

innocence
DANGER



**A CHILD IS NOT A SEXUAL
PARTNER.**

Non-profit association, committed to serving the greater good and in the public interest.

"We are a protective wall for the children."

«The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing». Edmund Burke

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VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.



1 IN 5 IN EUROPE

1 CHILD IN 5 HAS BEEN A VICTIM
OF SOME FORM OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE.

Data from the Council of Europe
campaign

Imagine a disease that strikes 1 in 5 children before the age of 18.

A disease that can lead to the development of other fatal illnesses such as cancer, multiple sclerosis and AIDS. A disease that can affect the physical, mental and relational health of those affected. A disease that costs billions of euros a year. A disease that transforms the DNA of sufferers over three generations.

Doesn't this deserve our total and unreserved mobilization?

This disease exists, it's child sexual abuse; a scourge considered one of the major challenges of the 21st century and declared a public health problem.

Survivors of childhood sexual abuse are one and a half times more likely to develop life-threatening health problems and serious psychological disorders.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately one in four people will suffer from a mental health problem at some point in their lives, making mental health disorders one of the leading causes of disability worldwide.

Now, imagine if scientific research had answers and medical, therapeutic and preventive solutions to help sufferers.

**THIS CHALLENGE IS THE MISSION OF INNOCENCE
IN DANGER.**

Innocence in Danger is a grassroots organization started in 1999 by Hodayra Sellier. Its goal is to protect minors from sexual exploitation, especially online. Each year, the organization helps hundreds of families affected by sexual abuse, which can involve over a thousand child victims in total. Some of our most heartbreaking cases reveal the staggering reality that dozens of children can be entangled in a single tragedy. «We are a shield around the children.»

Our mission is to:

1 Identify victims and assist them with their legal, medical and reconstruction needs, thanks to a team of jurists and lawyers specialized in this field.

Our legal hotline is available seven days a week.

A team of therapists accompanies the children throughout the legal proceedings and follows them up with tailor-made therapies.

2 Follow up on cases with the courts, to strengthen the resilience of child victims and enable them to build and develop their potential beyond their traumas.

3 Conduct impact studies on the consequences of childhood sexual abuse and best practices for optimal results.

4 Inform, educate and raise awareness about sexual violence.

To carry out this mission, the association needs your help.

APPROACHES FOR PRESERVING AND REPAIRING CHILDHOOD

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

RESILIENCE

TRAINING THERAPISTS

Our action is based on 2 objectives that support child victims of sexual violence and their protective parents, from the disclosure of facts to compensation.

- So that no child is denied access to justice for lack of means
- So that no child is denied access to therapy for lack of means.

Global cost of sexual violence per year

The annual economic cost, in terms of public spending, of sexual violence against children.

The cost of the long-term consequences of sexual violence on victims' health.

Police / Emergency / Hospitalization, Justice / Prison administration.

Represents
4,3 % GDP
Global Gross Domestic Product

STRENGTHENING LEGAL SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS

1

Legal support for victims is a crucial element in their resilience process. We strive to maintain and develop our legal service in order to provide appropriate responses to the requests we receive on a daily basis.

This support includes examining cases referred to the association's legal hotline, identifying victims, assessing possible legal action and putting them in touch with specialized lawyers. The association receives and follows up an average of 400 legal requests and acts

as a plaintiff claiming damages in several dozen cases a year, which contributes to indictments and is at the origin of jurisprudence with national and even international impact.

(examples: statute of limitations on infanticide, witness liability, reclassification of misdemeanors as felonies)

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Projects to be financed :
- Legal advice
 - Case follow-up
 - To institute a civil action and join as a civil party



Marina Sabatier case,
A TRIAL THAT LASTED 8 YEARS

OFFER SURVIVING MINORS A SECOND CHILDHOOD

2

Our therapeutic programs and methods applied during resilience stays constitute a milestone. Since 2002, Innocence in Danger's 8 to 10 day resilience programs have been helping children regain their self-confidence through equine and art therapy and expert psychotherapeutic support. Since their creation, the association has welcomed over 2,000 child victims of sexual assault. From 2010 to 2013, a scientific study conducted at the University of Koblenz, Germany, measured in greater depth the positive impact of Innocence in Danger's resilience stays and attested to their therapeutic benefits. Official figures for

the number of child victims of sexual violence in France each year are 160,000, with only 3% leading to convictions. This means that a large number of predators are at large and their victims go unrecognized, hence the vital need for support. **Given the exponential number of requests, we'd like to increase our capacity and offer these stays as regular short programs throughout the year.**

RESILIENCE

- Projects to be funded :
- Resilience stays (2 per year)
 - Annual follow-up and support for participants

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INNOCENCE IN DANGER PIONEERS
RESILIENCE PROGRAMS.

JOIN US

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT SO WE CAN FOCUS OUR TIME AND EFFORTS SOLELY ON OUR MISSION. SUPPORT IED SO THAT NO CHILD IS DENIED ACCESS TO JUSTICE, THERAPY AND POST-TRAUMATIC MEDICINE FOR LACK OF FINANCIAL MEANS.

Why should I support IED?

- Because Innocence in Danger offers a second childhood to thousands of survivors of sex crimes.
- Because Innocence in Danger's actions are holistic and multidisciplinary, from disclosure to rehabilitation.
- Because Innocence in Danger collaborates with scientists and biogeneticists on cutting-edge studies designed to promote preventive medicine and make significant improvements to legal proceedings
- Because Innocence in Danger offers «digital justice» to millions of children whose images have been posted on the Internet.

For example, on December 1, 2023, a 43-year-old father of two was sentenced to 20 years in prison by the Gironde Assize Court. He was on trial for contributing to and managing child pornography websites and raping his two daughters. IED was a civil party and supported the victims.

In 2023, Innocence in Danger acted as a plaintiff claiming damages in three major cases of cyber-crime, the perpetrators of which are now in prison. We welcome a number of the victims concerned on our resilience stays.



INNOCENCE EN DANGER IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SO YOUR DONATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS:

INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESSES)

Donations are tax deductible for individuals and businesses, in accordance with current legislation.

FREEDOMS

Innocence in Danger is authorized to receive legacies or donations. These gifts or bequests are exempt from inheritance tax.

WE ENCOURAGE COMPANIES AND BRANDS TO SUPPORT CHILD PROTECTION AS PART OF THEIR SRI/CSR INVESTMENTS AND TO CONSIDER BOTH THE FINANCIAL RETURN AND SOCIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE MENTAL HEALTH OF SOCIETY.

NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL, NO DONATION IS TOO BIG.

INNOCENCE IN DANGER

Innocence in Danger works for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of victims of sexual violence through 2 fields of action:

1



Legal

2



Resilience



400
legal interventions
on average per
year.

More than
5,000
children
welcomed during
resilience stays
around the world

6
offices worldwide

KEY FIGURES

30
multidisciplinary
experts in France

(legal, therapeutic, scientific and
internet specialists)

HOMAYRA SELLIER



Homayra Sellier, President and Founder

In 1999, Homayra Sellier was appointed by the Director General of UNESCO to lead the global action plan for the defense and protection of children against all forms of violence and abuse, called «Innocence in Danger». This program was set up following the dismantling of an international child exploitation network on the Internet: «Operation Cathedral».

After a year of fruitful work, Homayra left this organization, as Unesco had reached the limits of its capacity to intervene in the field and meet the victims. After several other attempts to collaborate with major child protection organizations, she decided to continue running Innocence in Danger independently, in order to stand by child victims.

Since its creation, Innocence in Danger has mobilized and

innovated:

- 1999: Creation of Innocence in Danger in France.
- 2001: Creation of Innocence in Danger in Germany.
- 2002: First resilience stay in Switzerland.
- 2002: Innocence in Danger office opens in Germany.
- 2003: Innocence in Danger office opens in Switzerland.
- 2007: First resilience trip to Germany.
- 2008: Opening of Inocencia in Peligro Colombia office and first resilience trip. 2010 - 2013: Study of therapeutic benefits by a German university.
- 2014: Opening of Innocence in Danger office in Austria.
- Since October 2015: IED participation in and support for a film festival on the subject.
- 2015 : First resilience trip to Austria.
- 2015 : Séréna case: request granted for requalification from misdemeanor to felony.
- 2015 : Cottrez case: change in the statute of limitations for infanticide statute of limitations, set at the discovery of the facts.
- 2016: Validation by a victimology institute of the therapeutic benefits of resilience stays.
- 2017: Tony case: request (granted in 2019) to extend prosecution to neighbors for failure to report abuse.
- 2018 : First case brought before the European Court of Human Rights for the Marina Sabatier case.
- 2018 : Innocence in Danger's first participation in a study of the impacts on the brain linked to child abuse.
- 2019: Consultation of Innocence in Danger by the Senate.
- 2020: Historic condemnation of France by the ECHR in the Marina Sabatier case. 2021: Introduction of the notion of sliding prescriptibility into French law.
- 2022: The association's specialist lawyers took on 400 cases, and IED became a plaintiff claiming damages in 64 criminal cases.
- 2023: IED's lawyers have taken on 300 cases (figure as at December 1) and the association has filed civil suits in 50 criminal cases (December 1st figure).
- > These 64 + 50 criminal cases (in 2022 and 2023) resulted in 114 convictions of dangerous people who are currently behind bars. This ensures the protection of several hundred children, with some cases involving dozens of victims. 35 French victims were welcomed, in both 2022 and 2023, during IED resilience stays accompanied by their protective parents and siblings.
- 2024: 324 requests for assistance received. 171 new court cases and 19 cases already in progress, i.e. 190 cases handled. 148 new civil party claims and 36 reports to the public prosecutor and the CRIP (Centre for the Collection of Information of Concern).
- 2024 : Creation of Innocence en Danger in Luxembourg

A statement from the President

“Too many children have the misfortune of encountering a predator. They are your children, your grandchildren, the children of friends... or perhaps you are in this room...

Every year, our work benefits an average of 400 families, representing more than 1,000 child victims.

Innocence en Danger’s concrete activities include in 2025 :

** 134 civil suits filed, resulting in convictions and the imprisonment of as many predators, who are now unable to harm anyone else.*

** 254 requests for assistance (follow-up and processing)*

** 10 interventions with the public prosecutor to report cases of minors at risk.*

** 50 people (adults and children) sponsored for resilience-building retreats.*

The hundreds of trials in which we participate reveal a chilling reality: these criminals are not anonymous monsters, but ordinary individuals working in trusted professions within society.

Whether they are teachers, nurses, babysitters, doctors, surgeons, sports coaches, or music teachers, they are everywhere.

So they could be your own family, your neighbors, or friends, or the parents of your children’s friends.

Their diversity shows that the fight against these injustices is a collective responsibility that concerns us all.

Of course, neither you, nor we, nor the victims are responsible for the actions of others. This fight is yours as much as it is ours.

Like you, we dream of a day when victims and their families can finally find peace and move on.

In a world where remaining passive is not an option, your support is crucial. It will empower Innocence in Danger, who, despite being unable to change their past, can change their future and help victims understand that they are not defined by what happened to them.

Let us not allow the burden of change to fall solely on the shoulders of the victims and advocacy groups. It is up to every one of us to challenge and change the existing norms and systems that perpetuate a culture of violence and victim-blaming. Your support is crucial in helping to create a society where survivors are believed, supported, and empowered to speak their truth. Join us in this critical fight for justice and change.”

Homayra Sellier

Founder and President of Innocence in Danger International

« The Starfish »

The original story is part of an essay written in 1969 by Loren Eiseley, an American writer, anthropologist, educator and philosopher

Strolling along the seashore, a child spots a woman in the distance, engaged in a mysterious dance. Over and over again, she bends, slowly straightens and throws her arm out to sea. Curious, the child approaches and discovers that the beach is covered with starfish, which she picks up and tosses back out to sea one by one.

The child asks her: «There are starfish washed up on this beach as far as the eye can see, so why bother saving any of them?

The woman bends down and throws another starfish into the sea. Then she answers serenely: «It matters to this one. For this one, it's her life.



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