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Dear MCF Contacts,

### CEO Update

Improving outcomes for victims of technology-assisted child sexual abuse is at the core of everything we do at MCF. Whilst technology has certainly made children more accessible to those who wish to harm them, it has also given us the opportunity to work with professionals around the globe and forge exciting new partnerships. In the last three months we have engaged with a wide range of professionals through the development of new partnerships, resources and training. In the coming months, as the world opens up again after the COVID-19 pandemic, we look forward to being able to do some in country visits and meeting our partners face to face.

As we have said before, the threat of online CSAE can only be tackled in partnership. No one organisation or nation can do this on their own. I would therefore, like to introduce you to Rushelle Reid, who has taken up the post of Partnership Manager within MCF. You will be hearing more from her in the future as she develops this role and reaches out to you to develop new partnerships.

Thank you for all that you do to improve outcomes for children and their families. I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. Keep in touch.



CEO, Marie Collins Foundation

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## GPN Update

The GPN is continuing to grow with the addition of new members, products and resources adding to the richness of the network. In our last newsletter we told you about the launch of a series of new training and development e-learning products for professionals working in child protection. This included an e-learning course as a way of introduction to our signature 'Click: Path-to-Protection' training which has been adapted for international audiences. Since then, almost 60 child protection professionals representing 8 different countries have complete the course. We are delighted by this uptake and hope it begins the process of enabling professionals to respond to children and their families when a child is the victim of technology-assisted child sexual abuse in a way that facilitates recovery and does no further harm. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the Click (International) modules, you can access them via the 'Training' section of the GPN platform.

To build on this learning, we have also run two Training of Trainers courses and are delighted to now have MCF accredited 'Click' Trainers in both Vietnam and Namibia, who are working hard to ensure the key messages of the programme reach new audiences within their countries. This course is a facilitated module, delivered via Zoom and enables professionals to start putting into practice the theory of the 'do no harm' principles through case studies and roleplay.

As a member of WePROTECT Global Alliance, MCF endorse the Alliance's Model National Response (MNR) as an effective tool in supporting countries with benchmarking their response to online and offline child sexual abuse and exploitation. However, we also understand that for some countries who perhaps face multiple gaps in capability and capacity, it can be a daunting and challenging exercise to know where to start to improve their response.

For this reason, we have launched a new resource which we hope will help you to determine what the immediate priorities may be, what order the identified gaps should be developed and which sectors are dependent on an effective response elsewhere from other sectors. The short film, '**Sequencing and Prioritising the Model National Response (MNR)**', one example of how to appropriately prioritise the 21 capabilities of the MNR framework, showing how these have been

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Finally, you will recall from the last newsletter that we have recently launched our education resource for young children in Vietnam aged 6-8 years, called 'Linh and Danh's Online Adventure'. We are delighted to report that, with thanks to our implementation partners at Saigon Children, this resource has reached 8000 children, and plans are in place to ensure it reaches a further 17,000 children over the coming months.

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### Future Plans

We are in the process of developing a suite of resources to support professionals when responding to initial disclosures of abuse by a child. The first is an e-learning 'Facilitating conversations with Children and Young People' which can be followed by 'Investigative Interviews for child witnesses', a facilitated training opportunity. Both courses are intended to build your confidence and skills to engage with children in a way that encourages and supports them to feel able to speak openly and facilitates recovery. We hope to announce further details very soon.

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### Call for Contributors

The GPN platform would not exist without the contributions from its members. Sharing what we know works with one another increases our knowledge. So, if you are aware of any studies, toolkits, or frameworks about responding to online child sexual abuse and exploitation that you think would be useful to share with others, please let us know. This can be from a law enforcement, social care, education or

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Finally, we want GPN to be a place where you can share real experiences and seek advice from our network of experts in this field from around the world. Please share your experiences with us, or ask us to facilitate advice and guidance on any cases you feel you would benefit from consultation. We want to hear about the successes and challenges you face in your day-to-day role and what you see as the opportunities and threats of the future. Please get in touch with us [here](#). We would be delighted to hear from you.



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