

Man to Man

Summary

A public education campaign which uses celebrities and male leaders to promote a vision of childhood free from abuse and exploitation.

Type of intervention

Public education

Target groups, level of prevention and subgroups

- (Potential) Offenders | Primary prevention | Young Adults (18-20 years), Adults (21+ years) | Male | Public education | English, French
- (Potential) Offenders | Secondary prevention | Young Adults (18-20 years), Adults (21+ years) | Male | Public education | English, French
- Communities and Families | Primary prevention | Young Adults (18-20 years), Adults (21+ years) | Male | Public education | English, French

Target population

The general public and situational offenders.

Delivery organisation

Beyond Borders, ECPAT Canada and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

Mode and context of delivery

This is an awareness raising campaign that uses high profile men to take a stand against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). It aims to stimulate public discussion on the issue of demand and to make the general public aware that demand is at the root of CSEC. The campaign also targets situational offenders. The campaign has different phases which use different approaches. These include a website, public service announcements and an advertising campaign (see below for details).

Level/nature of staff expertise required

Man to Man is a collaboration between voluntary sector and non-governmental campaigning organisations with specialist knowledge of CSEC and the media, to deliver a campaign using websites and public service announcements. It requires people with good knowledge of the problem of CSEC, the ability to engage celebrities and the media and strong campaigning skills. Additionally communication, media and advertising skills are essential, as well as website design and maintenance and artistic skills. This highlights the need for partnership across different types of organisations and for the involvement and effective management of volunteers.

Intensity/extent of engagement with target group(s)

This is a public campaign with different phases, extended over several years. It aims to reach a very wide audience. Intensity of engagement will vary depending on whether the target audience sees the campaign and how they then respond.

Description of intervention

The Man to Man campaign was launched in 2009 using celebrities and male leaders in political, economic and cultural sectors to promote a vision of a childhood free from sexual exploitation. These men aimed to provide a positive model for young men and boys based on healthy models of masculinity, by taking a stand against CSEC. The initiative has had several phases. Initially the focus was on awareness raising through the Beyond Borders website, through a series of head shots and written statements. In Phase 2, three hard-hitting public service announcements were aired on Canadian TV, again involving famous Canadian men. A campaign web page ([Are you man enough to stop the demand? - Beyond Borders - ECPAT Canada](#)) included myths used to justify CSEC and facts that challenge these myths, plus video material. There is also a section for those seeking help who have carried out or have thought about committing sexual offences against children. In Phase 3 the campaign was extended to advertising in subways, buses and airports. A series of comic strips were developed depicting situations where there was a risk of sexual exploitation and asking men what they would do.

Evaluations

[Thinking-Space-2013.pdf \(ispcan.org\)](#) – Results described the Man to Man campaign to be positive and promising by ECPAT.

Contact with both French and English language campaign websites has increased and there has been an increase in the number of volunteers. The media has paid increased attention to subject of CSEC and to the apparent social tolerance towards it.

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