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WAPA International and Les Enfants de Panzi et d'Ailleurs join forces to better protect children affected by armed conflict



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WAPA International announces its merger with Les Enfants de Panzi et d'Ailleurs (EPA), an organisation recognised for its expertise in providing psychotherapeutic support to children who are victims of sexual violence in armed conflicts, including children born as a result of rape.

This strategic alliance aims to strengthen the protection and care of children affected by armed conflict by thoroughly integrating mental health, psychosocial reconstruction and scientific research issues.

In a global context of prolonged crisis, increasing conflicts and a growing number of children exposed to serious violence (forced and "voluntary" recruitment, sexual violence, displacement,...), our two organisations have decided to join forces to increase their impact, pool their expertise and exert greater influence on the national and international stage.

WAPA International now supports children who are victims of armed conflict: those associated with armed forces and groups, victims of sexual violence, children born of rape, and displaced children.



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In collaboration with local partners trained in child psychotrauma, WAPA implements holistic and individualised support, combining psychosocial and therapeutic support, access to education, socio-professional trainings and income-generating activities, in order to promote sustainable family and/or community (re)integration.

The merger with EPA also enables WAPA to strengthen its participation in scientific research, as well as its awareness-raising and advocacy activities with institutional and political actors.

Operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia and the border between Myanmar and Thailand, WAPA International is a civil society organisation founded in 2013 and funded by the Directorate-General for Development Cooperation.

Through this merger, WAPA International reaffirms its reason to exist: to work to offer children affected by armed conflict a dignified, protected and peaceful future.

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This alliance is an opportunity to rethink our visual identity, making it stronger, more memorable and decidedly more modern.

Old logos:



Here is our new logo, a balance between humanity, strength and hope:



PLEASE NOTE:

This creative development has been entrusted to Secondfloor, a long-standing partner of WAPA International. It will be rolled out over time across all our communication media and will be the subject of a comprehensive overhaul of our website in the coming weeks.

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