Candle of Hope Foundation

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Gender equality and Justice

Campaign against human trafficking
THE AUGUST IMPACT

Candle of hope foundation engaged in prevention and partnership activities in August. We continued with our initiatives started in July by extending them to Somaliland.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

We intensified our awareness campaign initiatives i.e.; **Girls' for Girls awareness campaigns** and **Hope for the horn awareness campaign** across Marsabit in Kenya and Hargeysa in Somaliland.

We are targeting potential victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation in Marsabit arriving from Ethiopia and Eritrea in transit to other destinations. Through these interactive initiatives we are able to interrelate with members of the community and educate them on the following:

- How to identify victims of trafficking
- How to differentiate between human trafficking and human smuggling
- The importance of their role in combating human trafficking
- How and where to whistle blow

In Hargeysa, we are encouraging the essence of safe migration and are targeting potential vulnerable migrants in the area. This is motivated by the fact that there are a very high number of people migrating to Europe and America from the region. The main aim of the initiative is to identify and protect victims at risk of being trafficked.
NEW FINDINGS

i. Apart from being lured with pleasurable jobs and wealthy suiters abroad, other victims are also decoyed by religious pilgrimages and foreign internships.

ii. Other forms of exploitation such as; cybersex trafficking or otherwise known as webcam child sex are taking root, whereby perpetrators exploit school-going children.

NETWORKS AND COALITIONS

We participated in different events that benefit coordination of actors within the coalitions fighting a common enemy i.e. human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

- We attended a capacity building workshop for East African regional CSOs on engagement with African committee of experts on the rights of the child (ACERWC) on child GBV, child trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. These kinds of sessions bring together various actors to discuss and share best practices on advocacy strategies.

Dr. Musa Chibwana, ACERWC secretariat presenting during the workshop.
HIGHLIGHTS

i. So far we have been able to reach approximately 4,000+ locals through the two initiatives both in Kenya and Somaliland. Through public participation in such initiatives we will be able to prevent many cases.

ii. We participated in a workshop which attended by actors from 4 countries in which collective engagement within networks and advocacy coalitions fighting human trafficking and sexual exploitation was encouraged.

AUGUST IN NUMBERS

4,000
Approximate number of locals we were able to reach during our campaigns

4
The number of countries represented at the CSOs workshop on advocacy; where we exchanged ideas with their respective representatives.