



La Voix De l'Enfant is a Federation, made up of 80 charitable organizations, taking action in nearly a hundred countries. Its aim is to “listen and defend any child in distress whoever and wherever he is”.

35 YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND ACTIONS: TELLING, GATHERING, ACTING

The approach of La Voix De l'Enfant and its charities-members revolves around 3 specific aspects :

Only one party: the child

La Voix De l'Enfant capacity for indignation makes it sensitive to children's suffering, judging that this is not ineluctable. In its opinion, keeping quiet or pretending not to know in order to not offend this or that power, not protecting dignity and integrity of children in distress is tantamount to failure to assist a person in danger.

For La Voix De l'Enfant, violations or dysfunctions that hinder children's life, in France or all over the world, have to be pointed out to be solved as solutions exist.

A federative dimension

The numerous charities-members of the Federation La Voix De l'Enfant on the field represent a constant network which enables to multiply the interventions, after cross-checking the information. This network brings different perspectives faced with a single reality – the one of the child in distress – and turns into exemplary actions appropriated for the situation on the field (interventions with regard to the tsunami, to the absence of civil status certificate, to the difficulties to receive the word of witnesses: the Pediatric Medico-Judicial Hosting Units, in the hospital environment, for children victims of sexual violence and others).

Pragmatism and realism

From La Voix De l'Enfant, laws, international treaties and regulatory texts first have to be enforced before adopting new ones which don't necessarily resolve the current issues.

Too many children around the world are deprived of their rights. Mentalities need to change and La Voix De l'Enfant is an active stakeholder of this transformation. We have to say “no” to indifference and enable children to stand up, without putting them into a situation of dependent people, detrimental to their adult life.

La Voix De l'Enfant is appointed as an expert for several Boards of Institutions and Foundations. It has been Member of the French National Consultative Commission for Human Rights (CNCDH) since 1986.

It takes part in managing the Public Interest Group for Children in Danger, GIPED (prevention, protection and transmission missions).

Public Authorities also regularly solicit La Voix De l'Enfant in order to listen to its observations and proposals regarding children protection's issues.

1. Helpline / follow-up / advices / civil party applications

La Voix De l'Enfant opened a legal helpline assistance, managed by lawyers and legal experts, who inform the child victims and/or their parents about their rights and guide them towards appropriate organizations, in order to insure a better and suitable aid.

This legal helpline assistance is held every Wednesday from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm at 0033 1 40 22 03 05.

A multidisciplinary work is carried out to make sure of the right continuity of the procedures and to take part in supporting child victims. When necessary, La Voix De l'Enfant joins a civil action. Then it works closely with one of his lawyers to have the child victim heard and to emphasize the potential institutional dysfunctions while offering appropriate solutions.

2. Multiplication of Pediatric Medico-Judicial Hosting Units: 55 Hosting Units open to date

Taking into account that child victims are first suffering children before being complainant children, La Voix De l'Enfant initiates and takes part in the creation of "committee rooms and Pediatric Medico-Judicial Hosting Units, in the hospital environment, for child victims of sexual violence", including in : Nantes, Pointe-à-Pitre, La Rochelle, Aix-en-Provence, Abbeville, Amiens, Angers, Béziers, Chalon-sur-Saône, Guéret, Le Puy en Velay, Limoges, Lorient, Metz, Montceau-les-Mines, Niort, Quimper, Saint-Malo, Saint-Nazaire, Tulle, Mâcon, Nîmes, Perpignan, but also in Europe in Cluj and in Craiova (Romania) and in Moscow (Russia) and others.

3. Creation of the first Protected Hearing Room in Court

La Voix De l'Enfant introduced and created the first "Protected Hearing Room" in Angers's District Court as well as a Protected Witness Confrontation Room at the Family Protection Unit (BPF – Brigade de Protection des Familles) of Angers's central Police Station.

These Protected Confrontation Rooms improve cares and conditions for hearing minor victims of sexual violence and other abuses, throughout the proceedings until the trial.

4. Educational accompanying and access to culture

La Voix De l'Enfant supports school programs for children and teenagers in difficulty, in order to help these young people to manage their time, to use the adequate methodology and to give them access to culture through extracurricular trips and activities.

5. Unaccompanied foreign minors

The number of unaccompanied foreign minors in France has kept increasing last years. For La Voix De l'Enfant, these unaccompanied foreign minors are victims of trafficking.

La Voix De l'Enfant is involved in their care.

6. Care of ill children and help of their family

La Voix De l'Enfant supports families affected by the illness of their child and it insures them protection.

7. Children and Internet

La Voix De l'Enfant observes, collects and communicates on minors' use of digital technologies. It undertakes with the children, but also with the parents, a prevention work facing the dangers linked to the use of the Internet. It encourages education and information judging that they are preferable to a repressive action.

THE INTERNATIONALE ACTION

1. Establishment of Civil Status

Because the first right of any child is the right to exist, and considering that it is not possible to speak about children protection if they do not legally exist, for more than 9 years, La Voix De l'Enfant has supported its charities-members who lead and reinforce Civil Status programs in many countries.

2. Exploited children

La Voix De l'Enfant intervenes in favor of street children, sexually abused and exploited children, child soldiers, children with disabilities, children victims of trafficking or victims in the football industry and others. It supports in particular vulnerable children and denounces the various forms of exploitation. It works for the scholastic and socio-professional reintegration of children in difficult circumstances, especially in the context of foster homes and rehabilitation centers.

3. Care access and emergency aid

La Voix De l'Enfant takes part in the access to primary health care and supports people affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters and epidemics.

It is committed to the fight against malnutrition through the implementation of diffusion programs of nutritional supplements (Tsunami / Haiti and others).

4. Sponsorship and rural development

La Voix De l'Enfant supports the abroad child sponsorship. This allows the teams on the field to work with local communities to reduce poverty and improve the living conditions of children and families, with the sponsorship contribution.

5. Schooling and psychosocial support

La Voix De l'Enfant supports education programs including refugees and displaced people camps, where it sets up socio-educational projects.



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