

About the Campaign

Child sexual abuse, whether online or offline, remains one of the most silenced and misunderstood forms of violence in Lebanon. In today's rapidly evolving digital and social world, children face growing risks that are too often dismissed as:

MISTAKES, MISUNDERSTANDINGS,
OR PRIVATE MATTERS.

THEY ARE NOT

Every child has the right to feel safe, be heard, and receive protection, wherever they are.

The Numbers We Cannot Ignore

17,000

reports of suspected online child sexual exploitation reported in Lebanon in 2025.

44 %

of children in the Middle East experienced at least one form of online sexual harm during childhood.

Persistent gaps in child-protection policies, reporting mechanisms, and services continue to leave children vulnerable.

These are not just numbers. Each one represents a child who deserves to be heard and protected.

Behind Every Number Is a Voice

A child afraid to speak

"I thought people wouldn't believe me. I might get in trouble. My friend wouldn't want to be friends with me anymore."

A survivor remembering childhood

"Who would we tell? At seven years old, I didn't necessarily know it was wrong, but I knew it was a secret."

"Would I be taken away?
Would I have to leave my school?
Would people blame me?
Would he come after me?"

A child afraid of what reporting might bring

What Must Change, Now!

We demand:

- Stronger implementation of Law 422 and accessible institutional reporting mechanisms, including an Internal Security Forces hotline.
- An end to victim-blaming, stigma, and the silence surrounding child sexual abuse.
- Greater awareness of child-protection risks among children, families, schools, and communities.
- Safer online and offline environments where children can learn, connect, and grow without fear.
- Clear, child-friendly reporting and referral pathways that children can understand and trust.
- Accountability from institutions and adults responsible for protecting children.

Protection Is a Shared Responsibility

Families. Schools. Institutions.
Communities. Technology platforms.

We all have a role to play.
Together, we can create safer online
and offline spaces for every child.

Stay aware.
Speak up.

#STAYINCONTROL



Report cybercrimes and
online threats using the
Internal Security Forces'
"Balligh" service



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