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SIMPLIFIED REPORTING - THE NETHERLANDS APPROACH

**SUCCESSES AND
LESSONS LEARNT**

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DUTCH NGO COALITION FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

About

- COALITION OF DUTCH NGO'S; NO LEGAL ENTITY
- SINCE 1996
- CHAIR, COORDINATOR, 6 CORE MEMBERS (FUNDING THE COALITION)
- TWO MAIN GOALS: 1) REPORTING TO THE UNCRC; AND 2) PROMOTE THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (UNCRC) IN THE NETHERLANDS
- SCOPE REPORTING: EUROPEAN NETHERLANDS AND CARIBBEAN MUNICIPALITIES



KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

Consists of **4 constituent countries**: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten.

European Netherlands: 98% of Kingdom's population

Special municipalities: Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba are 3 other Caribbean islands

In 2019 written input to CRC > the Netherlands and Aruba



SRP- OUR TIME SCHEDULE

Croatia, Hungary and Poland (2018)

- State accepts invitation for SRP
- Written input to LOIPR from stakeholders - **1 July 2019**
- CRC adopts LOIPR - **4 October 2019**
- State report - **15 October 2020**
- Written inputs to State report - **15 January 2021**
- Pre-session with stakeholders - **February 2021**
- Session/Concluding Observations - **May 2021**



STAKEHOLDERS

10 Written Inputs prior to List of Issues by:

- Dutch NGO Coalition
- 2 thematic inputs
- Youth/children
- NHRI
- Children's Ombudsman
- National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children
- 2 Aruba NGOs
- Aruba Youth
- >> missing Curacao and St. Maarten



OUR APPROACH

WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

>> NGO CONSULTATION

11 Round tables

Point of departure Concluding Observations (2015)

Themes: youth care, education, migration, participation, poverty, violence against children, juvenile justice, data collection, trafficking, business, and development aid

Two tables led per member of the coalition



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PARTICIPANTS ROUND TABLES

Broad consultation

100 NGOs, academics, research institutes, governmental institutes, church, NHRI, Ombudsman, individuals

Pro: check practice and policy

Con: are you able to speak freely?
No information withheld? Some participants are civil servants; example: central bureau of statistics, social workers youth care



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PRACTICALITIES (how)

- > Facilitators guide -> uniformity
- > led and chaired by member organization
- > Concluding Observations, new development in theme, role of the State, ranking
- > template outcome round table: issue, substantiation, question to the State party



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WRITING

Sent one version to participants for factual inaccuracies; dilemma how many rounds feedback

Writers: leaders round tables, translation

Overlap round tables - issue of data collection or effect of decentralization

Transparent decision what's in/out

ENDORSEMENT

100 participants round tables

80 explicit endorsements NGOs



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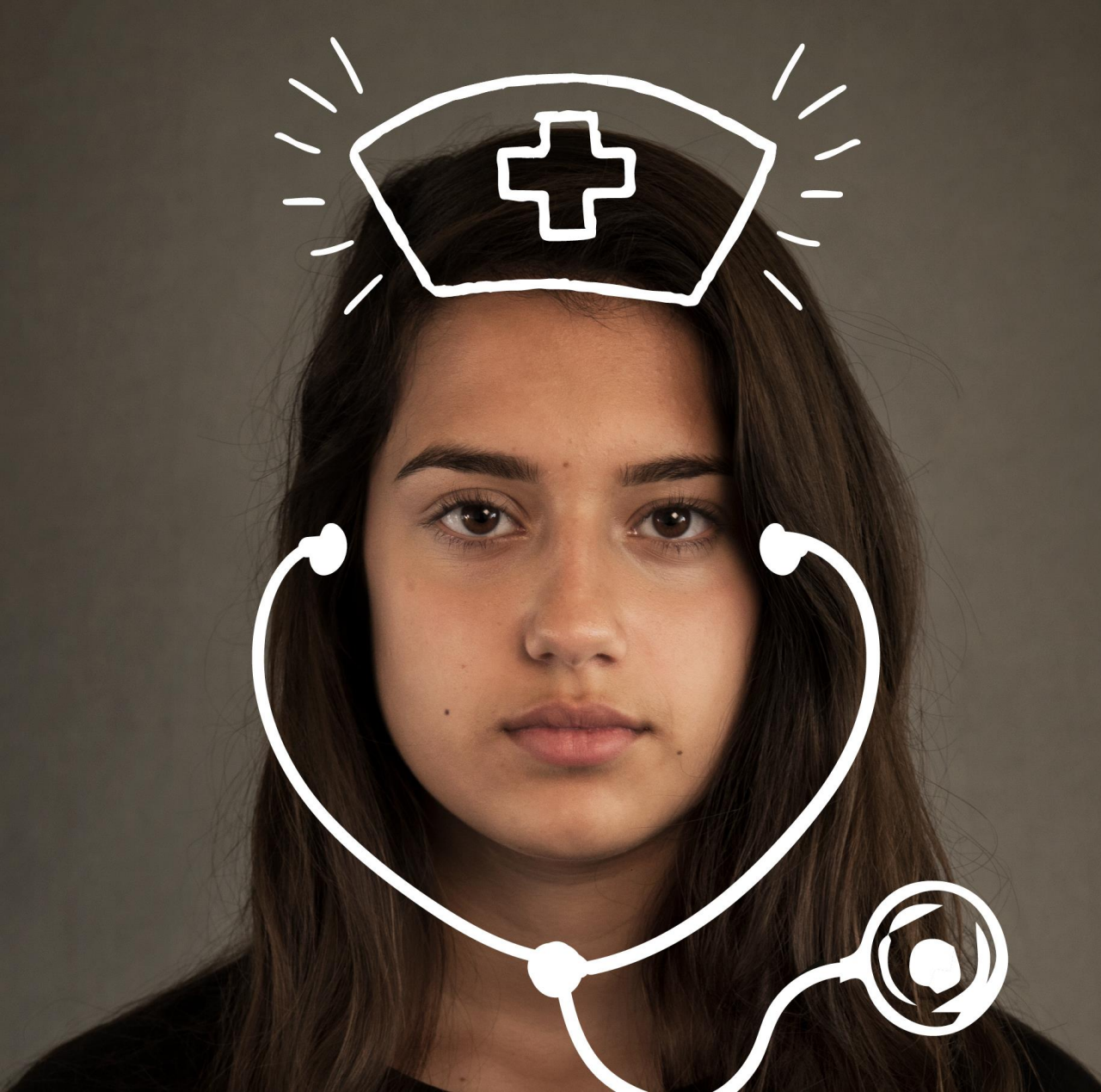
SUBMISSION AND SPIN OFF

Submitted to UNCRC

Presentation to Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) >> media attention

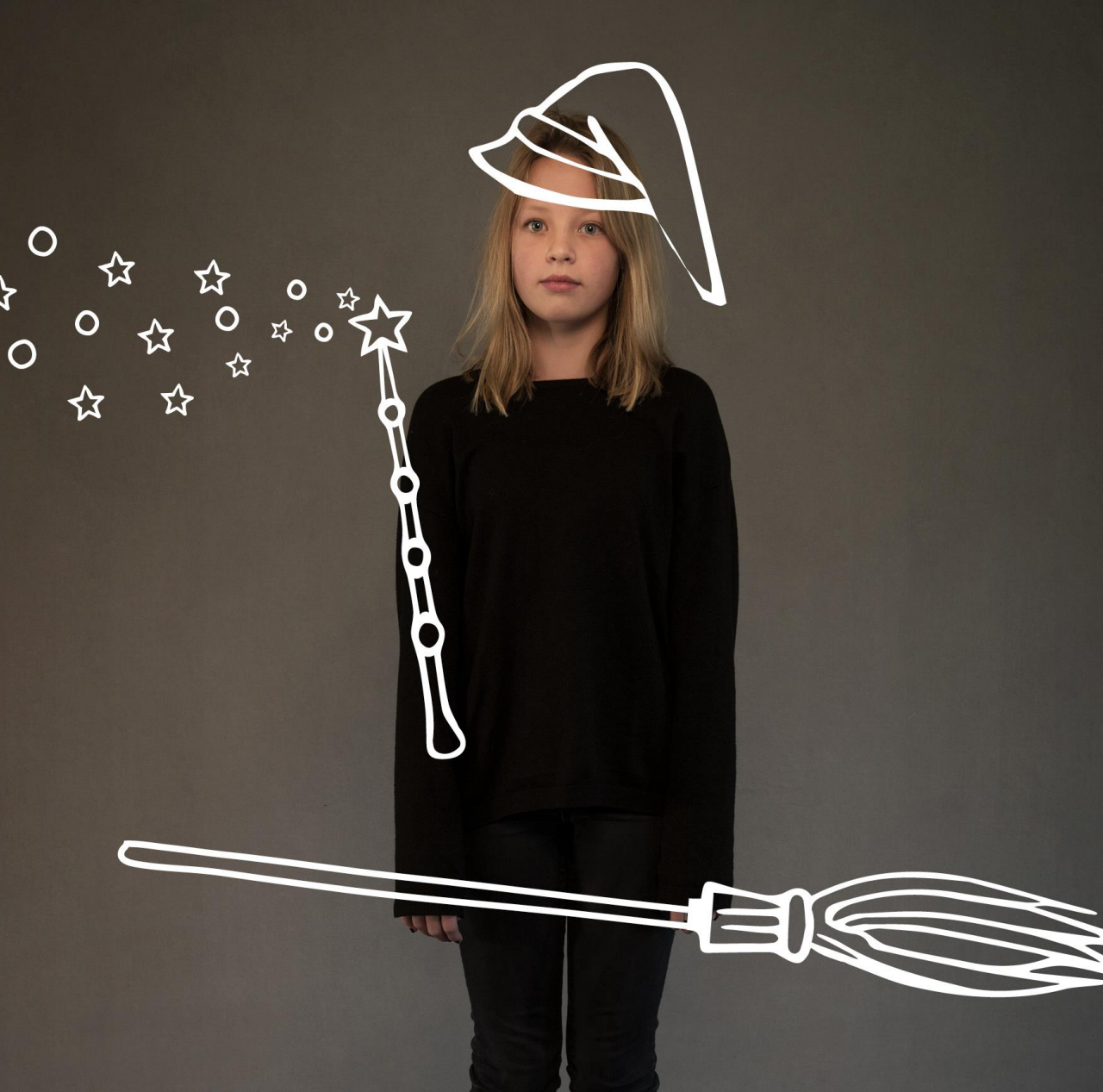
One voice to the State, one contact

Agreed on dialogues between ministries and NGO groups on issues raised



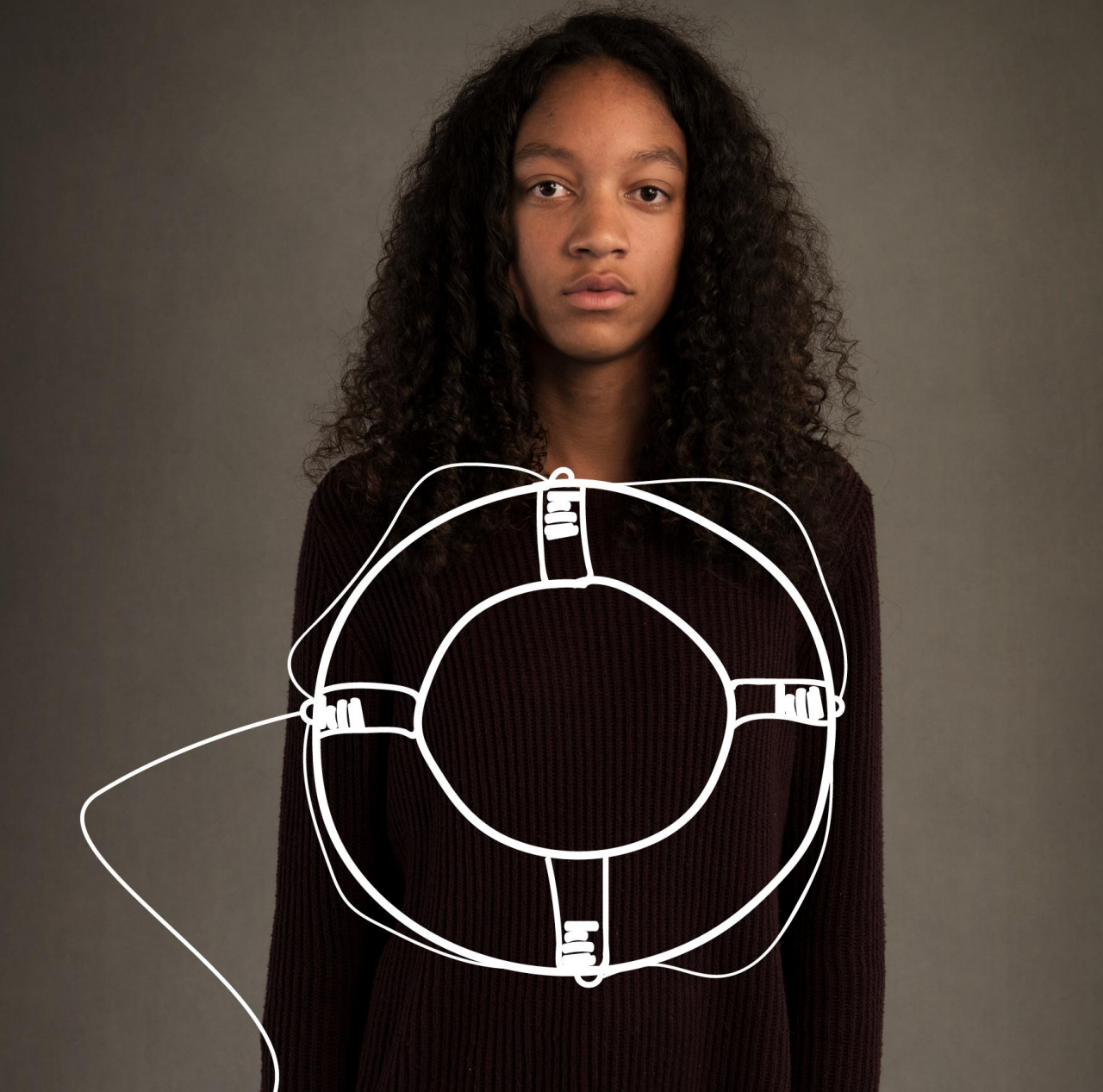
Lessons learnt in consultation

- Proper distinction between participating stakeholders, their formal roles, interests and concerns and their effect on the process and the outcome
- Should the chair of the round table also be the rapporteur? (different roles and interests, impact on choices, coloured wording)
- Stricter template: number of words per issue; final version formally
- Involving children and youth more directly and/or specifically by a youth-report from a Coalition member
- Involving specifically the BES Islands > situational analysis by UNICEF



If we could turn back time

- Other emerging issues than the ones addressed in the concluding observations 2015?
- Last minute check on recent actions and laws
- Answer question on responsibility for the absence of NGO's from independent parts of the Kingdom (Curacao, Aruba, St Maarten)



Recommendations

- Take time to design the process
- Invest in communication: communicate process clear and often (website)
- this is a new process with chances (the more thoroughly and better it looks the more influential it will be)
- No recommendations but facts & figures
- Budget for an editor
- Align with stakeholders to inform about issues and align issues or to skip issues



RESULT

Powerful signal 80 NGOs

One aligned message

28 out of 30 issues in LOIPR of the CRC

Issues Concluding Observations 2015 included

Positive: two moments in cycle, stronger relations in coalition

Challenge: 3 months after state report (consultation, translation, design)



Questions?



Bedankt
voor je aandacht!