

# **Anti Human Trafficking Intervention Programme – ROMME Centre**

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# ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTION PROJECT



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# Introduction

- a) **ROMME Centre** is a Tanzanian rooted researching, consulting and training Institution.
  - b) Provides professional and technical services to Non Profit Organisations, private sector and public institutions in Eastern Africa
  - c) It focuses on capacity building and skills transfer in areas of resource management, BDS, project management and M&E
  - d) Implements Anti Human Trafficking services
  - e) **ROMME Centre** is located in Dar es Salaam
- a) **Love and Justice International (LJI)** is a US based NGO fighting human trafficking worldwide.
  - b) Focuses on intercepting women and children while they are in the process of being trafficked but before the point of exploitation.
  - c) Monitors transit areas to identify potential trafficking victims and helps them return home and/or receive aftercare services.
  - d) Has monitoring stations /hubs in 19 countries incl Nepal, India, Thailand, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Mozambique, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

**In April 2019 - ROMME Centre & Love Justice International entered into an agreement to establish Human Trafficking Intervention Program in Tanzania.**

# Anti-Human Trafficking Programme

1. Facilitate Prevention & Intervention of Trafficking in Persons
  - Focus on identifying and assisting PVs of trafficking while they are in the process of being trafficked but before they reach their destinations where they may be exploited.
  - We “intercept” when **we have a good reason to believe** that one is in the process of being trafficked (**evidence**) or **at high risk** of being trafficked.
  - Interview PVs and consult Social Welfare Officers (SWOs)
2. Provide support to victims of trafficking: Food, shelter, counseling, travel & family re-unification
3. Public awareness raising on TIPs
4. Research and information sharing
5. Training of monitors and the public in HT related matters

**Stations:** Dar es Salaam (MBT), Tanga (2) and Zanzibar (1)

Project activities are inline with National Anti-Trafficking in Persons Action Plan 2018 – 2021 in the following areas:

- Capacity building to Human Trafficking Stakeholders
- Public awareness on Trafficking in Persons
- Prevention and intervention of trafficking in persons
- Support to victims of trafficking
- Research and Information Sharing
- Partnerships with like minded organisations

# Work Relationships

We work closely with:

1. Social Welfare Officers at all levels
2. Anti Trafficking Secretariat (ATS)
3. Police Dept
4. Immigration Dept
5. Bus Station and Port authorities & local leaders
6. Like minded organisations (e.g. AFRIWAG in Tanga, ZASWA in Zanzibar, DMI, KIWOHEDE & TCW)

# Support from SWOs – main link

- a) Link us with PVs who happen to go to them
- b) Trace/ contact families of PVs for reunification purposes
- c) Recommend travel assistance to PVs
- d) Seek support from fellow SWOs in other regions/districts
- e) Facilitate medical/ health services for PVs in need
- f) Counsel PVs esp. the minors
- g) Provide guidance on SOPs compliance and the law of the land.
- h) Share experiences and exchange ideas
- i) Escort PVs (esp. under 18) to their respective homes

# Project Progress (May 2019-Oct. 2021)

## Total PVs intercepted – 455

1. Mainly from Lake zone, Southern Highlands and Central zone regions
2. PVs intercepted include adults, children and youth; some women move with their under 5 children.
3. 37% of PVs intercepted have been child trafficking/labour – relatives including parents and guardians encourage child trafficking
4. 68% of PVs were Females
5. 58% of PV were at high risk of being trafficked
6. 42% of PVs were of clear evidence of trafficking
7. 95% of PVs in Zanzibar are from the Mainland



# Project Progress (ctd.)

## **The causes of human trafficking**

- a) Poor socio-economic conditions (poverty)
- b) Family dynamics / separation
- c) Lure of city life
- d) Deception (employment & education opportunities)
- e) Look for a better living (better life)
- f) Demand for cheap labour
- g) Cultural practices- early marriages
- h) Traffickers

## **Types /forms of HT include:**

- a) Sexual exploitation
- b) Forced labour /Labour exploitation (under payment, unpaid wages)
- c) Involuntary domestic servitude
- d) Child labour /begging and petty crimes
- e) Other: livestock keeping/ shop attendants

# Challenges in addressing HT

1. Limited awareness and understanding of TIPs
2. Differentiate HT from ordinary social welfare issues including marital challenges, GBV → asking for fin. assistance for non-HT cases
3. Mixing up Human trafficking and Human smuggling
4. Poor coordination of Anti HT initiatives at all levels
5. Laxity of practical law enforcement machinery (arrests and prosecutions)
6. Difficulties in identifying victims and traffickers (skills gap)
7. Some victims not ready to provide info when cases involve family members
8. Lack of cooperation from some authorities for cases involving high profile families or well known persons
9. Financial constraints (for intercept, prosecution, support and re-unification of PVs)
10. Limited manpower (monitors, lawyers, sign language, etc.)

# **Future Activities/Plans**

## **ROMME Centre and LJI have the following plans for the next 12 months:**

1. Establish monitoring stations in Mbeya & Dodoma regions
2. Facilitate establishment of shelter facilities in Zanzibar
3. Enhance collaboration with government and all key stakeholders (HVCP) to intercept PHT victims before they are exploited or get trapped by traffickers.
4. Partner with government departments and other law enforcement authorities to ensure that traffickers are found, arrested and prosecuted according to the law.
5. Build capacities of key stakeholders on management and addressing TIPs issues
6. Research and Information Sharing (on clear understanding the status and gravity of HT in Tanzania)

# Our Appeal/Request to TASWO

1. Enhanced cooperation and support against Human Trafficking in the country
2. Areas of cooperation:
  - a) Alert us on suspected HT activities
  - b) Provide information leading to the arrest and prosecution of traffickers
  - c) Guide us on new/emerging developments on TIPs
  - d) Volunteer to take part in our program
  - e) Provision of basic and key services
  - f) Continue inviting us to exchange notes



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**Thank you for your Attention**

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