Stop the Traffik- Kenya

Stop the Traffik- Kenya (STTK) is an affiliate of Stop the Traffik-Global (STTG) which is a movement that aims to prevent human trafficking. The founding members of STTK are The Salvation Army, Awareness Against Human Trafficking (HAART) Kenya, Trace Kenya, Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) and Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECLAH). The current steering committee members are CAPA, HAART Kenya, The Salvation Army and Trace Kenya.

Stop the Traffik- Kenya was officially launched in February 2018 and seeks to prevent trafficking by engaging in community transformation, gathering and sharing knowledge as well as through global campaigning. The membership is open to individuals, civil society organizations and the private sector working, or interested in working, within the anti-human trafficking field.

Achievements in the last 7 Months…

- Awareness of AHT Increased Among Key Stakeholders
  - Media messaging
    - Development of a national social media campaign that was later adopted into the regional social media campaign with support from CSO representatives present at the Regional CSO Forum in Uganda
    - Engagement with BBC Africa and Family Media which led to a panel discussion on Human Trafficking on The SheWord which aired on 3rd August. Panelists features were from HAART, Equality Now and IIDA.
    - Partnership with Code for Africa’s WanaData network which led to the publication of multiple stories within the region on human trafficking. Locally, the stories were featured in The Star and People Daily. HAART, CHTTEA and The Salvation Army contributed to these stories.
    - STTK members now contribute to the Freedom Collaborative monthly Newsletter.
  - Global & regional networking
    - Worked with East African Child Rights Network (EACRN) to host two regional trainings in Nairobi. Facilitates a session during a similar training in Uganda.
o Started and regional WhatsApp group which hosts CSOs from Uganda, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. This has eased the sharing of information among these countries.

o Facilitated the Regional Learning Call in August with Ms. Smita Nagi from Somalia. The call was on Partnerships and Advocacy.

o Planned for and moderated the Regional Learning Call in September. The call was a Debrief of the Regional Evaluation Workshop on BMM.

o Participation in the Global Learning Call by Hellen Sworn for network coordinators.

* Advocacy with National Government

  o Facilitated the discussion on the Partnership Pillar of the National Plan of Action (2019-2023) during the Public Participation meeting in Nairobi.

  o Assisted in the planning of the advocacy dinner with MPs who are part of the Parliamentary Caucus on Business and SDGs as well as the advocacy workshop with the CTiP Advisory Committee.

  o Coordinated the planning of the *Multi-stakeholder Gala* in honor of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30th with support from COVAW, Candle of Hope Foundation, HAART Kenya as well as GIZ. The Gala was well attended and saw key stakeholders such as the Director of Public Prosecution Mr. Noordin Haji, Director of Criminal Investigations Mr. George Kinoti and CEO of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Mr. Twalib Mbarak extend an invitation for collaboration to the CSOs.

* Capacity of service providers increased to tackle HT.*

  • Develop minimum standards for training for awareness raising

    o Engaged with KNCHR about developing these standards. Expanded the scope to include protection and prosecution services.

  • Improved training

    o Continued facilitating the learning calls despite not keeping the monthly timeframe.

    o Planned a regional workshop with EACRN on the engagement of STTK’s network with RECs such as EAC, IGAD and AU.
Worked with Paul to develop and send out an evaluation of the learning calls. This will inform STTK on the current status of the calls, potential topics for the next calls and areas that need to be improved on.

- **Minimum standards of care developed & comprehensive services communicated for victims of HT.**
  - Mapping & documentation of services providers
    - Signing of an MOU with Freedom Collaborative to formalize the partnership. This partnership has grown and now Freedom Collaborative is assisting STTK in the mapping of service providers and hotspot areas within the country and region.

2. Identify key Government Ministries & meet with key officers to identify those in need of training
   - Police officers from the NPS joined our mapping and documentation workshop with Freedom Collaborative on 4\textsuperscript{th} July.
   - September’s learning call was facilitated by a panel including an officer from TOCU. This was the first step in bridging the gap between CSOs and law enforcement and having them join more of our learning calls. The learning call was on Data and the Role it Plays in the Fight Against Human Trafficking.

- **Coordination of AHT actors and service providers**

- **Network building**
  - Paid membership now included Stahili Foundation and Shukri Hussein.
  - The network mailing list is now at 45
  - September’s National Learning call had 17 participants a significant increase from the initial 8 in June’s learning call.
  - Engagement with private sector through co-facilitating B-lab East Africa’s quarterly breakfast meeting on Labour Exploitation in Kenya. B- Lab is supported by Dalberg and is part of global movement that supports people using businesses as a force for good.

- **Other activities.**

- **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**
  - Participated and co-facilitated the first UPR writing workshop for the network which was hosted by HAART Kenya.
  - Participated in the writing workshop by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and UPR.Info for the UPR submission.
Coordinated the network to undertake the final writing workshop of the UPR in collaboration with GIZ.

Submitted the final Joint Anti Human Trafficking UPR report on 18th June to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. This was the first time CSOs in this field submitted a report.

Developed an advocacy brief and factsheet for STTK’s submission as well as facilitated the development of the same for Girls Advocacy Alliance.

- Workshops and Meetings.
  - Continued to plan and coordinate the monthly Steering Committee meetings with an exception of September.
  - Participated in the Bishops Training hosted by CAPA as a speaker on the Human Trafficking Situation in Africa And the Role Bishops Can Play in The Fight Against It.
  - Hosted the first Executive Committee meeting with support from The Salvation Army to update them on Stop the Traffik- Kenya activities and obtain their guidance on the registration of the network.
  - Participated in a security training organized by Love Justice International and Salvation army.

Plans…
Stop the Traffik- Kenya aims to be a solution platform for its members and victims of trafficking.

The main areas we hope to build on in this regard are:

- Data: collection and sharing to create a data-informed planning culture among member CSOs
- Research on the human trafficking situation in the country and region.
- National and regional campaigns on human trafficking.
- Expand the network membership to include more CSOs as well as strategic stakeholders.
- Financial mobilization for the Stop the Traffik- Kenya membership.

Challenges Faced
Continued collaboration with government while giving voice to the CSOs.

Ensuring that private sector members and partners are true to their stand against human trafficking and exploitation.
Finances: Mobilization of funds for the running of the coalition has been a challenge.

**Michelle Koinange**
Michelle Koinange is a lady passionate about human rights. She has worked with the criminal justice system and now coordinates Stop the Traffik- Kenya. She is driven by the impact her role allows her to have in the fight against human trafficking within the country and recently within the region. Building teams and guiding members in finding innovative and creative ways to enhance partnership and collaboration in fighting the vice of human trafficking can be attributed to her leadership as a National Coordinator.