

Resources which can support your initiatives:

- The **Communion of Churches in Indonesia (PGI)** is the largest organization of Christian Churches in Indonesia. For more information: www.pgi.or.id
- The **Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)** is a fellowship of churches and ecumenical councils in Asia. For more information on its children's programmes: www.cca.org.hk/home/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Website_Upholding-the-Dignity-and-Rights-of-Children.pdf
- The **World Council of Churches (WCC)** website has a wealth of resources for the Churches' Commitments to Children: www.oikoumene.org/resources-children
- **TePSA Indonesia** is the national child helpline. It can be reached by calling 1500-771, or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TePSAKEMENSOS
- **Together for Girls:** Proven solutions and best practices to prevent and respond to sexual violence against children and youth. www.togetherforgirls.org/svsolutions
- Child-friendly video: A child-friendly video encourages children concerned to contact a toll-free Child Helpline. (Produced by UK-based **Childline** - www.childline.org.uk) www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCA6EhBhiC8
- **INSPIRE:** Seven strategies for ending violence against children. www.end-violence.org/inspire
- **WePROTECT:** Tackling online risks with the international movement dedicated to national and global action. www.weprotect.org

Online self-help tools for potential offenders

The **Lucy Faithfull Foundation's** "Stop It Now" campaign has anonymous online self-help tools for potential offenders. www.get-support.stopitnow.org.uk
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Save the Children Finland provides an anonymous "self-help" website to understand and evaluate these feelings. If in doubt, talk to a trusted doctor to find help. www.savethechildren.fi/selfhelp



Helping Children Out of the Shadows and Into the Light

CHURCH RESOURCES FOR ENDING
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

The divine light shines most brightly in the smiles of children.

So Christians have always acknowledged their sacred duty to nurture children and protect them from harm.

Now the Communion of Churches in Indonesia (PGI), the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) are together promoting the “Out of the Shadows” campaign through their “**Churches’ Commitments to Children**” programme to support local churches and regional partners in protecting children and adolescents from sexual violence. The campaign can help churches identify important issues and develop ways to address them.

What is the Out of the Shadows Index?

The Out of the Shadows Index, which was developed by The Economist Intelligence Unit, measures how national actors in 60 countries address child sexual abuse and exploitation. The index, which focuses on policies, practices and standards, reveals that much more needs to be done to achieve the United Nations’ goal of ending all forms of violence against children by 2030.

The index evaluated critical issues in each country, including education and awareness-building, reproductive health, gender norms, victim support, law enforcement and child sexual abuse online.

What does this mean for the churches’ efforts to end child sexual abuse?

This index shows that there are proven steps that all countries can take right now to end child sexual abuse. Civil society actors, including churches, are well placed to raise awareness of threats of child sexual abuse, put in place preventive measures, and support victims, especially among the most vulnerable.

**God is light; in God there is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:5**

Indonesia

Overall score: 47.0 All countries average: 55.4

AREAS OF PROGRESS

NATIONAL PLAN: The “National Strategy on the Elimination of Violence Against Children 2016-2020” guides government action on child sexual abuse and exploitation in Indonesia. The plan specifically outlines areas for protecting minors against sexual violence.

MEDIA: Indonesia’s professional body of journalists provides

REPORTING: The National Commission for Child Protection monitors, promotes and protects the rights of children. It collects and publishes data on children’s well-being, including reported cases of sexual abuse. guidelines in its code of ethics for reporting on cases that involve child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.

Together, we can help children affected by sexual abuse to step out of the shadows and into the light.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

TECHNOLOGY: Indonesia does not have a notice and a takedown system that allows the public to report child sexual abuse content, nor is it a member of any international notice and takedown network. The leading national telecommunications association does not identify sexual violence against children as a priority.

OFFENDERS: There is no government-affiliated program to prevent prospective offenders from committing a sexual offense against a child, nor are there support services for those at risk of reoffending. Indonesian civil society organizations are also not explicitly working in this area.

LEGAL: Indonesian laws do not offer explicit protections for children against sexual violence, and national rape laws do not protect boys. Internet service providers are not legally required to report or block child sexual abuse and exploitation content.