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Raising voices for children victims of abuse

To celebrate April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, himaya decided to gather the community to raise awareness around violence against children through a social media campaign, #BeTheirVoice.

At himaya, we recognize the value of families and communities working together to prevent violence against children and to promote a safe environment for children and their families; #BeTheirVoice aimed to remind everyone of the importance to be a voice for a child in need.

Our campaign was a success. We received great support from the community, the private and public sectors.

Our awareness around child violence even spread internationally. People, from all around the world, joined our fight and raised their voice to support children in Lebanon.

No child should ever have to suffer from any form of abuse; thus, if we suspect or witness any form of violence, we must report it.

If you have questions about the reporting process at himaya, please watch our video:

https://youtu.be/pTCL8XJ_vHo



FICE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

We are proud to announce that in April 2019, himaya became the first NGO from Asia to ever become a member of FICE.

FICE is an international network of organizations, aiming to enhance and influence a better life for vulnerable children around the world. Such an achievement allows us to exchange knowledge among other professionals in the child protection sector around the world, and to share our latest accomplishments as the only NGO representing Lebanon.

himaya at the ISS Casework Coordinators Meeting 2019 in Germany.

From the 15th till the 17th of April 2019, himaya's Resilience Program Manager participated in the Annual Casework Coordinator Meeting in Berlin, Germany. Participants from 19 different countries and regions gathered to discuss common standards for cross-border cooperation of the international network in the field of child protection, family conflicts, and migration.

The three-day conference covered the following topics:

1. The EU Regulation on Parental Responsibility
2. The results of the EU project; European Platform for access to personal and familial with ISS participation.
3. Inter-country child protection concerns, data protection protocols, and service implementation enhancement.



The conference's output was very valuable. The new version of the ISS manual, initially reviewed in the Baltimore conference in February 2019 was endorsed by all members, and a new chair and vice chair were elected.

As Members of International Social Service (ISS), we are very proud to have been part of this conference and for the acknowledgment of our significant and professional work by all participating partners. We look forward to taking part in the 2020 Annual Casework Coordinator Meeting in Spain.

Training on internet safety for children for Terre des Hommes Lausanne NGO

The Prevention Program and Capacity Building and Research and Development Department delivered training sessions to facilitators from Terre des Hommes NGO around Internet Safety for Children.

The 15 facilitators who came from Beirut and Tyre's offices received adequate information and knowledge, which will enable them to deliver the right messages to children and to capacitate them with self-protection skills on Internet safety.

The first part of the training covered key messages on self-protection and methods to support teenagers to develop safe Internet usage aptitudes.

In the second part, participants learned about the law and the referral pathway in case of cyberbullying and sexual cyber violence and were trained on the judicial process that can be used in such cases. .

GLOBAL SMILE FOUNDATION

Global Smile Foundation (GSF) volunteers spent 10 days in Beirut at Bikhazi Medical Group (BMG) Hospital implementing comprehensive cleft care. For the 6th consecutive year, our resilience program has been working hand-in-hand with the Global Smile Foundation; himaya provided psychosocial support to children and their families by preparing them before the surgery and postoperative care. These children are at higher risks for abuse because of their congenital deformities, which we are trying to prevent and/or reduce.

Children benefited from himaya's support through fun activities (LEGO, puzzles, coloring books...). Parents were also introduced to our work and mission; they received our hotline, and few parents reported cases of bullying.



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