A total of 17 community workshops were conducted in the months of February and March 2020. The workshops were conducted in 8 Counties namely Nairobi (6), Kiambu (1), Machakos(2), Makueni (1), Kitui (1), Vihiga(2), Bungoma (2) and Kajiado (2). Majority of the workshops were conducted in the month of February as the other workshops scheduled in March and April were cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic that was reported for the first time in Kenya on the 13th of March 2020. The laid down guidelines to contain and mitigate the pandemic could not allow workshops to continue as communities were restricted from gathering in one space.

The youths, adults and the elderly were reached in most of the community workshops conducted. One workshop targeted in school children sensitized on child rights and child trafficking. HAART conducted training on human trafficking as per request of one lecturer from Tangaza university college- International Youth Study students. Another workshop also involved refugee community leaders as participants. The refugee leaders workshop was convened by the ReFUSHE organization in partnership with Refugee Affairs Secretariat- Kenya. Another workshop ecompassed women living with disabilities in Kiambu County.

2 Victim cases were reported from two workshops in Nairobi County. A total of 14 case stories were shared in the workshops across the Counties. The victim cases were documented and forwarded to the victims department for follow up. Shared case stories were collected and documented so as to help in identifying how trafficking manifests in different localities and generate interventions to combat the types of trafficking in the reported areas.

The participants were from different economic sectors in the community. Some of them are farmers, mechanics, human rights activists, and unemployed youth. In Kajiado County- Namanga Kenya- Namanga Tanzania border, some participants in the workshop were originating from

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### Awareness creation

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Tanzania Country.

The sessions were very interactive as participants would nod their heads, take notes, ask questions, and participate in discussions. Few participants were hesitant to interact at the beginning of the sessions. However, they were able to engage the facilitator during the discussion as the workshops progressed.

Most mentioned human rights in the workshops were right to life, freedom of movement, right to marriage, right to education, entitlement to social security, right to association and expression. In defining human trafficking, most participants acknowledged that human trafficking is the exploitation of human beings for personal gain. The facilitators gave a detailed definition of human trafficking using the Palermo protocol 2000.

The facilitators used pictures, videos, and documented cases during the workshops. Facilitators also explained grassroots reporting pathways and mechanisms communities can use. They encouraged participants to take personal responsibility to report the incidents and shared the HAART Kenya helpline number.

Some of the quotes mentioned in the workshops are as follows:-

““The information shared by HAART Kenya is very relevant, and the public should be more aware of such inhumane acts of human trafficking”. A woman explained

““HAART Kenya should consider empowering and supporting community-based organizations. This mechanism will help in the vast sensitization of the communities about human trafficking”. A youth explained

““The local area administration should work closely with the HAART Kenya organization and the police to help the victims and bring the perpetrators to books”. A man explained

““Incorporating other social issues affecting the PLWD will create more understanding of human trafficking”. A woman explained

““HAART Kenya to put pressure on the government in realizing human trafficking is a massive concern for people seeking jobs abroad”. A man explained

A refugee leader from Rongai noted that due to a lack of proper documentation, refugees are prone to harassment and exploitation. HAART Kenya should therefore sensitize the refugees on the laws that protect them.

HAART Kenya community mobilizers and youth team (Young@HAART) efforts and support during the COVID 19 pandemic period

Community Mobilizers activities

Several HAART Kenya community mobilizers have been actively engaged in providing support services to communities in responding to the COVID 19 pandemic within their localities. Some of the mobilizers have collaborated with few community members and consolidated resources to support families that are not able to cater for their basic needs during this period. Others are working as community health workers by sensitizing their communities on the laid down preventive measures by the government with regards to the COVID 19 pandemic. They are also
helping with disinfecting public spaces, and issuing protective packages (face masks, hand sanitizers, and hand washing soaps) to community members.

The mobilizers regularly receive information from HAART Kenya and its networks on available support services offered for victims affected with different issues such as Gender Based Violence, emergency services for pregnant women among others including human trafficking. They share the information on their social media pages and other established community networks.

They have also been updating the organization on how communities are affected by the pandemic and continuous identification of trafficking cases, and occurring trends as well as sensitizing community members on keeping safe with the situation. Constant check-ups and follow-ups are conducted weekly through phone calls for updates from the mobilizers.

Lucy Muna (left side) is a HAART Kenya community mobilizer from Nairobi County; Kamkunji sub county. She is working with other community members in making liquid soap. She has been participating in distribution of small water tanks and hand washing soap to her community members. She is also championing for the stop of violence against women which is on the rise due to the COVID 19 measures to stay at home.

Gladys Tito (right side) is a HAART Kenya community mobilizer from Kajiado County; Namanga border location. Together with other community members they took the initiative of disinfecting public service vehicles surfaces in Namanga town. She is also treating water using a machine provided by a community based organization in the area. The team treats approximately 70,000 liters of water per day in different homesteads to ensure proper hygiene.

Joseph Kathuku and Elizabeth Mwanza are also HAART Kenya community mobilizers from Machakos County; Kaseve and Tala respectively. They have been trained to sensitize their respective communities on COVID 19 prevention. They are also taking part in the distributing of hand sanitizers and face masks. They were trained as community response persons during the COVID 19 pandemic by the Ministry of Health.

Young@HAART activity

Young@HAART is a youth project under HAART’s awareness programme. This project seeks to engage young people to raise awareness against Human Trafficking in Kenya as they in turn get empowered to be able to reduce their vulnerabilities to trafficking. The project design enables
the youth to use different forms of art as they reach out to their peers. Dance, spoken word, drama & music are the main forms of art used under this project. Sports tournaments, community clean ups, Charitable children institutions visits, radio and public forums are some of the platforms they use to reach out to the community. The young people participating in the one year project are equipped with different life skills and training that help with reducing their susceptibility to trafficking.

The activities planned for 2020 had to be stalled as the world came to a stand still to try and contain the Crona virus. The team has been focusing on social media engagement as they participate in different campaigns towards supporting victims of human trafficking and sensitising the masses on the dangers of human trafficking.

Community mobilizers and Young@HAART care support package

All HAART Kenya community mobilizers and the Young@HAART team have reported being safe and are spending much time with their families as they stay home and keep safe during the pandemic period. The two teams livelihoods were however affected due to the restriction on movement and interaction especially from one county to the next. They are not able to conduct some of the work that supports their livelihood.

To support our volunteers through this time all the 13 community mobilizers and 20 Young@HAART members were supported with a care package. The package helps take care of their basic necessities and updates their National Hospital Insurance Fund for ease of access to medical support during the COVID 19 pandemic period.

Some of the gratitude messages received with regards to the care package are:

“Thank you for the timely response to our plight. God bless HAART Kenya and all mobilizers for the good work we do”, a male mobilizer responded

“I will also share what I have received with one of my neighbors who is also finding it difficult to provide food for the family. How I wish you could have enough to support others in the community. Thank you very much for the support and God continue blessing HAART Kenya”, a female mobilizer responded

“This month was a tight spot for us as a family, and with the funds I will be able to cover part of the costs and buy some food for the family,” a female Young@HAART member responded.
HAART staff and volunteers capacity building and other actions

The HAART fraternity has been engaging in an online research training for the last one month. The training seeks to sharpen the team research capacity and improve on the organization data collection and analysis tools.

The prevention department staff and volunteers are continuously writing short articles in relation to their experience on raising awareness on human trafficking and general engagement with communities while administering HAART Kenya’s work. The articles will be periodically posted on HAART Kenya’s blog.

To keep track of what is happening at the grassroots and to check in on our networks the team has been making weekly calls to relevant institutions and individuals. The community response persons are community mobilizers, urban refugee community leaders, social justice centres working group and other community based organizations. The teams have been updating the office on their wellbeing and community situations with regards to the COVID 19 pandemic. They have also been monitoring human trafficking cases in their respective locations as they sensitize communities on safety measures to prevent COVID 19. Two human trafficking cases have been reported during the weekly phone calls and forwarded to the victims department for follow up.

**Victims’ Assistance**

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For the period of February to April, the protection department continued with trauma informed and victim centered service provision to survivors of trafficking. Our main focus has been supporting victims in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic that has crippled many survivors’ quality of life. During these last two months, we were in contact with all the survivors to assess how they are fairing given the lockdown and curfew in the country. Our communication with the survivors revealed vulnerabilities such as lack of basic needs, in survivors who had gone through the program and adjusted to society. This prompted us to reopen these cases and offer support. We are supporting over 100 victims with food, rent, psychosocial support and medical support.

In this period, there were several referrals to the helpline. Thirteen were cases of human trafficking and have all been signed into the program. We currently have a case in Bahrain where the victim
was able to escape from the perpetrator. She was able to report the case to the police to the police who assisted her get back her passport from her employer. We then partnered with LMRA, an organisation in Bahrain, that is assisting her with rent, dry foods and airtime.

Referral cases from abroad (India, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain) have increased during this period. We have supported eleven victims who are abroad, two of whom were repatriated before travel was banned, two who are foreign nationals and seven who are yet to be repatriated back to Kenya.

The legal department currently has 14 ongoing legal cases as of the end of April, no convictions have been given since the beginning of the year. The court cases are no longer in progress due to court closure.

In regards to education, we picked the thirteen children who were receiving educational support from their various schools, sanitizers were made available for them and are currently still being supported from their homes. They are currently learning through online platforms and personal revision from their homes.

We unfortunately lost two parents of survivors we are supporting. One passed on from being swept away by floods, her body has not been found. The other one lost her mother who had been suffering from cancer.

**Some gratitude messages we have received from survivors over the last few months:**

“I am grateful for the support HAART Kenya has given us during this pandemic period, I was ill then and HAART provided food support for us.”

“I’m happy that I have been able to pay my rent dues on time. God bless you.”

“Pass my gratitude to the organisation, we currently have a roof over our heads, clothes for the children and food.”

“Thank you so much for your love and support.”

One of our survivors who was repatriated to India. She is one of the beneficiaries for the basic needs support, due to the Covid-19 pandemic she has been participating in charity work by volunteering to cook and serve food in the community. She passed her sincere gratitude for the assistance rendered to her and her family.