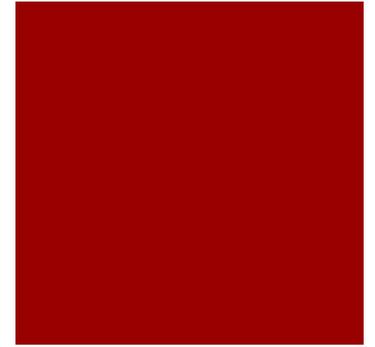


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Child Protection across the world, my perspective.

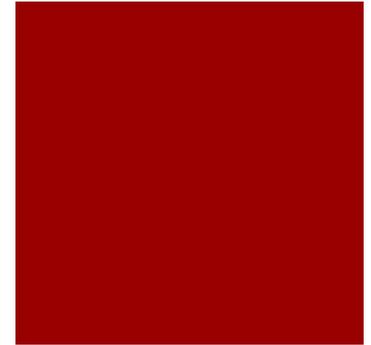
Little about me

- I have attended over 40 international organisations
- Found a vast difference between countries and cultures in response to Child Abuse.
- The world appears to me to be an easy place to get lost either as an offender or a child.

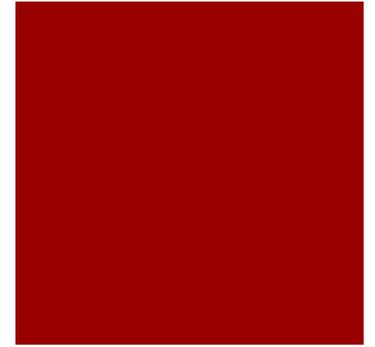


■ **How children are exploited**

- * According to the World Health Organisation, up to 53,000 children are murdered worldwide each year.
- * Between 80 and 93 per cent of children suffer some form of physical punishment in their homes; a third are punished using implements.
- * WHO estimated that 150 million girls and 73 million boys under 18 experienced some form of forced sexual intercourse or violence.
- * 218 million children worldwide are labourers, 126 million of whom work in hazardous environments.
- * 1.8 million are involved in prostitution or pornography and 1.2 million have been trafficked.
- * Up to 275 million witness domestic abuse annually.
- * Eight million worldwide are in residential care.
- * There are 250,000 child soldiers in the world.
- * According to Amnesty International, 40 per cent of soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo are children. 11,000 have still yet to be disarmed.
- * One billion children live in countries where it is legal to beat pupils.
- * Save the Children says a million children worldwide have been imprisoned.

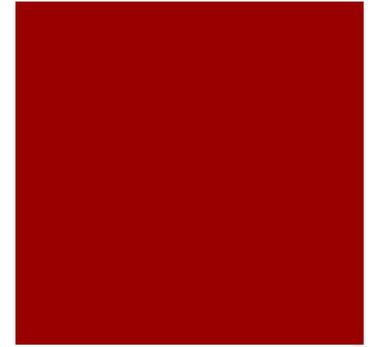


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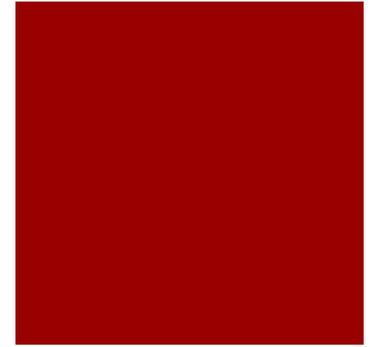
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- Have found research varies greatly with same question posed for example Far East
 - China: Child sexual abuse ranging from 5.0%–25.6%
 - Japan 0.5%–10.4%
 - Thailand 5.0%–32.8%



- Studies by David Finkelhor, Director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center, show that:
- 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys is a victim of child sexual abuse;
- Self-report studies show that 20% of adult females and 5-10% of adult males recall a childhood sexual assault or sexual abuse incident;
- During a one-year period in the U.S., 16% of youth ages 14 to 17 had been sexually victimized;
- Over the course of their lifetime, 28% of U.S. youth ages 14 to 17 had been sexually victimized;
- Children are most vulnerable to CSA between the ages of 7 and 13.