

2021 WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

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“Ensuring access to justice for all children: towards a non-discriminatory and inclusive child justice systems”

Workshop Programme

Fostering the reintegration of Children in Conflict with Law and enhancing the protection of Children in Contact with Law: field experience from Lebanon

Date	Thursday, 18th November 2021	
Timing	15:00 - 16:30 Geneva	16:00-17:30 Cairo, Amman, Beirut
Organiser(s)	Hisham Mohsen	
Institution	Terre des hommes	
Type of Workshop	Panel discussion	
Topics	Discrimination experienced by children and young people affected by migration, including refugees, unaccompanied foreign children and children of foreign parents.	
Region	MENA	
Language	Arabic	

Abstract

Terre des hommes foundation (Tdh) established its presence in Lebanon in 1977 and it is a leading Swiss child rights international organization with a mandate to foster the agency and protect the world’s most vulnerable children and youth, including those who come into contact with the justice system as (alleged) perpetrators, victims, or witnesses of a crime. Through its Access to Justice (A2J) Program in Lebanon, Tdh aims to strengthen the formal and informal justice systems and promote systems’ synergies in the context of legal pluralism, while fostering child-friendly justice. The organization provides specialized Child Protection (CP) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) services for girls, boys, youth in Contact and in Conflict with the Law (CiCL) and ensures their protection, while supporting them to access alternatives to detention, achieving safe and sustainable reintegration pathways.

In this panel discussion, Tdh experts on A2J Programme, alongside with the expert from the national NGO Movement Social will present the profile and needs of CiCL, share their knowledge about best practices, challenges, and lessons learned from the field experiences in Lebanon. Together with the audience, a discussion will be launched related to the stimulation of reintegration of CiCL and enhancement of their protection in the critical humanitarian context of the country.

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Three key take-aways of the session

- Learning more about the profile and needs of the children in Contact and in Conflict with Law in Lebanon within the current deteriorating humanitarian context.
- Share and discuss the lessons-learnt and good practices that have been applied successfully in Lebanon and can be replicated in other countries.
- Discussion about the challenges faced in the Lebanese context and how to mitigate and address them, but also about recommendations for fostering the children’s reintegration and protection.

Objectives

To show Tdh’s strategies and interventions with refugee children and host communities affected by the migration situation and legal set-up in Lebanon during the Covid-19 and economic crises.

Expected outcomes

- Good practices and exchange experience between Lebanon and MENA zone in intervention with children in conflict and contact with law

Speakers

- **Moderator**

Jana Solh

She is an attorney registered at the Beirut Bar Association with 12 years of experience in the legal field and 8 years of experience in the Humanitarian sector with INGOs working in protection and child protection. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in law and a Master’s degree in Labor Law from the Lebanese University. Since 2020, Jana is supporting the Tdh’s Access to Justice Program as a legal specialist, and she is responsible for the capacity building of different actors and legal aid services provided to gender-based violence victims of justice systems and children in conflict and in contact with Law.

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- **Chat moderator**

- **Eva De Nigris**

- She is a young professional and working as grants and reporting officer at Terre des hommes foundation in Beirut Lebanon. In 2018 she graduated from the Ruhr-University in Bochum, Germany, with a Master’s degree in International Humanitarian Action since then is engaged in children's rights organizations with a strong passion for child protection with a special focus on mental health and child protection in the justice system.

- **Panelists**

- **1. Hisham Mehsen**

- He works as the focal point for children in conflict with law and children working in the streets at Terre des hommes Foundation in Lebanon. He has more than 12 years of experience in the humanitarian sector, with a special focus on prevention and child protection response services. Hisham is an expert in coordination with local authorities, international and national organizations, and other actors in the humanitarian and development field. Finally, he is experienced in project management of different projects, including cash assistance interventions.

- **2. Fatima Ardat**

- She is the Access to Justice and Migration Program Manager at Terre des hommes Foundation in Lebanon. She brings 17 years of extensive experience in the humanitarian and development field where she worked in multiple sectors, such as child protection, education, and social stability. In her work, Fatima engages with formal and informal justice stakeholders and institutions, including religious judicial and administrative authorities and customary justice authorities to promote a more child-friendly access to justice for children and youth. Also, she engages in youth-led initiatives with the youth and children in conflict and contact with law.

- **3. Charlotte Tanios**

- She acts as the Child Protection and Access to justice sector coordinator at Mouvement Social Association. She has more than 20 years of experience in CP programs with a special focus on Rehabilitation, reintegration programs for children in conflict with the law . She is a team leader of different consultancies related to the development of different guidance and SOPs on

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rehabilitation / reintegration/ alternative measures for children in contact with the law in partnership with UNICEF, under the cooperation plan, signed in 2017 between the general ministry of justice and UNICEF.