INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE RIGHTS

OF THE CHILD
(IDE)

2010 OPERATIONAL REPORT

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2010

In 2010, the International Institute for the Rights of the child celebrated its 15th year of existence. Celebrations took various forms, with as a highlight the November 20th show “Droits d’enfants,” based on the namesake book published in 2005 to illustrate the Children’s Rights Didactic Path. The show gave way to the launching of a book-disk, with texts by Léopoldine Gorret and soundtrack by Denis Alber. Such a successful artistic collaboration opens new horizons for didactic material promoting knowledge on children’s rights, and reinforced implementation of those rights.

Apart from celebration, year 2010 was also the year of projects launched to set up new “out of site” training offers reaching out to professionals working for and with children worldwide. Hence our explanatory missions in Nepal, in West-Africa and Shanghai, following the model of what we have set up in Switzerland, with a concern to adapt to the local context and the specific needs of the concerned regions. The core idea remains to train trainers. Premises are very favorable.

The past year also found IDE elaborating a Charter on Children’s Rights in Sport, based on a Seminar set up in Togo with the World Federation of Volleyball and Beach Volley. A basic document for all those involved in sport circles : young athletes themselves and those coaching them, parents, trainers, volunteers, officials, and referees. The Charter was adopted by the said Federation, but should inspire other local, national, and international organizations.

The presentation of this Charter on Children’s Rights in Sport took place in Geneva, where IDE has opened a branch office, with the collaboration of Mr Daniel Burnat. This presence in Geneva is important to tighten our ties with international NGOs active on the issue of children’s human rights.

Last but not least, we were blessed to see all the participants of the certificate “Opinion of the child in Justice” (first promotion) achieve this training, unique in Switzerland, and devised for magistrates, lawyers and police officers. A rewarding achievement indeed.

Be this report the place to express our feelings of gratefulness to all those at work along this remarkable 2010 year, and whose support made this renewed adventure of promoting children’s rights possible!

Sion, February 24th, 2011

Director :

Jean Zermatten

1. PROJECT « CHINA AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS » (2009–2011)

Project « China and children's rights » (2009 – 2011), second stage

Collaboration : UNICEF-China, concerned ministries, including MOFCOM, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Law Society, IUKB, Universities.

2010 activities :

1. SHANGHAI WORLD EXPO

IDE stall in the Swiss Pavilion of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo from August 2nd to 8th, to sensitize the Chinese population at large to children's rights. +0'000 Youmi books in Chinese language, and 1'000 IDE flyers distributed during an IDE-run competition, with the help of two Chinese students.

Lectures on children's rights in the Swiss Pavilion,for an NGO and academic audience. Partner website Sinoptic advertized IDE activities during the Shanghai Expo.

Exploring of possible collaborations, with the Population and Family Planning Commission, Yangpu District. With the East China Normal University, in the field of early childhood education and the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS).

2. YOUMI AND DANIEL STOECKLIN PUBLICATIONS

Translation in Chinese language and publication of the YOUMI cartoon et (www.youmi.ch). Printing of 10'000 copies in China.

Publication of the Chinese version of the assessment carried out by Daniel Stoecklin in 2007, on the Zhengzhou Centre for children in street situations, as the chapter of a book devoted to this project, by Chinese publisher Henan Renmin Chubanshi.

Translation in Chinese language and printing in China of 1'000 IDE flyers.

3. WEBSITE

Monthly publication of an editorial. Since September, monthly Youmi cartoon and posting of the Factsheet about Juvenile Justice in Chinese.

Regular mailings have been issued since September to our network of Chinese readers, as well as to Chinese people settled in Switzerland, and organizations with an interest for China.

4. SHANGHAI MISSION

Exploratory mission to mainstream children's rights in one or several Shanghai, from Nov. 27th to Dec. 3rd, 2010.

Lectures on education, early childhood and juvenile justice issues.

Collaboration : Shanghai City Council, Fudan University, Shanghai Academy for Social Sciences and East China Normal University.

Mission directed by Jean Zermatten, IDE, with exceptional participation of Ms. Yanghee Lee, Chairperson, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, and Prof. Lothar Krappmann, Rapporteur for the latter Committee.

When completing the mission, Prof Sun Changmin and Jean Zermatten have devised feasible and wished-for sequels, and agreed on a common research and training project.

2. TRAINING WITH INTERNATIONAL SCOPE

TOGO

Awareness-raising Seminar on Children's Rights in Sport

Represented countries : Benin, Togo, Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Niger, Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Burundi

Collaboration : World Federation of Volley-Ball and Beach Volley

Participants : 30 participants, referees, coaches, heads of volley-ball unions

Course director : Ms. Paola Riva Gapany, IDE

Date : March 11th to 14th, 2010

Location : Lomé

Outcome : Drafting of the Charter of Children's Rights in Volley Ball et Beach Volley

NEPAL

Second phase of our newest programme in Nepal « *Introducing Children's Rights in the New Nepali Constitution* ».

Awareness-raising for Nepali authorities on children's rights and introduction in the Nepali Constitution, fundamental rights section, of a "children's rights"chapter.

High-level meeting with President of the Republic, Prime Minister, Leaders of the main constituent parties (Members of Parliament), journalists and NGOs

Lectures on the Convention and Juvenile Justice. Meetings with the Minister of Justice and Supreme Court

Meetings with children in situations of disability and in foster care. Meeting with Children's clubs members.

Collaboration : NGO « Creating possibilities »

Participants : 250

Course Director : Mr Jean Zermatten, IDE

Exceptional participation of Prof. Yanghee Lee, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Date : March 22nd to 26th, 2010

Location : Kathmandu

Outcome : Regional training project in Child Protection and Child Rights

CZECH REPUBLICH

First phase of our new programme in the Czech Republic « *Best Practice Experiences in Education on Children's Rights for the Czech Republic* »

Objective : creating educational lessons/modules based on a specific methodology for professionals working with children in the Czech Republic.

Duration: 16 months

Support material : IDE documents and other sources (on IDE forum)

Collaboration : NGO « Cesko-britská o.p.s »

Participants : 2 senior officers in charge of setting up the project

Course Director : Mr Jean Zermatten, IDE

Date : May 17th to 22nd, 2010

Location : Sion

Programme follow-up : 2 seminars for professionals in education in the Czech Republic, March 7th to 10th and May 18th to 20th, 2011 in Brnò

Further outcome : Working report published in 2010

ALGÉRIA

Juvenile Justice training for future magistrates

Special training course in Juvenile Justice for 3rd year (graduation year) students of the National Magistrature School and postgrade course for Juvenile Judges.

Practical work on interdisciplinary intervention and restorative justice

Collaboration: UNICEF Algeria, Ministry of Justice and Magistrature School

Participants : 300

Course Director : Mr Jean Zermatten, IDE

Date : June 28th to July 1st, 2010

Location : Alger

Document : various lectures and presentations

Support material: reference on the website www.childsrights.org, focusing on the chapter « Children in conflict and in contact with the law »

Expected development : training course in IDE headquarters, Sion, for a group of specialized Judges

SIERRA LEONE

Juvenile Justice training for Sierra Leone officials

Theme : Juvenile Justice (Principles of Restorative Justice, good practice)

Collaboration : Concerned Ministries, including Ministry of Justice and Police, Parliament, Judiciary Bodies

Participants : 5

Course Director : Justice Renate Winter, Austria

Date : July 12 to 16th, 2010

Lieu : Sion

Seminar in the mark of the reform of the country's judiciary bodies, in accordance with the Sierra Leone Special Court.

Document : Final Recommendations and Working report

SION SEMINAR 2010 : HARMFUL PRACTICES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

14th international Seminar organized by IDE on the issue of harmful practices and their impact on children, notably girls, and on respect for their rights

Theme : Human rights, in particular children's rights and right to non discrimination, health and education.

Collaboration : UNICEF – Headquarters in New York, UNFPA, OHCR, Comité Committee on the Rights of the Child and CEDAW Committee.

Participants : 125

Represented countries : 26

Grants attributed : 15

Course Director : Justice Renate Winter, Austria

Date : October 10-13th, 2010

Location : Sion

Document : Final Recommendations. Publication slated in April 2011

Further expected development : Drafting of an common Observation/ General Recommendation by CRC Committee and CEDAW Committee, a world first in the field of human rights and Treaty bodies.

WEST AFRICA

PAO Programme run with the International Social Service (ISS), Geneva

Training in children's rights for the programme's country representatives, as well as protection officers from the various regional countries represented.

Represented countries : Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Niger, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, the Gambia

Collaboration: ISS, IOM, UNICEF

Participants : 30

Course Director : Mr Jean Zermatten, IDE, M. Olivier Geissler, SSI

Date : November 8-12th, 2010

Location : Bamako

Document : Final Recommendations in the form of the Bamako Declaration; SSI report

Support material : Use of the RAFY network on www.childsrights.org.

Expected development : Inclusion of various countries in the project, notably Nigeria and Togo

3. TRAINING WITH NATIONAL SCOPE

CERTIFICATE OPINION OF THE CHILD IN JUSTICE

Interdisciplinary training for Judges, lawyers and policemen on the way to collect the opinion of the child, on how to interpret it and issues raised by child victims and witnesses.

Certificate amounting to 15 ECTS (Bologna system) units

Collaboration : OAK Foundation, IUKB

Participants : 12

Course Director : Dr Marie Schaefer-Altipamarkian

Coordinator : Me Julie André

Date : 7 modules between April 2009 and June 2010. 7 modules achieved

Graduating event : 14.01.2011

Two-fold external evaluation on content and paedagogic aspect.

Location : Sion / IUKB

Support material: platform www.childsrights.org

Publication of teachers' contributions and good practice slated for 2011

Follow-up : Second promotion is considered to start in May 2011

Symposium Young Sex Offenders

Scientific symposium for Judges, social workers, lawyers, psychologists, physicians, journalists, students, politicians

Collaboration : IUKB, FNRS. Société académique du Valais

Participants : 180

Course Director : Mr. Jean Zermatten, IDE and Prof. Philip D. Jaffé, IUKB

Date : 6-7th May, 2010

Location : Sion IDE / IUKB

Support material: platform www.childsrights.org

Follow-up : Continuation of the symposium, on the issue : "Youth and Alcohol, An Explosive Mixture", (May 2011)

Phase three : May 2011

Child and adolescent migrants. A Health and Rights Perspective

Training Day for the Persons working in cantonal integration services

Collaboration : Multidisciplinary Health Unit for Adolescents (UMSA-Lausanne University Hospital) and ADEM (Alliance for the Rights of Migrant Children)

Participants : 80

Course Director : Jean Zermatten, IDE and Prof. Michaud, UMSA- Lausanne University Hospital

Date : March 18th, 2010

Location : Sion

Document : Working report

Follow-up : Extension work to rely on representatives in every canton/region

Présentation of the Charter on Children's Rights in Sport

As a follow-up to the Lomé Seminar, event organized by the IDE Geneva branch office to present the Charter on Children's Rights in Sport

Kind of training : Awareness-raising symposium

Participants : 50

Course Directors : Paola Riva Gapany and Daniel Burnat, IDE

Date : December 9 , 2010

Location : Geneva

Expected developments : Getting acquainted with various sport federations to engage common work. Publication of an article on the Charter in the Association genevoise des sports' newsletter. Considering a programme TSR TV Channel (Switzerland)

PRACTICES HARMFUL TO HEALTH : FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) AND FORCED MARRIAGE (FM)

The events listed below were part of our action to train students and raise awareness in a concerned public, on traditional practices harmful to the health of children.

FGM :

February 2nd: Rotary Club Sion Rhône

April 15th : Geneva University, Faculty of Medicine, 40 students

April 22nd : Official launch of the book "Mutilations génitales féminines" in the Fribourg canton

April 26th: MIDE (IUKB) 30 students

May 29th : Association REJOADE : 10 intercultural mediators

September 7th : National Commission of experts in the fight against FGM

November 8th : DPE (IUKB) 25 students

FM :

May 6th : Association Pluri'Elles

June 18th : Colloque national organisé par le canton de Fribourg

November 2nd : Rotary Club Sion Rhône

4. INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

WEBSITE WWW.CHILDSRIGHTS.ORG

In November, our website celebrated its 10th year. In 2010, it received between 15'000 and 19'000 monthly visits.

Animation : bi-weekly editorial, flashnews (trilingual) : 20-25 weekly flashnews, expand banner, NGO of the month, updating of picture gallery; reports on training sessions.

Factsheet : publication in English of factsheet *Sport* and *Harmful Traditional Practices*

Discussion fora

EESP (VD)

CRC training course for social work students

Themes : The Convention on the Rights of the Child

Collaboration : EESP

Date : October 19th, 2010

Follow-up : Request for course continuation in 2011

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS DIDACTIC PATH

Revamping of the path using another didactic medium, and maintenance

Collaboration : Sion Municipality, Fondation Firmin Rudaz and Juvenile Court

Duration : year 2010

Outcome : Musical adaptation of the tales of the book « Droits d'enfant » (texts and illustrations by Léopoldine Gorret) and spectacle for children. On November 18th, excursion on the Didactic Path for a secondary school in the presence of composer and singer Denis Alber (author of the musical of the book-disk)

PUBLICATIONS

Books :

- *« La Convention des droits de l'enfant vingt ans plus tard... Essai d'un bilan »,* Jean Zermatten, August 2010, ISBN : 2-940229-29-5
- *« Enfan'phare - 20 ans de la Convention des droits de l'enfant »,* August 2010, ISBN 2-940229-28-7
- *« Spécial 20 ans : La Convention des droits de l'enfant vingt ans plus tard... et Enfan'phare* », collector presentation, August 2010

Working reports :

- *« The best interests of the child - Literal Analysis, Function and Implementation (nouvelle publication) »*, January 2010
- *« Enfants et adolescents migrants, une perspective de santé et de droits ? »,* March 2010
- *« Best Practice Experiences in Education on Children's Rights for the Czech Republic »,* July 2010
- *« Training Course on Juvenile Justice for Officials from Sierra Leone* Sion seminar 2010 », August 2010
- *« Awareness-raising on children's rights in Nepal : Dialogue about children's Rights »,* August 2010

NOVEMBER 20TH, 2010 : CELEBRATION OF WORLD CHILDREN DAY AND ET OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE BOOK-DISK « DROITS D'ENFANTS »

Kind of activity : Musical show on children's rights

Collaboration : Léopoldine Gorret (texts) and Denis Alber (soundtrack)

Targeted audience : 150 children with relatives / 100 adults

Location : Théâtre de Valère, Sion

Expected developments : Diffusion of book-disk and musical

DECEMBER 21ST, 2010 : CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

Kind of activity : Attendance in the Children's Parliament and workshops for children, lecture for staff members and discussion with parents

Location : Foyer St Agnès, Sion

Participants : 35 children, 12 staff members (educators, heads of institutions, specialized teachers) and 10 parents

Outcome : report in several languages on the IDE website (editorial page)

Further development : Spreading the Children's Parliament pattern among IDE students and audiences

5. TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH IUKB

MASTER IN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Fourth promotion (module 4–7)

Collaboration : IUKB, Fribourg University

Involvement : Teaching
Chairing the Scientific Board
Executive Committee
Follow-up of project works
Tutoring

CHILD PROTECTION DIPLOMA

Fifth year of training

Collaboration : IUKB and Youth Protection bodies of the latin cantons

Involvement : Teaching
Chairing the Scientific Board
Executive Committee
Tutoring

DIPLÔMA IN PSYCHO-LEGAL REPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Third promotion, up-coming fourth promotion

A continuation of the training in German language is being considered. Collaboration : IUKB, Geneva, Lausanne and Fribourg Universities

Involvement : Chairing the Scientific Board
Teaching
Executive Committee

6. IDE OFFICE BRANCH IN GENEVA

In September 2010, IDE has opened an Office branch in Geneva, in response to various solicitations and in order to be closer to the circle of child rights NGOs.

This Office branch could be created thanks to the volunteering of Mr Daniel Burnat, who is in charge of it.

The first official event in the Branch office took place on December 9th, 2010. What we envision is to set up two or three yearly events in Geneva, on our own or in collaboration with other organizations.

The next upcoming event will take place in June 2011, in collaboration with the International Club of Social Pediatry (ICSP), on the issue of child subject of rights.

7. COLLABORATION WITH THE SADC

In the course of 2010, IDE and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (Swiss Confederation) have pursued their regular collaboration.

Ms. Elena Manfrina, the SADC representative at IDE Board, is not in this function anymore. She has been replaced by Mr Christoph Jakob.

8. REMERCIEMENTS

When drafting this operational report, we will not fail to thank the many persons and organizations efficiently working to keep IDE moving in the right direction. We are very grateful to all collaborators for their outstanding involvement : a small team carrying out an impressive workload, be it in the amount of projects or the quality of services. Let us thank them most heartily!

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- The Association « Friends of IDE »
- The Oak Foundation
- Distribution Suisse

IDE's projects for 2011 and the upcoming years are very ambitious and in line with the Institute's objectives : provide high level training for professionals working with and for children, with as final aim the promotion of a "children's rights culture" and improved implementation of the Convention. We trust that this strengthening of our mission will anchor itself in China, West Africa (10 countries) and the Nepal region (5 countries), as well as Switzerland, of course. This challenge is a serious, but exciting one!