Juvenile Justice in Ivory Coast

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BICE acts for restorative justice

BICE has worked in Ivory Coast on behalf of children in conflict with the law since 1987, directly at first, and currently in partnership with <u>DDE-CI (Dignity and Rights for Children in Ivory Coast)</u>.

The <u>"Childhood without bars"</u> programme ensures the proper implementation of juvenile justice procedures, including:

- training professionals on specific minors' rights
- improving the functioning of the courts
- enhancing access to justice for children and their families
- improving the conditions of detention in Ivorian prisons
- improving the treatment of children in conflict with the law

Activities

- Nutritional support in MACA (Remand home and prison in Abidjan)
- Justice and legal assistance for children in conflict with the law,
- Support and psycho-educational or vocational rehabilitation of minors,
- Capacity building of professionals in the field (judicial police, social workers, judges)
- Prevention and awareness-raising for families and communities (positive parenting)
- Advocating for a protective legal environment for children.

Key figures per year

- 170 juveniles in conflict with the law
- 90 members of the family circle of minors (parents, guardians, communities ...)
- 40 professionals of the juvenile justice system (judges, staff, police ...)

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- 230 social workers of closed centres
- 10 members of the media educated on the juvenile justice system (radio, TV, newspapers ...)