National Programme for Combating Violence Against Women & Children

Goal
The program was set up to fight domestic violence and violence against women and children.

Time Span
The program is set to take five years, from 2007 to 2012.

Geographical Scope
The program is active throughout the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Target Group(s)
- children in conflict with the law
- street children
- NGOs working in these areas.

Objectives
The project tackles three main concerns:
- Protecting children at risk and children in conflict with the law;
- Improving the quality of services provided to street children in order to reduce their number;
- And strengthening the protective capacity of the NCCM.

Achievements
The three fields of activity have already yielded a number of successes:
- Child justice: the program assesses the laws currently in place and recommends possible improvements; in addition, it organizes awareness campaigns in the media, tries to introduce new attitudes, systems and practises related to child justice, and advocates alternative ways of dealing with young perpetrators.
- Street children: external evaluation of the NGOs and their services is ongoing; at the same time the program financially supports NGOs and the establishment of facilities, and the increase of support and services for street children.
- Extending protective capacity: outlining a plan of specific training programs for NCCM staff, NGOs, administrators, and experts.

**Partners**

Currently the program is in the final stage of the selection process of candidate-NGOs. The selected instances will receive a grant to implement their activities.

**Success story**

One of the most important accomplishments of the Council related to this subject is its continued success in working with and for the benefit of disadvantaged children. Their efforts culminated in the approval of the Children’s Act 126 of 2008. In this document Ambassador Moushira Khattab, the Secretary-General of the Council, ordered the training of child protection committees as well as the development of sub-regulations of this new Children's Act within the legal component. Today, these tasks have almost been completed, which may be considered as one of the most important successes of the project to date.