



ENDING CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

ECPAT International's Annual Report July 2018 - June 2019

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ECPAT International is a global network of child rights organisations working to end the sexual exploitation of children online, through trafficking, prostitution, child marriage, and in travel and tourism. Here is our Annual Report and what we achieved from July 2018 to June 2019.

THE ONLY WAY AHEAD.

I joined ECPAT in July 2018 and since then, I have been impressed with what I have seen. In the past year, ECPAT members in almost 100 countries investigated sexual exploitation of children of all genders, monitored countries' legal and policy frameworks and brought different actors together at national, regional and global levels to improve the work to end sexual violence against children. We were part of huge advocacy efforts which have now resulted in concrete actions to protect children and we raised our voices to speak of the unspeakable.

Sometimes I feel our mission is overwhelming, as the task is too big. But on those days, my team reminds me that all things together do make a difference, even the small ones. It does not matter if you are a Member of Parliament, a business leader, a parent, a researcher or a child rights professional - we all have a role to play. One thing you can start with is reading this report. It all starts with knowledge.

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