

## Professional development for prosecutors handling criminal cases involving violence against women and children

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### Issue

New regulations have been introduced under Vietnam's Penal and Criminal Procedure Codes relating to criminal cases involving violence against women and children. Clear guidelines and training for prosecutors on how to apply these new regulations is required, particularly because awareness of the sensitivities required in prosecuting cases involving gender-based violence is limited.

### Action

A training workshop was organised on the protection of rights of women and children when prosecuting and resolving cases involving violence against women and children.

A publication "Q&A on prosecuting and supervising the resolution of cases related to violence against women and children" was compiled and published following the workshop.

### Achievements

1. 80 leaders/managers of People's Procuracies, representatives of Ministry of Public Security, People's Court and relevant institutions and agencies participated in the workshop.
2. 900 copies of the publication were distributed for free to People's Procuracies at all levels and to relevant institutions and agencies across Vietnam.
3. This publication has been re-published by the Judicial Publishing House with their own funding and another 1,000 copies have been distributed since the project was completed.
4. A follow-up toolkit was developed to help police and prosecutors in handling cases of child sexual abuse, with a focus on child-friendly questioning and prosecuting techniques.

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*This was a very meaningful workshop for me in my role as a prosecutor responsible for cases involving sexual abuse against women and children. We have learnt lessons on how to effectively handle crime reports during the investigation process, and to investigate sexual abuse against women and children in accordance with the law.*

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Mr Do Thanh Binh,  
Deputy Director of the People's  
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