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WS3 Innovative Training Workshops 5/6

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Venue Child Protection Guardians

Child Placement Services

WORKSHOP REPORT

Based on the outcomes of previous workshops, BSZF invited Child Protection Guardians for the fifth training workshop.

These practitioners highlighted legislative and institutional gaps in child placement services and child protection services. Their observations and insights gave a very clear picture of why children who are unprotected by parents or family cannot be properly cared for by the state.

Their input made it clear that frontline workers – no matter how dedicated – are not ensured adequate working conditions;

- The number of custody cases for one guardian is twice the international standard – it is therefore practically impossible to ‘do the job’ properly;
- They are not equipped – many times the child, or teenager would need to be collected by car, mostly during the transitional phase they leave unattended and only return when they need food and bed;
- The guardians often use their own car to go and collect the child – an expense not necessarily reimbursed;

Evaluation forms reflected a positive conclusion of the event. No proposed initiatives.