



Online Conference
**Strengthening Families
Protecting Children**

30th and 31st October 2024

Call for abstracts
for promising practices
by 14th October



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will bring together state and non-state actors, policy and decision makers, researchers, and practitioners to share new insights and learnings on systems and interventions that need to be in place to strengthen families in providing adequate care for their children and prevent separation. Find out more about how family strengthening can help prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families in this publication: [click here](#).

What are we looking for

The second day of the conference will be dedicated to **sharing promising practices** in strengthening families and protecting children. We are seeking presenters from Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East and invite submission of abstracts that:

- Showcase innovative interventions, a case study, a (pilot) project, an effective policy, a project evaluation, a service model, a scaled-up initiative, an advocacy initiative, or innovative methodologies related to the conference theme.
- Shall inspire and provide learning for the audience

Presentations will be organized in the three parallel groups, the length of presentations shall not exceed 20 minutes. Presentations can be delivered in English, Russian or Arabic language, simultaneous translation will be provided.

What is a promising practice

For the purposes of this call, a promising practice is an intervention or policy measure which has already been implemented in a real-life setting, and which may serve as inspiration for others, but which might not yet have been implemented on a large scale and/or has not yet been (fully) evaluated.

Who can apply

We welcome proposals from public authorities, academic institutions, international and civil society organizations, and any organisation dedicated to supporting families and protecting children.

Relevant themes

We welcome submissions under the following themes:

- Universal interventions for all children and families (primary prevention)
- Targeted interventions for parents/families at increased risk of child-parent separation (secondary prevention)
- Specialized interventions for families at high risk of separation and or in the process of reintegration of children (tertiary prevention)
- Strengthening community response to families at risk of separation
- Early Childhood Development
- Violence in families and communities
- Support to Families affected by mental health problems, disability, or substance abuse
- Economic Empowerment
- Child and family support in emergency and protracted crisis
- Child and parent participation in design and implementation
- Social Workforce Development
- Legal frameworks and policies in child welfare and protection, family support, social welfare
- Advocacy and awareness campaigns

Language

We appreciate abstracts to be submitted in English language. However, if this is not possible, we will also accept abstracts in Arabic and Russian language.

During the conference, presentations can be delivered in English, Arabic and Russian language. Simultaneous translation will be available in all three languages.

Selection of abstracts

Promising practices will be selected against the following criteria:

- Relevance and alignment with conference themes
- Innovative elements
- Could be scaled up and adapted to other contexts
- Practice has been evaluated or is planned to be evaluated (desirable but not a must)

Submission of abstracts and deadline

Please submit your abstract by **8th October 2024** directly in the online [form](#) (preferable). In case you cannot apply online, please download the application word document (in our website) and send the abstract by email to strengthening-families@sos-kd.org.

We will communicate by **11th October 2024** to the respective contact person of abstracts that were selected for presentations during the conference. Abstracts that were not selected for presentation during the conference, will be shared on the conference website after confirming with the contact person.

Contact and questions

If you have any questions, please contact us at [Strengthening Families](#)



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