Report on the panel discussion held on 30th /01/2020 at the American Centre, to celebrate the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month

On 30th January 2020, a panel discussion to celebrate the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention was held at the American Centre located in Kabalagala. The panellists included: Lilian Ayella from Willow International, Damon Wamara from Dwelling places, Agnes Ayole from Ministry of Internal Affairs and Taylor Dunman from The Human Trafficking Institute. A total of 75 attendees who included CSO members, university students and interested members of the community participated. The discussion varied from different organizations sharing what the work they do in regards to fighting Human Trafficking and how victims are supported in these various institutes. Topics ranging from: defining what human trafficking is, different procedures of trafficking and the red flags, what it takes for a survivor to get support, the Government efforts towards fighting trafficking, efforts made by different CSOs towards fighting trafficking, to mention a few.

Learning: Statistics were shared about street children who are too a result of trafficking. Each day, a street child is required to earn a total of approximately 10,000/= per day, which makes it a total of 70,000/= at the end of the week and 280,000/= at the end of the month. At the end of the month, only 20,000/= is sent to their parents in rural areas and approx. 10,000/= given to the children. This gives the trafficker an overlapping margin of profit at the end of the year especially when he has a number of street children on the streets.

Picture: Panellists sharing relevant information concerning the different human trafficking aspects within Uganda and the intervention so far at the American Centre.
On 28\textsuperscript{TH} February 2020, the Willow International Prevention team together with the Pollicy Uganda organized a 1 day training and mentorship for the students that subscribe to the various anti-trafficking clubs in various universities. The workshop which was held at Piatato Restaurant attracted a total of 38 students with a representation of 4-5 students from each of the 8 universities invited. Of the 8 different invited universities, 4 were joining the student alliance programme for the 1\textsuperscript{st} time and these included: Bugema University, Uganda Martyrs University and Kisubi and Nkumba University.
The intensive training equipped students with in-depth knowledge on different aspects of human trafficking, the PTIP Act, and enabled them explore various interventions/activities that they can take on to spread awareness and fight human trafficking not only while at their respective universities but also within their communities.

The topics of discussion during the mentorship workshop encompassed:

- **Overview of the Student Alliance Program**
- **What is human trafficking and the different elements of human trafficking?**
- **The different procedures on how people are trafficked and the red flags. Causes and effects of human trafficking to individuals and communities**
- **The Trafficking In Persons Act 2009 (TIP) and the legal perspective to human trafficking including case investigations.**
- **Victim identification and the Case management perspective and safe migration tips**
- **How students can plan for activities and finances which included: how to write concept notes, requisition of funds, how to budget for funds and how funds are accounted for.**
- Also, the event acted as a planning session, presenting students with an opportunity to plan for the new academic year 2020/2021 where they were able to come up with work plans and also highlight the areas where they will need support. Through a series of group work, the students were able to suggest activities they would like indulge in for the year 2020-2021.
Overall, the mentorship programme was a success as the students displayed remarkable levels of knowledge on human trafficking and also showed a great desire to extend awareness to their respective campuses and different surrounding communities. The 3 new joining universities also had outstanding representative students with a deep desire to grow their knowledge on human trafficking and use it to start anti-human trafficking clubs in their universities.

*Students of Bugema University having a group discussion on what activities to handle towards creating awareness on human trafficking in during 2020/2021*
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING

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Venue: The Human Trafficking Institute
Time: 8:00am-04:30pm

An induction training for the new officers. Investigators being attached to the trafficking in persons. Trained 32 investigators from the various parts of the country, it was about how to conduct TIP investigations.

Willow provided victims perspectives and how the partnership between CID and the CSO’s works.

The objective was to induct, train new officers how to investigate new tip cases, how to identify and differentiate TIP and Non-TIP cases, referral pathways.

The training also focused on training investigators how to conduct victim centered investigations in line with the trauma informed approach. Collaborative and Intelligent, Re-active and Pro-active investigations were taught. Inclusive of File documentation as well.

A panel with Case Managers was held with willow international to give, more insight on survivor perspective and what has gone well and wrong during the investigations by officers and what they need to change while taking initial statements from survivors.

An immigration over view was given and as well the difference between Immigration, Smuggling and TIP was discussed.

Recommendations: The panel urged the officers to embrace the trauma informed approach such that less damage is done during the investigations.