seen concrete results are increased external visibility and strengthened fundraising capabilities. Both the support from the consultants and the learning from other organizations in the group are mentioned as having had positive effects. One organization, however, expressed that the differences between the organizations within the group created some difficulties in fully utilizing each other's experiences.

"Most of all, we have gained more courage to reduce the micromanagement tendency and put more faith in the volunteers. We started small by creating a transitional structure and plan for its implementation, which will help us spread across the organization, facilitating more organic and sustainable growth."

ASTRA, AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATION

"As result of support we improved our communication and visibility (...) We gained knowledge on best practices to improve our programs in prevention, support and advocacy, and finally, collaboration with other organizations. This collaboration will continue in joint projects and advocacy initiatives."

VATRA PSYCHO-SOCIAL CENTER, AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATION

ABOUT CHILD10 AND APPLIED VALUE'S PARTNERSHIP

Applied Value is an international management consulting, investment, and social impact firm. In 2020, Applied Value joined Child10 as a program partner. In 2021 the collaboration was further intensified, and throughout the year, consultants from Applied Value worked closely together with Child10 in the development and execution of the program. 13 consultants were engaged as mentors, each contributing a minimum of 50 consultancy hours to Awarded Member Organizations throughout the year.

"Beyond supporting the organizations, we hope to help shed light on this monstrous phenomenon and urge others to join the fight against trafficking."

MARTINE CASSAR, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL INVESTMENTS AT APPLIED VALUE GROUP

"The experience also allows us to think about socio-economic problems in different ways and come up with interesting solutions to them. The Child10 program creates a win-win situation for everyone."

MICHELLE BALTRUSITIS, ANAS OUAHDI, AND EMILY BEDERMAN, CONSULTANTS AT APPLIED VALUE AND MENTORS FOR CHILD10.

"Applied Value is a great example of how the private sector can take responsibility in securing children's rights in one of the most challenging issues of our time. Our aim is to set a standard for collaborative impact in this field where private sector involvement has traditionally been limited."

JACOB FLÄRDH, SECRETARY GENERAL FOR CHILD10.



THE JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM

A STRONGER VOICE TOGETHER

During 2021, the 10 Awarded Member Organizations have jointly contributed to put child trafficking on the international agenda and give organizations working on the ground a voice in key decision making processes.

GIVING ALL CSOS A VOICE IN POLICY PROCESSES

The importance of consulting with civil society organizations when setting policy and developing programs is well documented. It is however rare that local organizations working on the ground have the opportunity to take part in such consultations.

Child10 strongly believes that efficient collaboration between all sectors is a critical success factor in the fight against child trafficking and exploitation and that it is critical to bridge the gap between policymakers and organizations working on the ground.

To strengthen the collective voice, to inform political decisions, and advocate for better protection of children against exploitation, Child10, therefore, organizes meetings between Awarded Member Organizations and key decision-makers at regional/international levels.

For example in May 2021, Child10 and the European Parliament Intergroup co-organized a virtual round- table where Awarded Member Organizations met with European policymakers to discuss challenges in identifying child victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. Also in October, the Awarded Member Organizations participated in a high-level panel debate on the role of civil society organizations in the fight against trafficking organized by Child10 and HM Queen Silvia's Foundation – Care About the Children. Participants in the panel debate included key policymakers from *inter alia* UNODC, UNICEF and the EU Commission.

JOINT ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

During the initial phases of the program, Child10 and the Awarded Member Organizations jointly identify possible topics for joint advocacy initiatives. In 2021, this process was initiated



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by requesting written input and ranking of suggested topics in January, followed by an online workshop to discuss the various ideas. Based on these discussions, a roadmap for the year was created, with identified milestones and specific topics for the action group's joint work and advocacy throughout the year.

One of the joint advocacy initiatives that was decided upon was a joint call for action to be sent directly to national and regional policymakers on the EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October. The joint call focused specifically on preventing child trafficking for sexual exploitation and countering the growing normalization of commercialization of girls' bodies by educating children on trafficking and sexual exploitation of children online and offline, as well as on healthy relationships, children's understanding of sexual consent and equality between genders. In addition, the 2021 action group raised awareness amongst policymakers on the challenges related to the identification of child victims and the need to step up efforts to improve this, as well as the need for a stronger child rights-based approach in all services provided to victims both by the public as well as by civil society sectors.

The action group also coordinated joint input to various international reports and policy documents on trafficking and sexual exploitation. For example in May, Child10 and the Awarded Member Organizations together submitted their input to the annual report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children, including Pornography and other Sexual Abuse Material.

IMPACT AND FEEDBACK FROM ORGANIZATIONS

The objective of the Joint Advocacy Program is to give civil society organizations stronger influence in high-level decision-making processes and to ensure that decision-makers have access to first-hand knowledge and experiences from organizations working on the ground. A number of policymakers that have participated in the events organized by Child10 have echoed this need, and the value of creating forums for cross-sector dialogues.

"I remain convinced that such exchange of information is the first step in discovering possible avenues for the improvement of identification of victims of trafficking of children for sexual exploitation, and for better prevention of these atrocious criminal activities across Europe."

MILAN BERGLESZ, MEMBER OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AT CHILD10 AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF CHILD VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

"There should be an obligation - and here I think we should use all possible channels that we have - from the member states to take into account the work of those organizations (...) that are working with this situation and these cases. This needs to be taken seriously."

RAMONA STRUGARIU, MEMBER OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AT CHILD10 AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF CHILD VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

Strengthening the influence of CSOs in policy processes is a work that will take time, and the effects will mainly be seen in the long term. However, many of the Awarded Member Organizations report that the joint advocacy work and the opportunity to stand side by side with other like-minded organizations have given a strong boost to their respective work already in the short term.

"It has been a huge encouragement to experience first-hand that we are not working alone on this topic and that there are amazing organizations all over Europe that we can partner with and stand alongside towards reaching our common goal: a world without sexual exploitation."

lightup International, AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATION

"The Joint Advocacy Initiative also demonstrated a good commitment among the Awarded Members and a common voice towards advocating for educating the young generation on human trafficking and sexual exploitation."

eLiberare, AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATION

"[We] had the highest number of media coverages ever, by both mainstream national and foreign electronic and print media... [We] also had the highest number of donors, implemented the highest number of projects, served the highest number of beneficiaries, and received the most funds ever in 2021."

NOVI PUT, AWARDED MEMBER ORGANIZATION

Through organizing high-level policy events and communicating with policymakers, Child10 has also been able to establish itself as an international force in the field of anti-trafficking of children, setting the agenda on the most pressing issues and topics. We have also strengthened Child10's own partnership with regional and international intergovernmental organizations like the EU, OSCE, CBSS, CoE, and the UN.

FACTS AND FIGURES

The 2021 Awarded Members jointly have more than

100 YEARS

experience of fighting human trafficking.

90

organizations were nominated and scrutinized as part of the research and selection for the 2021 Awarded Members.

9/10

Awarded Member Organizations “strongly agree” that the program has benefited the organization’s work.

10/10

Awarded Member Organizations “strongly agree” that the program has benefited the organization internally.

“FROM NOW ON, WE CAN TALK ABOUT TWO ERAS: BEFORE CHILD10 AND AFTER CHILD10.”

lightup International, Awarded Member Organization.

1 MILLION SEK

(ap. EUR 96,550) was awarded in grants to the 2021 Awarded Member Organizations.

650 HOURS

consultancy was provided to the Awarded Member Organizations by program partner Applied Value.

15 WORK SHOPS

for problem-solving, mutual learning, and planning of joint initiatives.

3 HIGH LEVEL POLICY EVENTS ORGANISED BY CHILD10

with international policymakers and key opinion leaders.

LOOKING AHEAD:

KEY INSIGHTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

A more significant focus on cluster-based support, amplified international influence and a continued strategic shift towards strengthening the European ecosystem for CSOs in this field. Those are some of the development opportunities we have identified going forward based on the insights from the 2021 Award Program.

STRENGTHENING CLUSTER-BASED SUPPORT

In 2021, we expanded the organizational capacity-building activities to also provide cluster-based capacity-building to groups of organizations faced with similar challenges. One of the clusters, for example, focused on fundraising which was a common challenge identified by nearly all the organizations. A prominent benefit of this approach was organizational cross-learning, in that, organizations were able to learn from each other and discuss best practices in strengthening their individual organizations. Since this was a unique opportunity for the group, the approach was well-received by the Awarded Member Organizations and allowed us to streamline activities and amplify our impact. We have, therefore, taken this opportunity to gradually shift towards a more cluster-based approach.

In our experience, there is considerable overlap in the organizational challenges faced by local organizations in the CSO sector. We will, therefore, utilize our resources to specialize in these areas to provide superior support to our Awarded Member Organizations while also developing a resource bank for our network of Organizations. We also see opportunities in expanding the cluster-based work to areas beyond organizational capacity-building into thematic cluster work.

AMPLIFYING INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

During 2021, Child10 and the Awarded Member Organizations have built strong international relations. We see an excellent opportunity to continue developing and leveraging these to amplify our international influence and bridge the gap between the organizations working on

the ground and policymakers. In 2021, Child10 opened an office in Vienna to support these efforts. In 2022, we will increase our focus on organizing and co-organizing high-level events, online or in-person meetings with decision-makers, jointly written submissions, and advocacy campaigns to strengthen this impact further.

STRENGTHENING OF THE EUROPEAN ECOSYSTEM

In the last few years, we have gradually shifted from focusing on providing support to individual organizations towards a more significant focus on strengthening the CSO ecosystem and enabling systemic change. For example, during the research and selection of organizations for 2022, we particularly sought out organizations focused on collaboration and building CSO networks within their countries or regions. In doing so, our goal is to help strengthen such collaborations and networks by utilizing the lessons learned from our own cluster-based activities within the international programs, as well as similar work we are scoping and pioneering in Sweden. This will support our ambitions to scale our impact and to reach the goal of enhancing the overall ecosystem in Europe for organizations working in this field.



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THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



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