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## Online Sexual Exploitation of Children: Hidden in Plain Sight

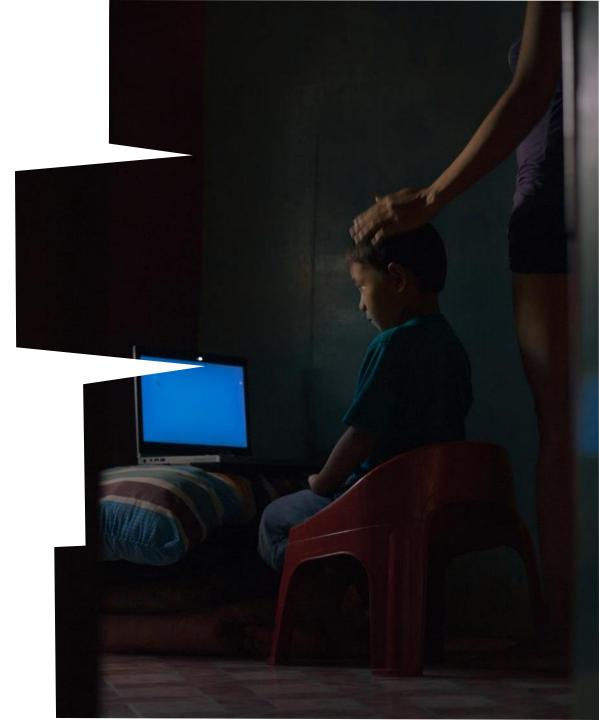
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DISCLAIMER: Children in the photos are not actual victims, these are re-enactments.



#### **About IJM**

International Justice Mission is a global organization that protect people in poverty from violence.

#### **Our Vision**

Our 2030 Vision is to rescue millions, protect half a billion and make justice for people who are poor unstoppable.



#### **Our Mission**

To protect people in poverty from violence by...





Strengthening Justice Systems Rescuing and Restoring Victims Bringing Criminals to Justice

Scaling Demand for Protection

#### **Theory of Change**

When violent offenders are held accountable for their crimes, the abuse of vulnerable victims is dramatically reduced.

Effective criminal justice systems protect not only the children rescued but also thousands – even millions – of others who will never be abused.

#### Child Sex Trafficking in Bars and Streets



Reduction in the prevalence of children available for sex

## Situation of Children During the Pandemic

- 22 million Filipino children are out of school
- Schools are closed, children either attend online or modular classes
- Children below 18 years old not allowed to go out since the lockdown
- 2 million Filipinos have lost their jobs



"An increase in the incidence of OSEC during lockdowns is most likely because of higher demand from child sex offenders abroad with more time on their hands. Children are not going to school now and are confined in their homes, possibly living with their traffickers. Thus, the lockdowns due to the Covid-19 pandemic have created a perfect storm for the abuse of children online."

Atty. Lucille Dejito, Director, Cebu Field Office, IJM

#### During the Lockdown in the Philippines (Data from March 15, 2020 – July 7, 2021)



Philippine law enforcement-led rescue operations



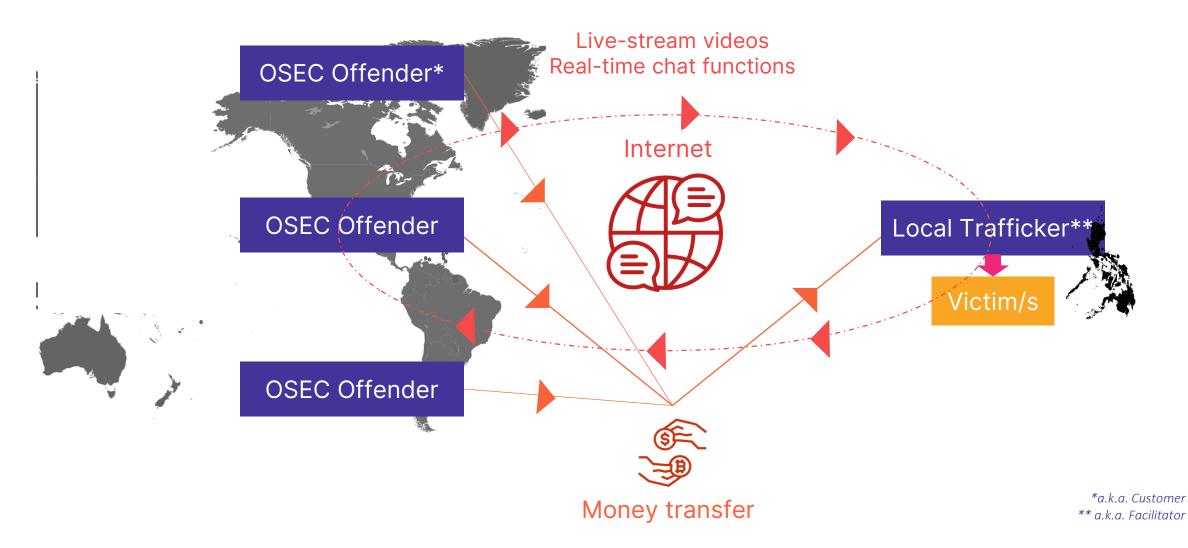
Victims and at-risk individuals safeguarded 35

Suspected OSEC traffickers arrested

# Brief on Online Sexual Exploitation of Children OSEC

 includes the direct manipulation or "grooming" of children by sex offenders online, the distribution of previously produced child sexual exploitation materials (CSEM), and the trafficking of children by adults to create new CSEM, the form of online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC). These new CSEM can take the form of photos, videos or livestreamed abuse and are often produced commercially (in exchange for compensation of some sort, usually money).

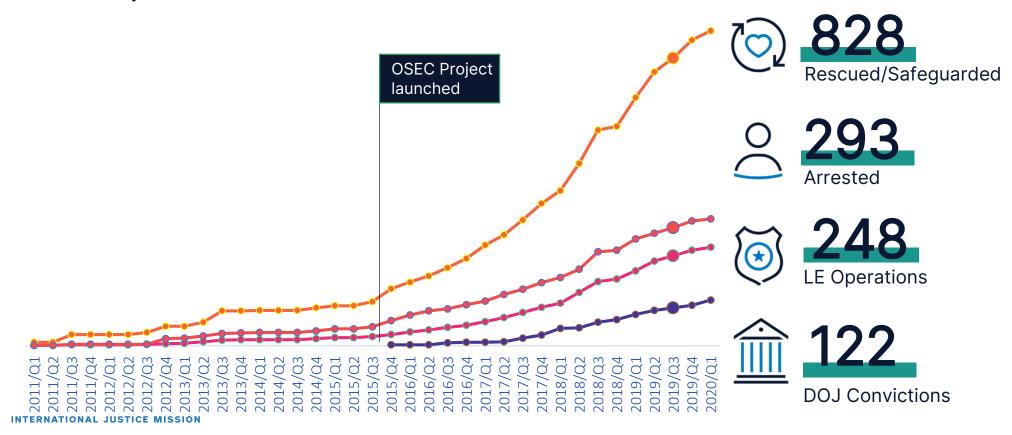
### **Typical OSEC Methodology**



#### International Justice Mission-Supported Cases

Justice system partnerships produce realworld impact **Collaborative Casework** 

Results: 2011-2021/Q2



#### **Statistics**

**45%** 







of OSEC victims are 12 years old or younger. of OSEC perpetrators are parents, relatives, or close family friends of the victim. of OSEC victims were rescued as siblings.

of OSEC victims are boys

IJM-supported cases from 2011 to March 2021

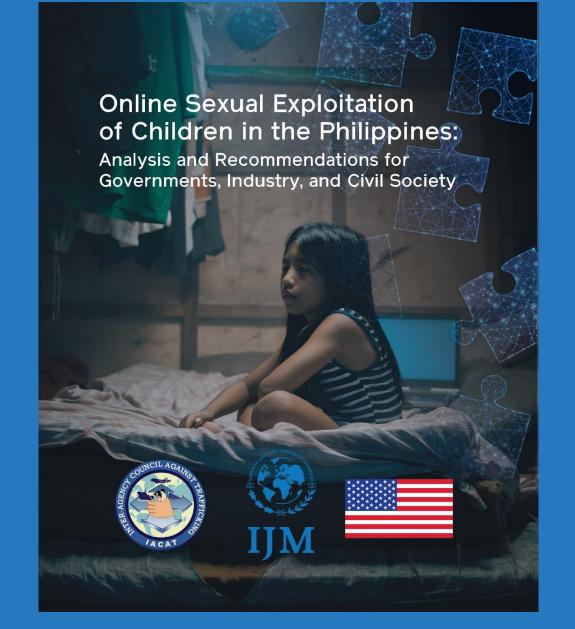
#### ASEAN NATIONS SNAPSHOT: NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN CYBERTIPS

The U.S.-based <u>National Center for Missing & Exploited Children</u> (NCMEC) has published data related to CyberTipline reports received from electronic service providers and other sources in 2019. NCMEC made available to 242 countries or territories, including ASEAN member nations, CyberTips related to online child sexual exploitation of all forms. The table below lists ASEAN member nations with their corresponding 2019 CyberTip totals, global ranking by number of CyberTips, and global ranking by number of CyberTips adjusted for population.

NATION	CYBERTIPS	GLOBAL RANK (CYBERTIPS)	GLOBAL RANK (CYBERTIPS PER CAPITA)
Philippines	801,272	6th	15th
Malaysia	183,407	20th	23rd
Cambodia	91,458	27th	26th
Thailand	355,396	13th	28th
Brunei	2,070	139th	35th
Myanmar	233,681	18th	42nd
Vietnam	379,554	12th	46th
Lao PDR	23,599	67th	57th
Indonesia	840,221	4th	58th
Singapore	18,426	73rd	66th

#### **OSEC STUDY**

- Examined data from 2010-2017
- In partnership with 14 other organizations (gov't and NGO)
- Findings and recommendations
- Read: ijm.org/studies
- Watch: youtube.com/IJM





#### What We Have Learned

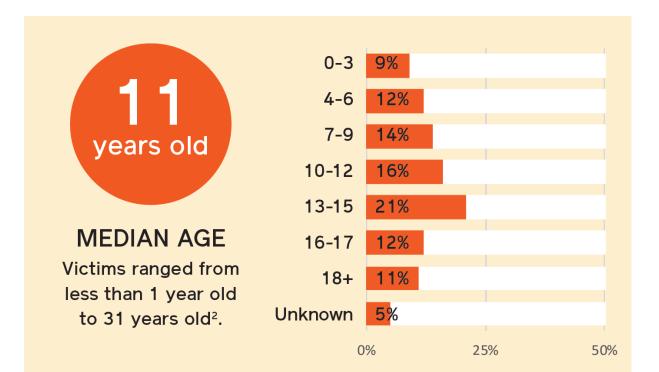
- OSEC Is not a virtual form of abuse
- OSEC Is a global issue requiring a global response
- The Philippines is known as a global hotspot for OSEC
- The Philippines is at the forefront in the fight against OSEC

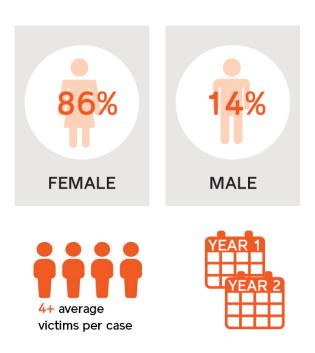


#### Findings

#### The Nature of OSEC

#### **OSEC Victim Typology**

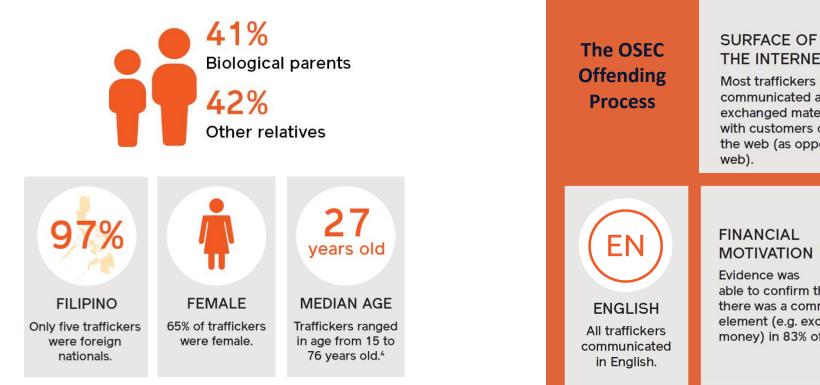






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#### **OSEC In-Person Trafficker Typology**



#### THE INTERNET

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Most traffickers communicated and exchanged materials with customers on the surface of the web (as opposed to the dark



able to confirm that there was a commercial element (e.g. exchange of CSEM for money) in 83% of all cases.

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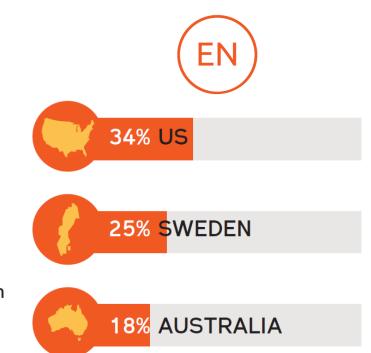
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#### **OSEC Demand-Side Offender Typology**

MALE All customers were men, ranging from 40 to 72 years old. Customers tended to be from Western countries.

39% of cases involved customers who were known to have traveled to the Philippines at some point in their lives.

9% of cases involved customers with a known history of contact abuse of children in the Philippines.



Source: #Online:SexualsExploitation of Children in the Philippines: Analysis and Recommendations for Governments, Industry, and Civil Society," 2020. Led by IJM in partnership with the U.S. and Philippine governments under the under the U.S. – Philippines Child Protection Compact (CPC).





OSEC is widespread and growing globally.

Governments and private sector stakeholders are not effectively protecting children from OSEC.

OSEC is mostly undetected by tech and financial sector platforms OSEC is largely underreported by tech and financial sector platforms International government collaboration against OSEC is insufficient

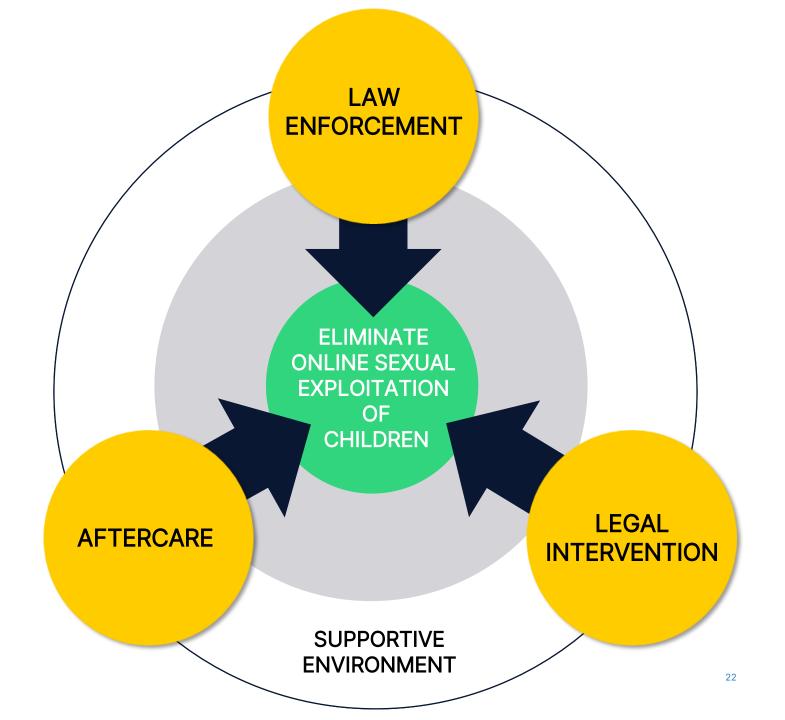
Demand-side sentencing is weak Public justice systems of strategic source countries do not function effectively

## OUR Solution



## Our Plan to End OSEC:

## A Coordinated Strategy



# **AS COMMUNITIES OF** FAITH WE CAN create AWARENESS, participate in PRE-ENTION bring HEALING and RESTORATION to OSEC SURVIVORS.



## **9** Models of Collaboration and PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH IN ACTION





## Philippine Interfaith Movement Against Human Trafficking (PIMAHT)

Catholic Bishops' Dilippine Council of Evangelical Churches

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Mission

## "Communities of faith championing eradication of human trafficking in the Philippines to realize fullness of life."



### FreedomSundayNetwork



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## FREEDOM SUNDAY PHILIPPINES 2020 #ENDOSEC End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

















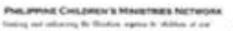




**OPENING EVENT** ONE in PRAYER. ONE in ACTION. Protect, Restore, Empower Partner with us to **#EndOSEC**!

September 20, 2020 | 2:30pm **f** LIVE FreedomSundayNetwork























Made in Hope – She Works Philippines

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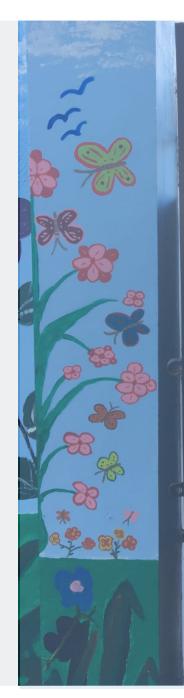


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Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Shechem Children's Home













## #5 Holy Spirit Sisters

## Survivor Center

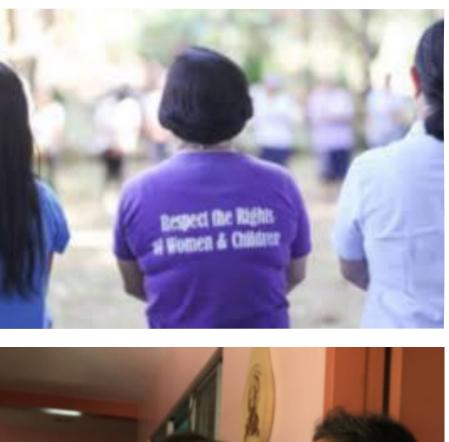


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## Good Shepherd Sisters











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#### AMG BAHAY SILUNGAN INC.

RAISE children to a better future





# Philippine Children's Ministries Network (PCMN)







**Our children NEED US. AS COMMUNITIES OF** FAITH let us WORK **TOGETHER to end #EndOSEC** 

Thank you!

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In 2021, we resolve to seek justice for more children trafficked into online sexual exploitation.



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