

## CFCI Summit

### Session documentation

This document summarizes the key topics, insights and next steps arising from the CFCI Summit held from 15-18 August 2019 in venue.

<b>Track:</b>	Inclusive Cities
<b>Title of session:</b>	Cities free from inter-personal violence and bullying
<b>Date and time:</b>	17.10.19
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#### Main topics and ideas discussed:

##### Purpose of session:

Present new approaches to prevent inter-personal violence and bullying; How the city can coordinate action between different stakeholders to prevent violence.

**Barcelona, Spain:** we are working to implement zero tolerance and redesign and improve facilities. Barcelona has organised regular meetings with local organisations in the field. The city launched the child sexual abuse prevention and care programme, with zero tolerance as the focus. One facility was implemented in each district (10 in total). It has been very important to empower children and provide them with tools to know their rights and knowledge to protect themselves. The Inter-institutional Board was established to engage different spheres of activities (annual meetings). However, the program is hard to evaluate, and the report is non-binding.

**Recife, Brazil:** Nivia lives with her aunt, which is very important to her. She is 18 years old but has worked since she was 12. She lives in a Favela, which is very difficult, as it is hard to ever imagine that you can reach higher. It is especially big to be here at this conference. "I am here today to represent all the children where I come from". This project is implemented by UNICEF and partners, called "Today girl, tomorrow woman". It is a project dealing with women empowerment – focusing on rights and knowledge sharing. The project is implemented in three different places, and we meet weekly. I am one of the facilitators. We work in groups, to hear what young girls have to say. We can pass on what we learn, from girl to girl and from girl to boy. Throughout the project, we started learning about rights, and we saw a new future and reality. We discovered that harassment was not actually normal, it is a crime. We were becoming empowered girls, selected for internships and we got hope. Now I am proud to be a young, black woman. Now I can openly say that a woman's place is wherever she wants to be, we don't just belong at home, as I used to believe. I am a living proof that these projects work - I went through these challenges, and the project is therefore worth it.

**Zamboanga, Philippines:** We are a diverse city, with Christians, Muslims and indigenous people. Our focus is to protect every child in Zamboanga. Our project is called 'Break the Silence' – stop child sexual abuse and exploitation. The project aims to end CSA and we run massive information programs. We have experienced an increase in reporting – so we know that the information

programs are working. The project aims to provide access to better facilities and protection.

**Lviv, Ukraine:** ‘Stop bullying now’ initiative. We implemented ‘Tolerance Week’ and we launched an e-book, focusing on the different aspects of being ‘normal’ – we should be proud of our differences. Lessons for teachers were implemented ‘how to recognise and avoid internet bullying’. The StopBullyingHere project was also implemented – the purpose is peer-to-peer education, bullying prevention and a call to action on not to be a passive observer to bullying. Allow for more discussions and allow children to speak. Allow children to make their own videos on these topics e.g. what is the difference between conflict and bullying.

**Throughout the country, Slovenia:** safe places for children in Local Communities. Various easily accessible places where children experiencing distress can seek immediate support, advice and referral to child protection services. Volunteers working there are well trained and equipped to help children with various issues. can these be found at various public spaces and private businesses (these are marked) – e.g. flower shops, pharmacies, public transport hubs, Police stations, etc. 105 cities are involved in the project – 1050 Safe Spots implemented, 1500 volunteers. However, the number of children approaching the safe spots are low. We have zero budget – the investment was mainly in the stickers and convincing partners to join the project. However, we need to work on the awareness among children – the safe spots are usually on their way to school.

**Key insights, good practices and lessons shared:**

**Mainly from working groups:**

- The importance of public awareness – building trust with public; sharing information about services and speak about abuse to remove the fear and stigma.
- Empower young people to amplify the messages across the platforms, and promote the peer to peer– also involve all actors.
- Availability of services and providing a protective environment for victims.
- Assure victims are not re-victimized – do not force victims to be institutionalised etc.
- Capacity development of services providers.
- Coordinated administration (social services, schools, police, health, etc.).
- Develop trusting relationships between parents and children (promote parenting skills).
- Development and implementation of Protocols.

**Next steps and action points (when applicable):**

Recommendations/ Actions	Person responsible	Target Date
Enhance the existing knowledge sharing more experiences, tools, protocols, etc. to the platform for CFCI on protection from violence	UNICEF, CFCs	2020