

Preventing and tackling child sexual exploitation and abuse

A Model National Response



CAPABILITIES

OUTCOMES

POLICY, LEGISLATION AND GOVERNANCE

1 Leadership

Accountable, cross-sector national body with a clear mandate and resources to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse online, and willingness to engage in international collaboration

2 Legislation

Comprehensive and effective legal framework to prosecute offenders and protect children from all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse in line with international human rights standards
Legal provision to protect children engaged in consensual sharing of sexual content from criminalisation where appropriate.



Highest level national commitment to child sexual abuse prevention and response

Comprehensive understanding of child sexual abuse within the highest levels of government and law enforcement. Willingness to work with, and coordinate the efforts of, multiple stakeholders to ensure the enhanced protection of victims and an enhanced response to child sexual abuse offending.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

3 Dedicated law enforcement

Human and technical capabilities to investigate child sexual abuse online and offline, including cross-border cases
Trauma-informed training for law enforcement
Coordination with victim support services

4 Judiciary and prosecutors

Specialist training on child sexual exploitation and abuse and technology-enabled offending
Child-friendly and victim-centred protocols

5 Offender management process

Multi-agency system to identify, manage and rehabilitate sex-offenders, and statutory tools (rehabilitation and education programmes, community supervision)

6 Access to image database

National database with access to the Interpol's ICSE database for international collaboration, supported by alignment with terminology for CSAM categorisation



Effective and successful child sexual abuse investigations, convictions and offender management

Law Enforcement and judiciary have the knowledge, skills, systems and tools required to enable them to perform victim-focused investigations and secure positive judicial outcomes. Child sexual abuse offenders are managed and reoffending prevented.



VICTIM SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT

7 End-to-end support

Planned, integrated and multi-stakeholder support for victims and survivors
Services are inclusive and sensitive to age, gender, sexuality, disability and ethnicity.
Psychological support across dedicated law enforcement, frontline workers accessing image databases, child protection workforce, and hotlines

8 Child protection workforce

Skilled, specialist statutory workforce trained, coordinated and available to provide trauma-informed support to protect and support children at risk of sexual abuse and exploitation online
Guidelines for frontline professionals on emerging and complex issues such as child "self-generated" sexual material

9 Compensation, remedies and complaints arrangements

Provision of measures to allow children and victims accessible support in compensation, legal remedies and complaints procedures

10 Child helpline

Accessible to all children, nationwide, toll-free, available 24/7, voice and text based, offering confidential support and counselling with appropriate referral mechanisms.
Robust data protection systems
Counsellors with specific training in online harms



Appropriate support services for children and young people

Children and young people have access to services that support them through the investigation and prosecution of crimes against them. They have access to shelter; specialised medical and psychological services; and rehabilitation, repatriation and resocialisation services.



SOCIETY AND CULTURE

11 Child sexual exploitation and abuse hotline

Dedicated portals/hotlines for the public to report suspected child sexual exploitation and abuse online
Cooperation with law enforcement and the technology industry

12 Education programmes

National education programme (including age-appropriate, accessible and inclusive content) to raise awareness of all forms of child sexual exploitation and abuse - empowering children, young people, parents, guardians, caregivers and practitioners with relevant information
Systematic training for professional in education, social care and health

13 Child participation

Children and young people encouraged and enabled to give ideas and influence policy and practice relating to child sexual exploitation and abuse
Child protection, children's rights frameworks, and trauma-informed practice utilised when engaging children

14 Offender prevention and support systems

Support to prevent people with a sexual interest in children from abusing or accessing child sexual abuse material
Support for convicted offenders as part of rehabilitation response
Specialised support for children displaying harmful sexual behaviour

15 Informed and ethical media reporting

Evidence-based and sensitive reporting that respects victims' and survivors' rights and dignity



Child sexual abuse prevented

Children and young people are informed and empowered to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. Parents, carers, teachers and childcare professionals are better prepared to keep children safe from child sexual abuse, including addressing taboos surrounding sexual abuse.



INDUSTRY

16 Takedown procedures and reporting

Local removal and blocking of child sexual abuse material online
Procedures for timely removal of child sexual abuse material when a company confirms its presence
Statutory protections for industry to report child sexual abuse, including content transmission to law enforcement or a designated agency
Global and cross-sector collaboration

17 Innovative solution development

Technological solutions to prevent and address child sexual exploitation and abuse online

18 Responsible business conduct

Child protection and safeguarding policies, due diligence and remediation that address child sexual exploitation and abuse online



Industry engaged in developing solutions to prevent and tackle child sexual abuse

The public can proactively report child sexual abuse offences. Industry has the power and willingness to block and remove child sexual abuse material online and proactively address local child sexual abuse issues.



RESEARCH AND DATA

19 Research and data

Data, research and analysis on the threat of and response to child sexual exploitation and abuse online
Robust administrative data systems (e.g. police, courts, social services) to monitor service delivery, access and effectiveness and provide regular insights for decision-makers

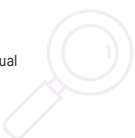
20 Universally agreed terminology

Information and policies communicated clearly and in alignment with international standards



Awareness raised among the public, professionals and policy makers

Potential future offenders are deterred. Child sexual abuse offending and reoffending is reduced.



ENABLERS

Cross sector, multidisciplinary collaboration

Willingness to prosecute, functioning justice system and rule of law

Supportive reporting environment

Aware and supportive public and professionals, working with and for children

Sufficient financial and human resources

National legal and policy frameworks in accordance with the UNCRC and other international and regional standards

Data and evidence on child sexual abuse