November Update

HAART Kenya was among several organizations that partnered with KCCB to host the 2nd Africa Regional Conference of The Santa Marta Group. The theme of the conference focused on "Sensitizing local communities on human trafficking in Africa". Various religious representatives from different parts of Africa convened at the conference. They shared their experiences of Africa as a source, transit and destination continent. The discussions informed leaders on the general overview of trafficking in persons. Present leaders were also able to develop regional strategies in curbing human trafficking through prevention, protection and partnership paradigms.

“Kitwana’s Journey” Film Launch took place on 29th October 2019 at Alliance Francaise-Nairobi. The audience was informed about HAART Kenya. Young@haart performed a dance portraying human trafficking and its various forms before the Film was successfully launched and both the Kiswahili and English version screened.

The film, Kitwana’s journey was also launched at one of the local schools, St Bhakita primary school. In this outreach and launch, HAART reached a total of 259 children, 131 male and 128 female. The animation was well received and this was clear through the interaction with the children through the question and answer session. They easily interacted with the animation video and could identify scenarios of exploitation that are present in the film.

HAART conducted a total of 3 workshops in Nairobi and Kitui counties respectively. In Nairobi the areas were, kiambiu and mathare targeting the youth. The other workshop targeting adults was conducted at Kitui County- kitulani location. A total of 75 participants were sensitized during the three workshops.

There was a child trafficking workshop that was held at Josana community center school in Huruma location; Nairobi county. In the workshop, HAART reached 35 children. The
A workshop was conducted in collaboration with Family Television media station. The media station airs a children’s show segment and were interested in making a video on the child trafficking training. This was used in their mainstream media to sensitize the viewers on child rights and child trafficking.

A total of **22 workshops targeting urban refugees and host communities** were conducted. All workshops were conducted in Nairobi, Kajiado and Kiambu counties. Workshops were held at Kitengela, jamhuri, kangemi, ruiru, kasarani,kikuyu eastleigh, githurai 45 and kayole locations within the counties. Communities reached were Kenyans, Rwandese, Sudanese, Somali, Ethiopians, Burundians, Eritreans and Congolese respectively.

The experience was overwhelming being the first time HAART interacted with the refugees. HAART reached 695 urban refugees and their host communities (Male 348 and Female 347). The workshops were well received and well-articulated to ensure that they were not triggering any memories that may trigger the participants emotionally.

*During the above workshops, 6 victim cases were reported and forwarded to HAART’s victims department.*

One of the challenges encountered during the community workshops included a language barrier. Almost all the workshops required interpretation of languages. The facilitators were only able to conduct the session in both Kiswahili and English. Many of the participants needed interpretation as they were not able to understand both languages. The mobilizer and some of the participants assisted in interpretation of some languages from Congo, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somali and Burundi.

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