

# AWARENESS

COORDINATING A GLOBAL RESPONSE

GMCN members work together to raise awareness among local, regional and global communities on the issues of missing children. From partnering together to educate the public and providing issue-specific information on the GMCN website, to sharing tips and supporting the broader efforts around International Missing Children's Day, the GMCN works together to empower the international community to better understand and respond to the issues of missing and abducted children.

# DATA

## that never sleeps

For those on the frontlines working to find missing children, technology plays an essential role. Sufficient technology allows law enforcement and NGO operations to work more efficiently and effectively, which can lead to quicker recoveries of missing children.

Unfortunately, around the world many law enforcement agencies and NGOs do not have access to specialized software and investigative tools which can be expensive and require advanced knowledge and training. Through the GMCN, members gain access to many of the programs and tools they need to better respond to case of missing children and child abduction.

Through the GMCN, members are provided access to training on: the specialized GMCN website interface, database, case management system, and other related technologies. ICMEC's goal is that the GMCN data never rests - its active, moving, and being analyzed - and helpful.

# PREVENTION

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A SAFE CHILDHOOD

GMCN members actively collaborate and share experiences, best practices, tools, and research all with a goal of preventing a child from going missing or being abducted and being prepared to respond if it does happen.

The partnerships built through the GMCN give members access to a network of professionals to assist with developing, improving, implementing, and adapting best practices. Once a year, at the annual GMCN conference, members come together to discuss ways of strengthening the response to missing and abducted children.

# COMMUNITY

CURRENT GMCN MEMBERSHIP

Albania	Italy	Taiwan
Argentina	Jamaica	United Kingdom
Australia	Mexico	United States
Belarus	the Netherlands	
Belgium	New Zealand	
Brazil	Poland	
Canada	Portugal	
Costa Rica	Russia	
Germany	Serbia	
Greece	South Korea	
Ireland	Spain	

"The Motorola Solutions Foundation is proud to sponsor ICMEC's Global Missing Children's Network - a growing movement dedicated to raising awareness and increasing the global community's response if a child goes missing."

-Matt Blakely, Executive Director



45,288 children in Canada were reported missing in 2015.

20,000 children in Australia are reported missing every year.

96,000 children in India are reported missing every year.

112,853 children in the United Kingdom were reported missing in 2015.

# ADVANTAGES OF GMCN MEMBERSHIP

- Access to a multi-lingual database featuring photographs of and information about missing children. Each member is given access to a customizable member site.
- Access to a case management system that provides data analysis, which can give insights into statistics and trends (e.g., case type, child's age, number of abductors, active vs. closed cases, etc.).
- The opportunity to create and quickly distribute posters of missing children. The posters are flexible in design and can accommodate many different types of cases.
- Introduction to a network of professionals and subject matter experts ready to help develop, improve and implement best practices.



# A MISSING CHILD IS A VULNERABLE CHILD

There is no universal definition of a "missing child." Few countries maintain accurate records specifically related to missing children, which means - for much of the world - data on missing children is not available.

If we don't define or measure the **PROBLEM** we most **SOLVE** certainly can't **SOLVE** the problem.

By joining the GMCN, you will be a part of a global solution to the issues of missing and abducted children. The GMCN has one goal: to unite and mobilize the global community to find missing children. To do this, we coordinate and build global awareness of the issues; we share best practices, tips and data to support prevention efforts; and we build a community of people working together to change the way the world responds when a child goes missing.

## Join us.

Learn more by visiting [globalmissingkids.org](http://globalmissingkids.org) or by contacting:

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Through the Global Missing Children's Center, the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC) aims to protect children around the world from going missing or being abducted by providing resources for governments, law enforcement, NGOs, and families on prevention as well as the appropriate measures to take in the event a child does go missing.

One of the key components of ICMEC's strategy for missing and abducted children is an investment in the collaborative work accomplished through the Global Missing Children's Network (GMCN).

The GMCN is currently made up of 25 member countries across 5 continents who actively collaborate, sharing best practices, tools, and research related to missing children and child abduction. The GMCN brings together like-minded professionals working in the field of child protection and offers them access to a network of specialists and international experts with a goal of uniting the global community to find missing children.

# MOBILIZING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY TO FIND MISSING CHILDREN

# GLOBAL MISSING CHILDREN'S NETWORK