An overview of the knowledge and capacities of professionals in the official accommodation network on gender-based violence and case management.
The main objective of the BRIDGE project is to strengthen the response to Gender based violence (GBV) against children and youth on the move.

One of the concrete activities of the project is to enhance the availability of reliable data on GBV against migrant children. Data has therefore been collected amongst migrant children and professionals working in accommodation centres. This infographics present the results of the data collection that took place in 2019 and 2020 with professionals.

The results of the analysis of the collected data will serve to sensitise professionals working in accommodation centres, reinforce their capacities to answer to the victims of GBV, to guarantee the participation of children and young migrants in the fight against this phenomenon and orient the questions that will be analysed in depth during the next data collections.

The survey covered 61 subjects (56% female, 41% male, 3% non binary) working in centres for migrant children. It tackles the training of professionals and their capacity to detect, report and ensure follow-up of cases of GBV amongst the children they work with.
We went to discuss with professionals in centres accommodating migrant children to ask them questions about the training, detection and management of GBV as part of their work:

**Survey for professionals - Profiles**

- **Respondents**: 61
  - Women: 56%
  - Men: 41%
- **Positions held**
  - 39% Other
  - 4% Direction
  - 57% Social workers
- **Education**
  - 9% High-school degree
  - 58% Bachelor's degree
  - 31% Master's degree
  - 2% PHD

**Specialized training received (initial or continuous)**

- **Migration**: 80%
- **GBV**: 36%
- **Child protection**: 23%
- **No training**: 13%
What do you know about GBV?

Do you feel that you have sufficient knowledge about GBV for your job?
- Probably: 54%
- Definitely: 20%
- Probably not: 14%
- Definitely not: 11%

Do you think these acts are considered GBV?

- An act of physical abuse of a child that is not sexual in nature:
  - Probably: 34%
  - Definitely: 49%
  - Definitely not: 8%
  - Probably not: 9%
  - Don't know: 0%

- Child marriage:
  - Definitely: 72%
  - Probably: 19%
  - Don't know: 72%
  - Definitely not: 7%
  - Don't know: 2%
  - Probably not: 0%

- Denying access to education:
  - Probably: 36%
  - Definitely: 48%
  - Definitely not: 10%
  - Probably not: 4%
  - Don't know: 2%

- Bullying:
  - Definitely: 48%
  - Probably: 31%
  - Don't know: 9%
  - Probably not: 9%
  - Don't know: 3%
  - Definitely not: 9%
Services provided to victims of GBV in your centre

- Legal aid
- Medical care
- Child protection
- Psycho-social support
- Translation

Existing facilities and installations

- Gender-separated toilets and showers
- Areas for recreational activities suitable for girls and boys
- Children not mixed with adults other than family
Do you have procedures for identifying victims of GBV?

- 9% We have written procedures
- 32% We have implicit procedures
- 28% We don't have any procedures
- 31% Don't know

What types of GBV did you identify in the previous month?

- Sexual abuses
- Emotional and physical abuses
- Trafficking
- Blocking of resources
- Discrimination
- Forced marriage
- Domestic violence
- Prostitution
- Genital mutilation
- Homosexuality

Caution! It is not a form of GBV, unless we talk about discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Do you have referral procedures for victims of GBV?

- 11% We have written procedures
- 32% We have implicit procedures
- 17% We don't have any procedures
- 40% Don't know

Who do you refer them to?

Support structures:
- Focal point
- Health care office
- Police

Specialized organisations:
- Exil
- Ulysse SSM
- Woman Do
- GAMS
- Chappelle aux champs
- Bruxelles Accueil

Do you follow up on cases that have been identified/referred?

- 8% We have written procedures
- 31% We have implicit procedures
- 13% We don't have any procedures
- 48% Don't know

“We do not have a clear follow-up procedure for the cases of victims of GBV referred in Belgium.”

On the other hand, professionals have been fully informed about the monitoring of voluntary return procedures.
Do you know how to implement the **guiding principles** for the accompaniment of child victims of GBV?

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Where to ask for help

All actors working on the issue of gender-based violence are listed at https://www.we-access.eu/map

Specialized agencies for children assistance:
- Psycho-Medical-Social Centres
- School Health Promotion Services
- Mental Health Services
- Family Planning Centres
- Free Listening Services
- Télé-Accueil - call the 107
- Ecoute Enfants - call the 103
- SOS Enfants
- Youth Support Services (SAJ) et Open Space Action Services (AMO)

You can also contact the Ombudsman for children, the reference point for the rights of the child in Belgium.
by phone: +32 2 223 36 99
by email: dgde@cfwb.be

Child abuse and violence against children:
mapping of www.yapaka.be/cartographie

Reporting violence committed abroad, even if little information is available:
say STOP https://jedisstop.be/en

These contacts aren't enough?
Do not hesitate to contact your hierarchical superiors, the coordination and/or, if necessary, Defence for Children International Belgium who will be able to redirect you. Send an e-mail to info@defensedesenfants.be or call at +32 2 203 79 08.
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