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TITLE: Child Online Protection – National Standards and Support for all schools to protect all children online

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Background [max 300 words]

The issue of online safety of children and young people is a current one for the Republic of Moldova, both in terms of national policies or in terms of the involvement of society as a whole, including the media.

There is a number of national policies aim to promote and ensure the right of children and young people to have access to information, but also to protect them from information with a negative impact through the safe use of the Internet.

The "Action Plan on promoting the safety of children and adolescents on the Internet for the years 2017-2020" aims to reduce illegal and harmful content on the Internet, to combat online harassment, illegal content, as well as to inform children, parents and guardians about the risks of the online environment and the possibilities of avoiding them.

Besides insuring the legislative framework, the analysis carried out in 2016 identified a number of problems regarding child online safety. High risks of exposure of children to online harmful content were not approached systematically at that moment. Besides this, parents – who are supposed to protect them - are not aware of the risks to which children can be exposed online and do not apply protective measures.

Therefore, the key element of the policy in this field must be the education of children - equipping them with the knowledge necessary to avoid dangers and to face risks.





In this sense, the exchange of experience, trainings, adoption of good practices in the development of the normative framework, especially, the experience of other countries, can essentially contribute to strengthen the child online protection environment and infrastructure in the Republic of Moldova.

Proposal [max 400 words]

Taking into account the objective of the project no. 2 "Strengthening of child online protection through schools" under regional Initiative 4 "Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies ", it is very important for us to participate in the implementation of this project too.

In this regard, we propose to extend this project by including of the Republic of Moldova in order to conduct national assessments and propose action plans, educational materials, software, to strengthen the child online protection environment and infrastructure, as the National Action Plan for Online Child Protection is in its final year of implementation and it is necessary to develop a new one, based on the good experience of other countries.

