How to raise a concern or report abuse

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or your own safety because

You see or suspect abuse
An allegation of abuse is made
A child discloses abuse

Discuss your concerns with the child protection person/team leader/field manager on duty at each of the two hostel secretariats or any the EAC event locations - each location will have a clearly marked information and security centre where the focal person and field managers will operate from.

If the child protection person/team leader/field manager is the person at the centre of your concerns, discuss with the next most appropriate person, for example, a member of the organizing committee or a local partner.

Discussions should focus on:
- Nature of concerns
- Risks to child/ren
- Action/next steps

Concerns should be reported promptly (same day).
Ensure detailed written records are made of all events and what the child has said in his/her own words (where this applies), using the ‘reporting -a -concern’ form.

The child protection focal person will then:
- Inform a designated member of the organizing committee
- Inform the local partner representative for the child
- Develop an action plan for progressing the concern
- If, and only if there is immediate risk to the child, remove the child to another location, without publicity.