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WHAT ABOUT THE AFRICAN PACT?

The year 2018 ended with the adoption of the Global Compact on Migration symbolically on the African continent and precisely in Marrakech. It must be said that Africa has been very present in the collective imagination of the thousands of actors who came to celebrate the new good word on migrants. Nonetheless, our continent was the silent backbone (godfather) of this important moment in human history that crystallize all the fears and challenges that would push us today to the absolute necessity of a better «migration management».

Not for the established fact that Africans have for a long time moved extensively and mostly within their continent, but for the disastrous image that a well-mannered global population shows of the disordered and pathetic arrival of migrants knocking on the doors of rich countries that have themselves become prosperous thanks to a certain migration.

So, if African populations move mostly within their continent, shouldn't the priority of Africans be to work to make their movements safe and profitable for all? Wouldn't the real challenge within this continent be to give everyone the chance to choose their place of living, work and... dream?

We at the International Social services West Africa have tried to take on our fair share of responsibility in this challenge according to our skills, resources, but above all our deep conviction that any action in this direction must be done with the highest quality and in accordance with our identity as an African International organization.

Our guiding principle of a quality approach in supporting the thousands of migrant children and young people who have fallen into vulnerability has equally given us the legitimacy to initiate, in addition to the current assistance provided to them, a real framework for learning about migration in our region. The Observatory, established, will progressively/gradually provide an objective and empirical picture of the reality of child and youth migration in our region. To this end, the involvement of States is a necessity. But a committed/frank collaboration of African actors is an absolute necessity.



PRESENTATION OF ISS-WA

Who we are

International Social Service - West Africa (ISS-WA) was created in 2012 in Burkina Faso. It is registered in Senegal with the status of an international organization in 2018. Its vocation is in human development through the protection of children and youth, as well as capacity building of families and communities to improve individual self-care and protection. It serves as a technical and knowledge resource to its different partners. Headquartered in Dakar, Senegal, it is staffed by experts from across West Africa in its core business as well as crosscutting topics.

Our Vision

All children in West Africa grow up in a safe and conducive environment where their aspirations are supported and their rights respected.

Our Mission

Holistic protection of children, particularly those who have left their families and their countries for diverse reasons and have fallen into difficult situations through the delivery of quality comprehensive and individualized rights- and needs-based transnational and national social work.

Our objective

To identify children and youth in vulnerable situation, protect them and support their personal self-development initiatives through the engagement of the West Africa Network, the public, national and regional bodies as well as the private sector.

Our domains of Action

- Transnational mobility of children
- Promotion of international social work in West Africa
- Support for alternative care

Our mainstreamed pillars

- Case management
- Contents development and knowledge acquisition through our observatory on child protection
- Social work human resources development
- Support of family and community initiatives in support of child protection
- African Funds for the protection of children

Our matrix of action		CORE BUSINESS		
		Protection of children in transnational mobility	International social work	Alternative Care
MAINSTREAMED ACTIONS	Case Work	→	→	→
	Individual, Family and community empowerment	→	→	→
	Knowledge acquisition through Observatory	→	→	→
	Social Work Human resources development	→	→	→
	Mobilization of resources African Funds for Protection of Children	→	→	→



OUR TARGET GROUP

Children, particularly those in transnational mobility, who have voluntarily or have been deceived or coerced into leaving their countries of origin and who have in the course of their journey run into difficulties that undermine their physical or psychological well-being either in their destination or in a transit country.

The focus of ISS-WA in this regard is twofold:

- That children in mobility are protected from harm through the strengthening of protective systems along their route
- That those in difficulties are quickly identified and provided with quality care

OUR SERVICES

- Needs and Rights-based protection of children on the move through technical and financial support to the West African Network for the Protection of Children (WAN)
- Training, coaching and capacity building of stakeholders in the field of social work and child protection
- Knowledge sharing through publication of specialized documents in social work and child protection.
- Development of innovative approaches to child protection in West Africa.

PARTNERSHIP

Partnership across board is a foundational principle of the ISS-WA in the pursuit of its core business.

ISS-Switzerland is a long-time principal strategic, operational and financial partner of ISS-WA.

ISS-WA signed a comprehensive collaboration agreement with the ECOWAS Commission in 2017 to jointly deliver protection services to children on the move through strengthening of protection systems of Member States and direct service delivery.

In the domain of protection of children in transnational mobility, all the members of the West African Network (WAN), African Movement of Working Children and Youth (AMWCY) as well as Save the Children are principal operational partners of ISS-WA.

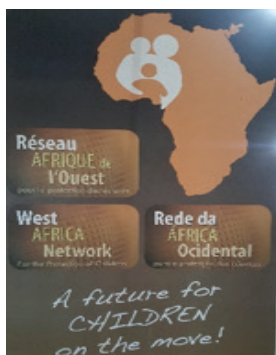
In the field of International Social Work, ISS-WA partners with other International Social Service members around the world in international case management

In the domain of alternative care, ISS-WA partners with the International Social Service's General Secretary's Office (based in Geneva).

The Swiss Development Cooperation and the European Union are the two major financial partners of ISS-WA.



2018 IN FIGURES

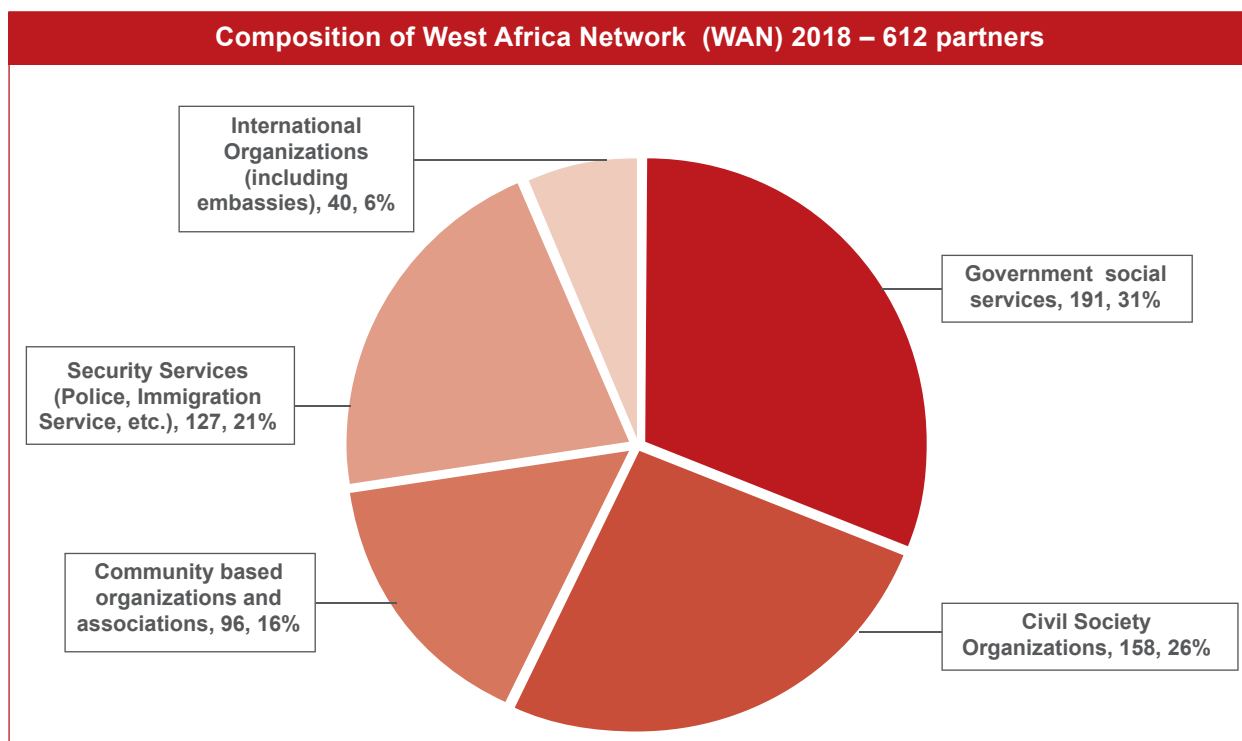


West African Network (WAN)

WAN is a mechanism for the transnational management of cases of vulnerable children on the move in the ECOWAS space and Mauritania. All Member States of the ECOWAS region are represented in the Network by their national coordinations which are composed of civil society organizations, youth movements and government agencies. The Steering Committee which is composed of the ECOWAS Commission, National Directors of Child Protection/Welfare of the fifteen ECOWAS Member States and Mauritania is the highest decision-making body of the Network and it meets once a year to make strategic decisions.

The strength of WAN besides its numerical importance and geographical spread is that all the members of the Network use common procedures for management of cases. These common procedures are compiled in a Manual called **“ECOWAS Support Procedures and Standards for the Protection and Reintegration of Vulnerable Children on the Move and Young Migrants”**.

The use of these common management procedures by members of the Network has facilitated data collection. Data collected from the activities of the network are stored in and analyzed by a specially created software called “Casedata”. A total of 116 WAN partners used this software to upload data on case management in 2018. This software is domiciled and managed in ISS-WA office in Dakar and it is the only tool with a comprehensive regional spread on data collection in West Africa.



MANAGEMENT OF IDENTIFIED CASES

Direct service delivery to identified children and youths on the move in difficult situations is carried out by trained staff of the coordinating civil society organizations and public service social workers in each of the countries. Each country has its own national network comprising of civil society organizations, government social service offices, security services, community-based organizations as well as international organizations including embassies. The activities of national networks are coordinated by NGOs referred to as National Coordinating NGOs.

National Networks by Countries 2018

	Government social services	Civil Society Organizations	Community based organizations	Security Services (Police, Immigration Service, etc.)	International Organizations (including embassies)	Coordinating NGO
Benin	77	28	7	83	4	Benin-Alafia
Burkina Faso	24	8	1	7	8	KEOOGO
Cote d'Ivoire	4	5	1	1	2	Vie Saine
Gambia	1	2	2	3	1	Child and Environmental Development Association - The Gambia (CEDAG)
Ghana	8	6	3	2	5	Street Girls Aid (S.Aid)
Guinee Bissau	8	8	3	4	5	Associação dos Amigos da Criança (AMIC)
Guinee Conakry	2	2	4	1	1	Sabou Guinée/ Mouvement Africain des Enfants et Jeunes Travailleur (MAEJT)
Mali	15	18	2	1	1	ENDA-Mali
Niger	12	21	48	7	2	Association Nigérienne pour la Traitement de la Délinquance et la prévention du crime (ANTD)
Nigeria North	4	9	11	3	3	Save The Child Initiative (STCI)
Nigeria South	4	17	2	3	3	Girls Power Initiative (GPI)
Senegal	11	17	4	6	1	Enda Jeunesse Action
Sierra Leone	2	6	4	2	1	Advocacy Movement Network (AMNet)
Togo	19	11	4	4	3	Espace Fraternite
TOTAL	191	158	96	127	40	

Data Transmission Chain in West Africa Network

Data emanating from service delivery in each country is passed along as is shown in the image below. Service delivery data from members of national networks are completed on service delivery forms which are uploaded on CaseData. The first level of control is at the national coordination office which after verification uploads the information to the ISS-WA Quality Control team which verifies and validates and upload as validated data into CaseData.





What changed in the status of the children and youth on the move identified by WAN ?



250

Children on the move in
their countries cared for
and protected
(national cases)

1'459

Children on the move in
other countries cared for
and protected
(transnational cases)

951 Girls

1'520 Boys



How many children and youth on the move in difficulties did the network identify and provide services for in 2018?

A total of 1'709 children and youths on the move who were in difficulties were identified and cared for by the network in 2018. Of this number, about 4 in 10 were girls, while the rest were boys.

Trends in female/male ratio among identified children and youth 2015-2018

Years	Male	Female	TOTAL	% of girls
2015	598	457	1055	43.3%
2016	758	510	1268	40.2%
2017	543	364	907	40.1%
2018	1051	658	1709	38.5%

Subregion of identification	Girls	Boys	Total
Gulf of Guinea	328	204	532
Mano River Union	157	85	242
Sahel	159	745	904
Other countries	14	17	31
TOTAL	658	1051	1709

The age groups of the children and youths identified are as shown below.

Age groups of all identified children and youth identified in 2018 and Trends

	0-4 yrs	5-14yrs	15-18yrs	19-25yrs	>25yrs
2015	6.4%	53.4%	21.9%	16.1%	2.2%
2016	4.7%	56.3%	25.6%	11.4%	2.1%
2017	2.4%	58.1%	27.9%	11.2%	0.3%
2018	3.9%	44.4%	30.6%	20.9%*	0.2%

*Gambia contributed 118 youth aged 19-25 years. These are returnees from Libya.

Without this number, the proportion by age groups did not change significantly over the years.

TRENDS IN IDENTIFICATION

Number of children/youth Identified by sex, by country of identification and by year

Country	2017			2018			Total 2017-2018		
	Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total
Benin	36	15	51	128	68	196	164	83	247
Burkina Faso	60	35	95	59	51	110	119	86	205
Cap Vert	6	1	7	0	0	0	6	1	7
Côte d'Ivoire	26	32	58	118	52	170	144	84	228
Gambia	9	24	33	13	152	165	22	176	198
Ghana	25	11	36	46	17	63	71	28	99
Guinea Bissau	0	14	14	3	56	59	3	70	73
Guinée Conakry	6	6	12	5	2	7	11	8	19
Liberia	0	0	0	30	22	52	30	22	52
Mali	4	30	34	20	62	82	24	92	116
Mauritanie	17	49	66	7	12	19	24	61	85
Niger	17	32	49	29	65	94	46	97	143
Nigéria North	37	16	53	11	84	95	48	100	148
Nigéria South	51	25	76	44	42	86	95	67	162
Senegal	4	216	220	17	263	280	21	479	500
Sierra Leone	1	0	1	4	9	13	5	9	14
Togo	27	26	53	110	77	187	137	103	240
Autres pays	38	11	49	14	17	31	52	28	80
TOTAL	364	543	907	658	1051	1709	1022	1594	2616



Mobility Mapping (Movement Across Borders): Country of Origin and Destination of Identified Children on the Move in Difficulties 2018

MOBILITY MAPPING - TRANSNATIONAL CASES 2018

PAYS DE DEPART																					Total				
	Togo	Sierra Léone	Sénégal	Nigeria South	Nigeria North	Niger	Mauritanie	Mali	Libéria	Guinée Conakry	Guinée Bissau	Ghana	Gambie	Côte d'Ivoire	Cap Vert	Burkina Faso	Bénin	Algerie	Cameroun	Congo Brazzaville	Gabon	Guinée Equat	Libye	Maroc	
Benin				86	44	19									5		31	1		1	10	1			233
Burkina Faso			5			14		1							39		29								105
Cap Vert											3														3
Côte d'Ivoire				3	1	5		12		3					25		17	2	9						77
Gambia				23					7					20				5					121		176
Ghana	39					2						2		7		17	9								76
Guinea Bissau			169								33		2												204
Guinea Conakry	1	5	20			8	8	1		2	4			1				17				2	6		75
Libéria		1	5					1				6		5									2		18
Mali	4		11			10		19						28				2				4	1		109
Mauritanie			1																						1
Niger			2		47	13						17		2			2	1	3						87
Nigeria North	3			3	2	51						4		1			2		20						86
Nigeria South	15		3	6								27	6	39		12	11								119
Senegal			51				7	2			1		15					5						1	82
Sierra Léone		5	1				7		45	2		2	2												64
Togo	12			20	1	8						8		13		13	81					32			118

← PAYS DE DESTINATION →

Trends in proportion of National Cases in total number of cases identified

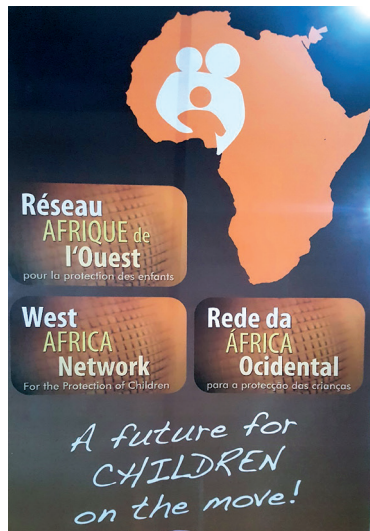
Nature of Cases	2015	2016	2017	2018
National	230	265	134	250
Transnational	815	974	724	1428
% of national cases	22%	21.4%	15.6%	14.9%

Under what circumstances were these children and youths found and trends?

	Sexual abuse without payment	In conflict with the law	Labour Exploitation including begging	Prostitution	Physical and psychological maltreatment including negligence	Forced Marriage	Early Marriage	Unaccompanied Minors and stranded young migrant	Alleged victim of trafficking	TOTAL diagnosed reasons
2015	1	1	197	4	31	0	3	83	28	348
2016	10	2	185	11	92	7	3	39	85	434
2017	24	2	206	27	119	5	2	177	160	722
2018	12	9	332	27	368	9	3	236	384	1380



What happened to the Children after Family and Social Reintegration?



The ultimate goal of the protection package offered by the West Africa Network to the children identified is to ensure that these children and youth are engaged in activities that will offer them the best existential chances for the future. Called life projects or self-development projects, these activities range from schooling (depending on the age of the child) to professional training, agriculture and commercial activities. The choice is made by the child or the youth after counselling. A total of 727 reintegrated children/youth benefitted from this package of activities in 2018. The table below shows the life project choices made by the beneficiaries in 2018 as well as the trend in the last three years:

Life projects 2016-2018

	Agriculture	Beekeeping	Art	Craft	Poultry	Office Assstant	Driver	Headressing	IT	Accounting	Sewing	Electricity	Fattening	Mechanic	Nursing/Cargiver	Communication	Masonry	Computer maintenance	Gardening	Joinery cabinetmaking	Fishery	Plumbing	Secretariat	Welding	Social worker	Teacher	Schooling	Other projects	TOTAL
2016	2	0	0	1	1	1	5	4	0	5	41	2	23	0	3	0	1	1	0	9	0	4	0	2	1	0	280	30	416
2017	0	0	1	5	1	1	1	28	2	1	24	0	9	4	1	0	12	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	341	10	435
2018	8	0	0	2	0	1	0	37	1	0	56	0	34	9	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	3	0	420	141	727
TOTAL	10	0	1	8	2	3	6	69	3	6	121	2	66	13	4	0	16	1	2	17	0	4	0	8	4	0	1041	181	1578



Some Cases



Talato, a young Burkinabé left school the day after his mother's death. Due to difficult living conditions in his village in Burkina Faso, he decided to go on an adventure first to Ouagadougou with his brother and then to Mali in the gold mines and finally to Senegal where his dream to join a football academy failed and he found himself in the streets in precarious conditions. He was found in the streets by someone who referred him to the Burkina Faso Embassy in Senegal, who in turn referred him to the West Africa Network. Talato is now enrolled in a football academy in Dakar where he combines studies with his favorite sport. In the photo Talato stands to the right of his idol El Hadj Diouf former Senegal International who visited the academy.



Chagwa (in the middle of the picture), a Nigerian girl who lived in Nigeria with her mother. She was abducted from school by the father who took her to Togo and then to Ghana. She was often physically abused by her father. One day was accused of stealing a cellphone and she was tied up and flogged by her father. She fled to Togo, where she was found in the streets and referred to the West Africa Network. Her wish was to return to Nigeria to her mother. WAN Togo treated the case and handed Chagwa to WAN Benin counterpart who, in this photo, handed her to the caseworker of WAN Nigeria North in the presence of a Nigerian Immigration Officer at the Benin-Nigeria border.



Binta Diallo, whose nuclear family resides in Senegal, was entrusted to the paternal extended family in Guinea. She was subjected to various forms of abuse ranging from insults to the worst forms of physical abuse. Thanks to the West Africa Network she is now reintegrated back into her family in Senegal. Binta has finished primary school and has secured a place in college. In this picture, Binta is at home with her mother and the WAN Senegal caseworker who came on a follow-up visit.



Who followed up on these children and youth?



Follow-up is an important activity of West Africa Network. This is to ensure that reintegrated children are thriving in their family and community environment and that they continue to dedicate themselves to their chosen life projects.

Follow-up is conducted by an array of actors from government social services, civil society organizations and community-based organizations. The African Movement of Working Children and Youth (AMWCY) play an important role in this regard too. The table below shows the number of actors that participated in the follow-up of reintegrated children:

Government social services	Civil Society Organizations	Community based organizations and associations
123	95	24

A total of **928** children and youth were followed-up in 2018.

What is the Role of Families and Communities in the protection of these children?

Child-friendly families

A total of **75 families** of reintegrated children have been trained on the rights and protection of children.

These families are designated as **“child friendly families”**. The families do not only put their knowledge into their families, but also give support to other families in their communities.



Community Safe Parks

In addition to this, 5 communities (3 Guinea Bissau; 1 in Guinea and 1 in Togo) of high departure of children and youth have put in place **safe parks** where awareness activities on risky migration are shared as children and youth meet to play and discuss in these parks. A total of **580 children** and youth participated in the activities of these safe parks in 2018.





Village Child Protection Committees

A total of **16 village child protection committees** were created in high departure communities of Guinea Bissau (10); Senegal (1); Burkina Faso (1); Guinea (1); Benin (2) and Togo (1)



Awareness activities

A total of **144 awareness sessions** were held by WAN members in 10 countries of the region in 2018. A total of **6 806 people** participated in these sessions.

The topics focused on promotion of children's rights and dangers of risky migration particularly for children.





FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ISS supports vulnerable communities and families in high-departure areas. In 2018, high-departure communities of ten countries benefitted from both collective and individual support.



328

families in 10 countries were supported with income generating activities (soap making, commerce and vegetable gardening) to increase household incomes. A part of the profits from sales is used to support local schools.

279

vulnerable families benefitted from individual follow-up



6 806

men and women benefitted from community child rights awareness sessions



QUALITY ASSURANCE

ISS-WA focuses on and works assiduously on the quality of services provided by the members of the network. The quality assurance is achieved through supervisory visit, training of service providers and control of quality of data uploaded on CaseData by expert ISS-WA staff.

695

persons trained in quality assurance in Case management based on ECOWAS Procedures and Standards

26

supervision visits to 9 countries

47

training sessions

7 953

Case Management forms were uploaded by WAN child protection service providers.

7 803
(98%)

Were validated by ISS-WA quality control team



ISS -WA Quality Assurance Team

Direct service delivery to identified children and youths on the move in difficult situations is carried out by trained staff of the coordinating civil society organizations and public service social workers. Quality assurance as well as compliance with established standard operating procedures by the service providers is undertaken by the staff of ISS-WA.



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IBRAHIM LAWANI (from Benin) is the Community support Manager. He supervises ISS-WA community initiatives



INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK

International social work by members of the ISS network entails coordinated links between social services in different countries to conduct social assessments and exchange information in order to resolve complex social issues involving more than one country, particularly as concerning children.

ISS-WA got a mandate in early 2017 to serve as the hub for international social work in West Africa. A total 36 international social cases were referred by 7 countries to ISS-WA in 2018.



International Platforms

FICE

ISS-WA is a member of FICE (International Federation of Educative Communities). The role of ISS-WA in FICE is to represent the philosophy of FICE-International in the region by constituting a reference center for sharing of good practices in support of children and families.



ALTERNATIVE CARE

In partnership with the General Secretariat of the International Social Service, ISS-WA is implementing in Burkina Faso, a project on alternative care, called «Another future is possible: to promote and support family fostering for children with disabilities without parental support». The objective of the project is to find foster families for children with disabilities who have been abandoned by their families in different shelters because of their disabilities. This project is in partnership with the Government of Burkina Faso.

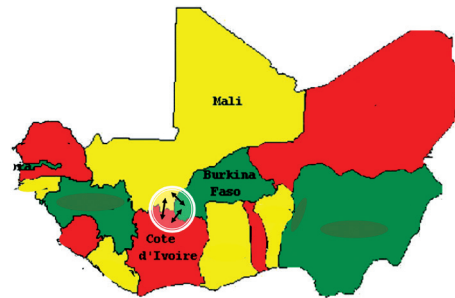
17 state and civil society actors from Burkina Faso were trained by a team of ISS General secretariat and ISS-WA on identification and recruitment of foster families.



PARTNERSHIP WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN

ISS-WA and Save the Children Spain obtained a joint funding from the European Union to implement a project to “Promote effective sub-regional governance of migration and protection of children and young people on the move between Côte d’Ivoire, Mali and Burkina Faso”. This project has three objectives:

- Promote effective sub-regional governance of migration and migration flows that integrates the protection, social inclusion and rights of children and young migrants approach between Côte d’Ivoire, Mali and Burkina Faso.
- Improve the data management system relating to the migratory movements of children and young people between Côte d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Mali.
- Strengthen the role of social services in coordinating, managing and sharing information on mobility and social integration of children and young migrants between services involved in protection



The project, in its second year in 2018, targets 12 government social services units covering the areas around the confluence of borders between Burkina Faso and Mali, Burkina Faso and Côte d’Ivoire, as well as between Côte d’Ivoire and Mali as is shown in the image. It seeks to put in place an electronic data collection system (CaseData) on the movement of children and youth across borders in areas covered by these social service units. The project seeks to acquire data on the movements of 12 000 children and youths crossing the borders in these areas.

The 12 service delivery points are distributed as below:

	Burkina Faso	Cote d’Ivoire	Mali
Location of social service unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DPMFSNF Kéné Dougou 2. DP MFSNF Comoé 3. DP MFSNF Houet 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Korhogo-MFPES 2. Boundiali- MEPS 3. Ferké- MEPS 4. Katiola – MEPS 5. Kôkô Bouaké-MFPES 6. Mairie de Tengrela 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SLDSES de Kadiolo 2. SLPFEF de Kadiolo 3. SLPFEF de Sikasso



The role of ISS-WA in the partnership

- Train staff of Save the Children as well government staff in the use of CaseData
- install CaseData software in the offices of the 12 government social service centres
- Train workers in data upload
- Train in data analysis and report generation for national use
- Analyse overall data from the 12 service delivery offices.

- 10 staff of Save the Children Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Mali were trained in the use of CaseData
- Offline version of CaseData was installed in computers in these offices. The offline version allows data upload offline and when internet is available, the data is synchronized.

Training

- 50 social workers from the 12 targeted social service offices of the three countries were trained: Burkina Faso: 16, Mali: 14, Côte D'Ivoire: 20

Data 2018

The data of 3146 children and youth were synchronized in 2018 in the central database maintained by ISS-WA. Of this number 75% (2371) were girls, while 25% (775) were boys. The age groups are as below:

	0-4 years	5-14 years	15- 18 years	19- 25 years	> 25 years	Total
Burkina Faso	1	41	10	0	0	52
Côte d'Ivoire	17	219	692	1272	15	2215
Mali	5	116	223	475	60	879
Total	23	376	925	1747	75	3146

Mobility mapping across and within borders in target areas

		Destination countries			
		Burkina Faso	Côte D'Ivoire	Mali	Total
Departure	Burkina Faso	52	63	46	161
	Côte D'Ivoire	2	1909	24	1935
	Mali	41	544	465	1050
Total		95	2516	535	3146

The importance of this project lies in the fact that it represents a major step by some ECOWAS Member States (Mali, Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire) to put in place a mechanism to have knowledge of the movements of children and youth across borders in the region. In the workplan of the agreement

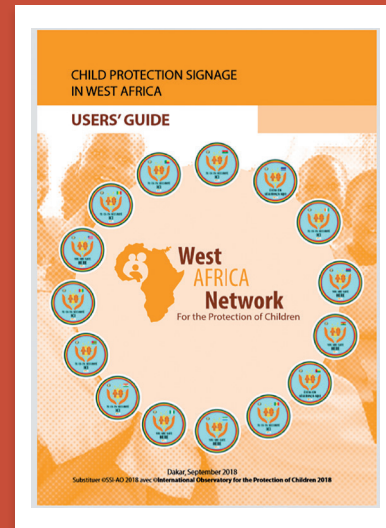
between ISS-WA and ECOWAS, it is envisaged that Member States will put CaseData into use for the protection of children and youth on the move. This project represents a test of the feasibility of this objective.



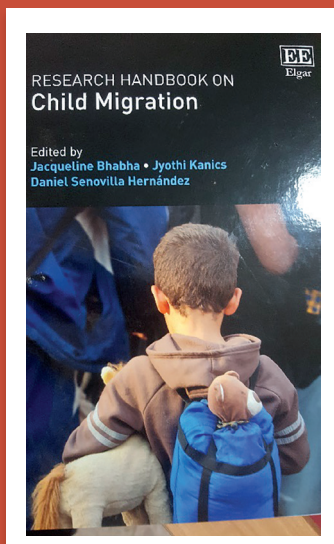
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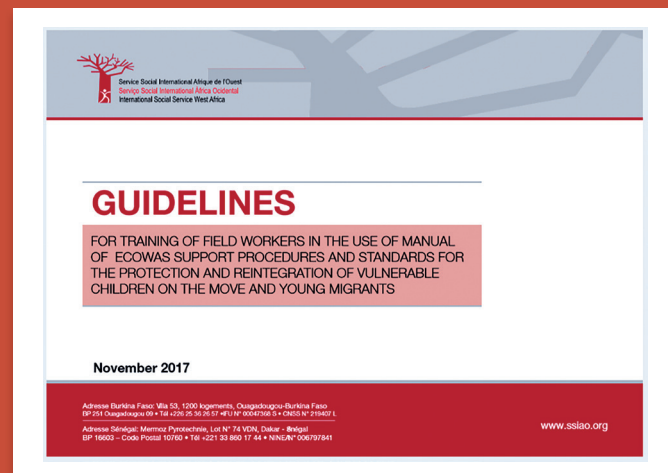
ISS-WA published (in English and in French) the first Annual Peer Review on the protection of children on the move by West African countries



ISS-WA published (in English and in French) a User's Manual for Child Protection Signage in West Africa



ISS-WA co-authored a chapter in the Research Handbook on Child Migration (edited by Jacqueline Bhabha et al)



ISS-WA published (in English and in French) a Manual of Training of Field Workers in the Use of ECOWAS Standard Operating Procedures for the management of vulnerable children on the move



OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 2018

Annual West Africa Network Coordinators Meeting 2018

ISS-WA organized the annual WAN Coordinators' meeting in Lomé in July 2018. In attendance were officials of the ECOWAS, officials of the Government of Togo, WAN National Coordinators and Government Focal Points from the ECOWAS Member States as well as representatives of youth.



West Africa Network Steering Committee Meeting, Banjul, Gambia

In collaboration with ECOWAS, ISS-WA organized a meeting of the Steering Committee of the West Africa Network in Banjul, Gambia in October 2018. This meeting with objectives to encourage accountability of state and non-state stakeholders through peer review of performance as regards protection of children on the move as well as to encourage transnational collaboration in problem-solving had on its agenda the following:

1. The presentation of the performance of WAN from January 2017 to September 2018
2. The annual peer review for the protection of children on the move – Launching of the First Annual Peer Review Report
3. The official launching of child protection signage
4. Management of the Steering Committee
5. Presentation of the African Fund for Child Protection



The West African signage for the protection of children was launched by the First Lady of the Gambia during the meeting.

The first West African Annual Peer Review Report on the protection of children on the move was also launched during this meeting.





AFRICAN FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (FAPE)

The African Fund for the protection of children is an initiative of ISS-WA to source individual, private and institutional funds for a comprehensive protection of the African Child. The Fund is disbursed on a needs-based platform without

religious, ethnic, political or any other dividing consideration. The Fund also serves as a hub and service delivery point for disbursement of funds to siblings and relatives for their needs in the domains addressed by the Fund.

Category 1

Contributions received from individual, private and institutional donors are disbursed to pre-identified (by ISS-WA) children and youth in need across West Africa.

Category 2

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