

# CHILD PROTECTION CASE MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS



**himaya**  
Pour l'innocence en danger

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**himaya** was founded in 2008, with  
the **VISION** of  
**MAKING CHILD PROTECTION A RIGHT, EVERYWHERE.**

### **OUR MISSION**

To promote an environment suitable for the development of children  
&  
ensure their global protection via fighting and preventing abuse.

### **OUR OBJECTIVES**

Change society's attitude towards children  
&  
Ensure global follow up for the children

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responds to child protection needs of **all children and families** on the **Lebanese territory** regardless of their **nationality, gender, political beliefs, religion or ethnical backgrounds,**

while ensuring the **best interest of minors and their families** through its two main programs,

the **Prevention** & the **Resilience** programs

that work in **close** collaboration to ensure **safe referral** for cases and **adequate and timely intervention**

**PREVENTION  
PROGRAM**

Raising **communities' awareness** about child protection

Enhancing **parenting skills**

Strengthening **children's life skills**

Capacitation of **local community based organizations (CBO)**

**THROUGH awareness sessions and PSS activities offered by the team in group settings**

**RESILIENCE  
PROGRAM**

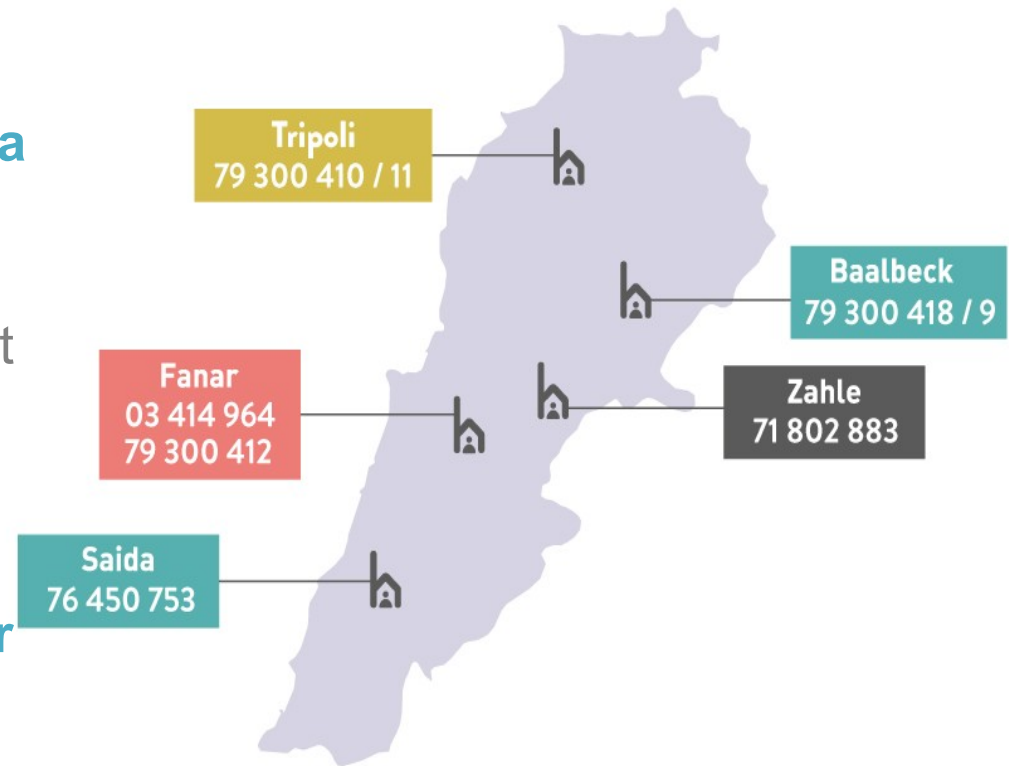
**Protecting the child** from being exposed to **further abuse** in his/her environment

Strengthening the **resilience of the child and his/her family in order to overcome the abuse** in individual settings

THROUGH **case management** and **specialized services** offered by a multidisciplinary team

Both programs operate through our **offices** spread out across Lebanon in all governorates:

- **Tripoli** for the North
- **Saida** for the South
- **Baalbeck, Hermel and Kaa & Aarsal** for Baalbeck and Northern Bekaa
- **Zahle** for Central and West Bekaa-
- **Fanar** for Beirut and ML  
&
- Through several **shifts per region, in schools or community locations** to **widen-our** reach to the most vulnerable beneficiaries.



# Approach

- **4 Key principles tour CHILD AND FAMILY CENTERED APPROACH**
  - ❖ Survival & development
  - ❖ Non discrimination
  - ❖ Child participation
  - ❖ Best interest determination

# Approach

- **Our SPECIALIZED TEAM is composed of :**
  - ❖ Psychologists
  - ❖ Social workers
  - ❖ Senior case managers
  - ❖ Psychiatrists

The **Resilience** program's **multidisciplinary** offers several services to **children that have been subject to abuse and their families**

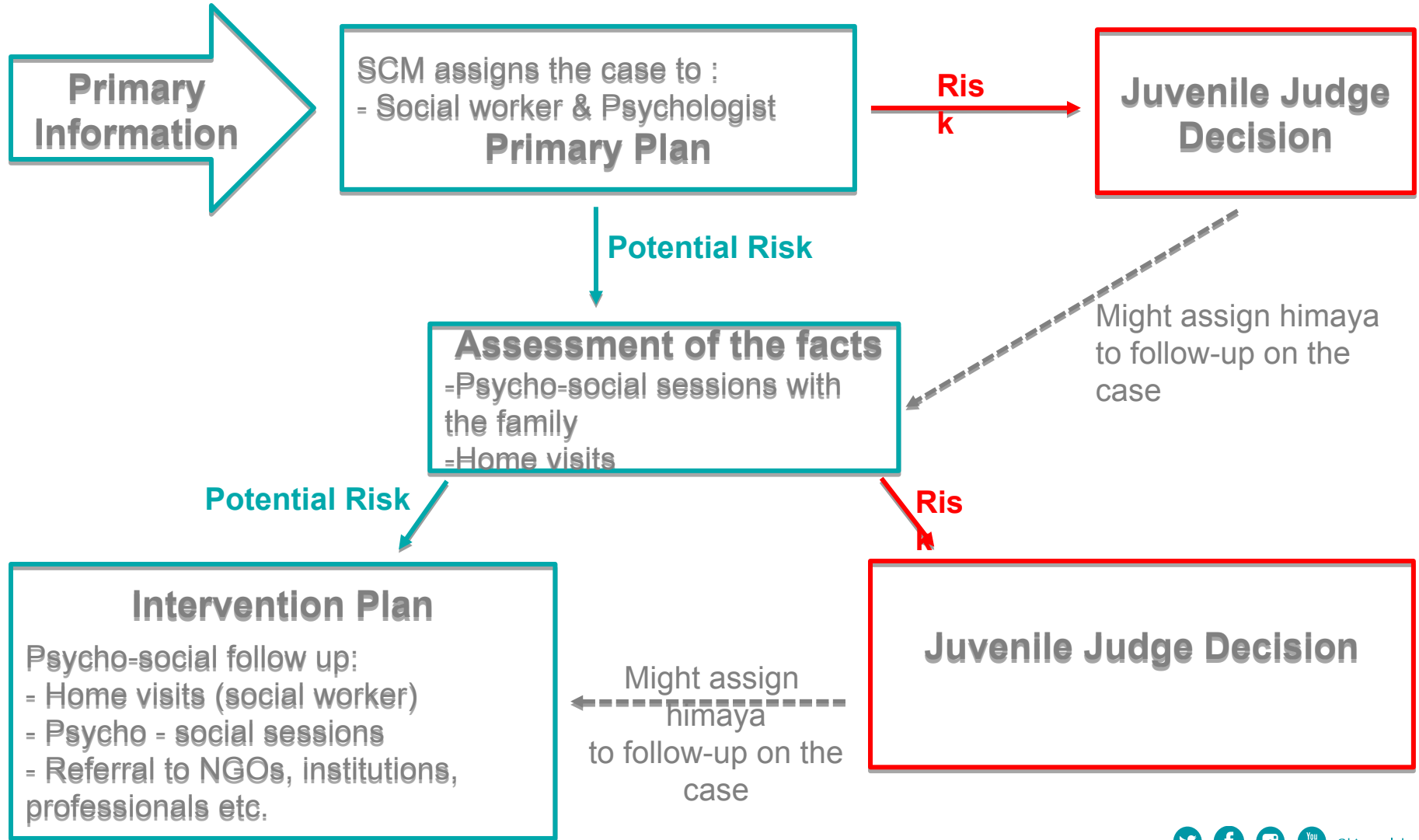
# The Resilience services implementation

- A. **CP cases management** including the **assessment of the child and family's needs** and **support or referral** to appropriate complimentary services such as but not limited to: Education-Health-Shelter-Livelihood...
- B. **Tailored and specialized psychosocial follow up :**
- ✓ **Psychological:** medium to long term follow up in an average of **6 to 9 month**, psycho education...
  - ✓ **Social & legal support:** parental guidance, family guidance, legal guidance and reporting
- C. **Medical and paramedical:**
- Psychiatric follow up on a regular basis for children and parents requiring this service.
  - Clinical management of rape: specialized assessment and care services for children survivors of sexual abuse within 72 hours from the incident.
  - Referral to paramedical services such as speech therapy, psychomotor support and occupational therapy.

# RESILIENCE PROGRAM

## INTERVENTION

Interventions are in accordance with law 422 and the national SOP for the protection of minors in Lebanon.



# The Resilience program's services implementation

- Each professional is specialized in their line of work and collaborates with their team members to draft a **multidisciplinary personalized care plan** for each child, ensuring the **active participation of the child and his/her family** in the objectives set and intervention strategy.
- The **informed consent** of the child and the **legal guardian** (family) is required before the initiation of the psychosocial follow up
- The psychosocial team **assesses the child's needs** and the **level of risk**, to set the appropriate intervention in the adequate time, taking into account as per the National Risk Level definition:
  - ✓ **The Caregivers' Capacity**
  - ✓ **Vulnerability of the child and the family**
  - ✓ **Risk Related Facts**
  - ✓ **Existing Resources in the Social Environment**

# The Resilience program's services implementation

Based on the Risk level identified by the team, **2 pathways** are possible to protect the child:

- A. Judicial pathway:** when the **child's safety is at imminent risk** the psychosocial team responds **within 24 hours** by reporting to the judiciary system and offering upon the judge permission the adequate specialized services.
- B. Non judicial pathway:** when the **child's safety is not at imminent risk**

The psychosocial team responds within an **appropriate time limit** as per the SOP offering the adequate specialized services.

- **1778** children and families were offered case management
- Of which **1411** children from Syrian Nationality and **473** children from Lebanese nationality, **31** PRL, **7** PRS and **17** others

# himaya data & statistics for 2018

- The **most common type of abuse is neglect** in both genders and all nationality
- **90%** of our case response in the districts that are close to the borders such as Baalbeck and Akkar is towards Syrian population living in camps





# CHALLENGES IN PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS IN THE CHILD PROTECTION SECTOR IN LEBANON

Precarious living conditions in camps (lack of privacy, limits)

Authority of the “shawish” and fear of forced eviction

Legal documents

Lack of trust in governmental institutions

Lack of regulations protecting workers from adverse working conditions

Lack of services and resources for children with special needs

Difficulties in protecting children from violence in public schools

Cultural beliefs and norms (gender discrimination, child labor child marriages, polygamy)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Mainstreaming child protection (prevention, safe identification and referral) in all sectors:

Schools, religious Institutions, health Institutions

Support for professionals working with refugees in camps and protection for reporters from the community

Access to services including paramedical services, legal representation

Access to child-friendly spaces inside camps or close to camps (play, education)

# Thank you!



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If you witness  
or suspect child  
abuse, report it,  
**don't stand by**

**SPREAD THE WORD,  
BREAK THE SILENCE.**

