

GLOBAL ALLIANCE AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ONLINE

Georgia

Policy target No. 1: Enhancing efforts to identify victims and ensuring that they receive the necessary assistance, support and protection

Operational Goal: Increase the number of identified victims in the International Child Sexual Exploitation images database (ICSE database) managed by INTERPOL by at least 10% yearly

Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN

Description of the actions already undertaken	<p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia (hereafter MoIA) actively cooperates with the law enforcement agencies of foreign countries via its structural unit- National Central Bureau of INTERPOL. Currently, MoIA Central Criminal Police Department investigates 3 online child pornography cases based on the information provided by the INTERPOL. MoIA can have an access to the International Child Sexual Exploitation Images Database (ICSE) database by sending the proper legal assistance request to INTERPOL. At the same time, Ministry of Internal Affairs within its authority provides all necessary information to the requesting countries via INTERPOL.</p> <p>In November 2012, within the framework of CoE Cybercrime Convention, Specialized Cybercrime Unit was established within the MoIA Central Criminal Police Department. This Unit is the main body that carries out prevention, detection, suppression and investigation of online child pornographic crimes. Since its establishment, Specialized Cybercrime Unit successfully managed to block one offender from global access to a certain Georgian website that was used for uploading videos containing child pornographic images.</p> <p>In the process of enhancing international cooperation against online child pornography, Specialized Cybercrime Unit established under MoIA performs functions of international contact point for 24/7. Nowadays, through this Unit, it is possible to send and receive legal requests about online child pornography offences without complicated and protracted MLA (Mutual Legal Assistance) procedures.</p> <p>All investigatory tools (including covert operations) defined by Georgian legislation are fully applicable to child online abuse cases. The main regulatory act in this field is Georgian law "On Operative-Searching Activities" that does not specify types of crimes against which it is permissible to use covert operations and other criminal intelligence activities. In that regard, abovementioned law as well as Criminal Procedural Code of Georgia (CPC) fully applies to the crimes related to child online pornography.</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs closely cooperates with Chief Prosecutors' Office of Georgia taking into account that prosecutors directly supervise actions of MoIA investigators. With regard to child abuse online, MoIA investigators fully provide information on alleged child online abuse charges for prosecutors in order the latter to formulate charges clearly and bring the suspects to justice.</p> <p>Specialized Cybercrime Unit at MoIA successfully cooperates with private sector actors whose infrastructure and services may be used for the trade of child sexual abuse material. Certain websites removed uploaded child pornographic videos after they received clear instruction from the Central Criminal Police Department. Besides that, MoIA gave recommendation to the owners of those websites to assign system administrators to monitor all the materials uploaded on their webpages. Besides that, in 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was concluded between the Law Enforcement Agencies and Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Within the framework of</p>
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	MoU, ISPs undertake the obligation to cooperate and provide all the relevant information to the law enforcement agencies for the purpose investigation in accordance with the Georgian legislation.
Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN	
<i>Description of the actions that will be undertaken and timeframe</i>	According to the MoIA 2013 Development Strategy, Digital Evidence Research Unit will be established which will directly participate in obtaining and forensics of the cybercrime digital evidence. This Unit will significantly contribute to the victim identification process in child online sexual abuse cases

Policy target No. 2: Enhancing efforts to investigate cases of child sexual abuse online and to identify and prosecute offenders

Operational Goal: Improve the joint efforts of law enforcement authorities across Global Alliance countries to investigate and prosecute child sexual abuse online

Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN

<u>Description of the actions already undertaken</u>	<p>Government of Georgia considers protracted nature of Mutual Legal Assistance procedure as one of the main challenges in the process of combatting child online sexual abuse since it hinders the timely sharing of key investigative information in certain circumstances on international level. As already mentioned newly- established Cybercrime Specialized Unit with its 24/7 international contact point function significantly improves the effective cooperation with foreign countries.</p> <p>MoIA relevant units systematically assess their technical weaknesses that hinder effective investigation of cybercrime cases. Ministry of Internal Affairs has made some very important steps in this direction since it constantly tries to update its technical capabilities. Nevertheless, MoIA considers proper modernization of special investigative software programs as the main priority taking into account that technological progress has huge dimensions in 21st century and cyber-perpetrators have multiple choices of hiding their online identity.</p> <p>Georgia also pays utmost importance to the development of educational process on a local level. In that regard, MoIA Academy adopted training modules for national first responders and cybercrime police investigators. Training modules cover the following themes: cybercrime case studies, search and seizure of electronic evidence, legal aspects of cybercrime and types of cyber-attacks</p>
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Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN

<u>Description of the actions that will be undertaken and timeframe</u>	<p>MoIA attaches great importance to the improving of qualification of those employees who are mainly responsible for combatting child online sexual exploitation. Within the framework of the bilateral cybercrime project with Estonia, MoIA officers will raise qualification in detection cybercrime cases and identification of cybercrime offenders. Besides European partners, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia actively cooperates with US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the purposes of training Georgian cybercrime police officers. In the second half of April, 2 FBI experts will conduct trainings on specific issues of cybercrime investigation that will last for 2 weeks. Within the framework of these seminars, Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) will be elaborated. Trainings will be attended by the officers of Central Criminal Police Department, Operative-Technical Department, MoIA Academy and Forensic-Criminalistics Main Division.</p> <p>Taking into account the crucial importance of timely cooperation with international actors, MoIA drafted the law "On International Law Enforcement Cooperation" that ensures efficient cooperation bypassing the MLA procedures. As it is planned, Parliament of Georgia will adopt this law during the Autumn Session.</p> <p>In accordance with MoIA Development Strategy 2013 innovative software programs will be created. Software programs will significantly contribute to the uncovering process of cybercrime perpetrators. In this line, Ministry of Internal Affairs is eager to share the best practice of Global Alliance Countries.</p> <p>MoIA Development Strategy 2013 especially underlines important role of international cooperation in the process of combatting child online sexual abuses and other types of</p>
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	<p>cybercrimes. Hence, based on this document Ministry of Internal Affairs expresses its readiness to cooperate with relevant international actors (including Virtual Global Task Force) on the issues prescribed by Georgian legislation.</p>
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In accordance with the MoIA Development Strategy 2013, law public awareness constitutes one of the main challenges for children online safety. Therefore, in coordination with other relevant governmental agencies and private sector actors, MoIA is ready to conduct informational age-appropriate campaigns for children, parents and teachers.

Policy target No. 3: Enhancing efforts to increase public awareness of the risks posed by children's activities online, including grooming and self-production of images that results in the production of new child pornography that may be distributed online

Operational Goal Develop, improve, or support appropriate public awareness campaigns or other measures which educate parents, children, and others responsible for children regarding the risks that children's online conduct poses and the steps they can take to minimize those risks

Operational Goal Share best practices among Global Alliance countries for effective strategies to inform the public about the risks posed by online, self- exploitative conduct in order to reduce the production of new child pornography

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Policy target No. 4: Reducing as much as possible the availability of child pornography online and reducing as much as possible the re-victimization of children whose sexual abuse is depicted

Operational Goal: Encourage participation by the private sector in identifying and removing known child pornography material located in the relevant State, including increasing as much as possible the volume of system data examined for child pornography images.

Operational Goal: Increase the speed of notice and takedown procedures as much as possible without jeopardizing criminal investigation

Actions ALREADY UNDERTAKEN

Description of the actions already undertaken

As already mentioned above, in 2010 Memorandum of Understanding was concluded between law enforcement agencies and ISPs. This document established guiding principles for the public-private cooperation in the process of combatting cybercrime. Based on this document, ISPs provided all relevant information to the Central Criminal Police officers that helped investigation to solve the majority of cybercrime cases successfully. Furthermore, this Memorandum is still open to all other future ISPs wishing to sign it.

According to Georgian legislation, webpages hosted in Georgian servers are obliged to remove all the materials containing child pornographic images. In case of intentional non-compliance with this obligation, responsible persons for website's administration can be criminally liable under the article 255 of Criminal Code of Georgia (*Illicit Production or Sale of Pornographic Piece and Other Object*). Taking into account this provision, website administrators follow the instructions received from the MoIA. Therefore, so far, there was not any case when Ministry used its technical capacities while removing child pornographic materials from the websites hosted by Georgian servers.

MoIA has established simplified reporting mechanisms for all the crimes. There is a police special hotline in Georgia, through which it is available to denounce information on alleged crimes, including child online sexual abuses. In this case, call is addressed to the Specialized Unit of MoIA Central Criminal Police Department that will initiate criminal-intelligence procedure against the website of alleged terroristic nature. Police special hotline number in Georgia is 112 that is available for 24/7 from all mobile/telephone operators located in Georgia.

Ministry of Education and Science (MoES) elaborated Education Management Information System (EMIS) in 2012. The main aim of the EMIS is to develop the modern information-communication technology in the field of education. The internal users of EMIS are provided with unlimited access to internet. However, there are some rules which should be followed while using EMIS. The security of EMIS is provided. Also, access to some particular webpages is prohibited for the users of EMIS. The aim of such restriction is to ensure the security of minors.

Actions that WILL BE UNDERTAKEN

Description of the actions that will be undertaken and timeframe

MoIA plans to introduce a new software programs that allow technically to identify and remove known child pornographic images. In this line, Ministry of Internal Affairs attaches great importance to the cooperation with private sector that will significantly contribute further technological advancement of MoIA