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## Monthly Status Update – March 2018 Combatting Human Trafficking in Afghanistan

### Highlights

#### IOM Afghanistan:

- National TIP report translation is completed and it is currently under review by mission's Public Information and Liaison Officer for quality check.
- Counter Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Training Manual is finalized, approved by USAID and now in the process of printing.
- CTIP implementing partners agreements were signed with OFRD, Pajhwok and Salam Watandar till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and with Hagar International till 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.
- Organized a meeting with TIP High Commission at Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and online database design has been introduced to TIP commission secretariat by IOM's data developers.

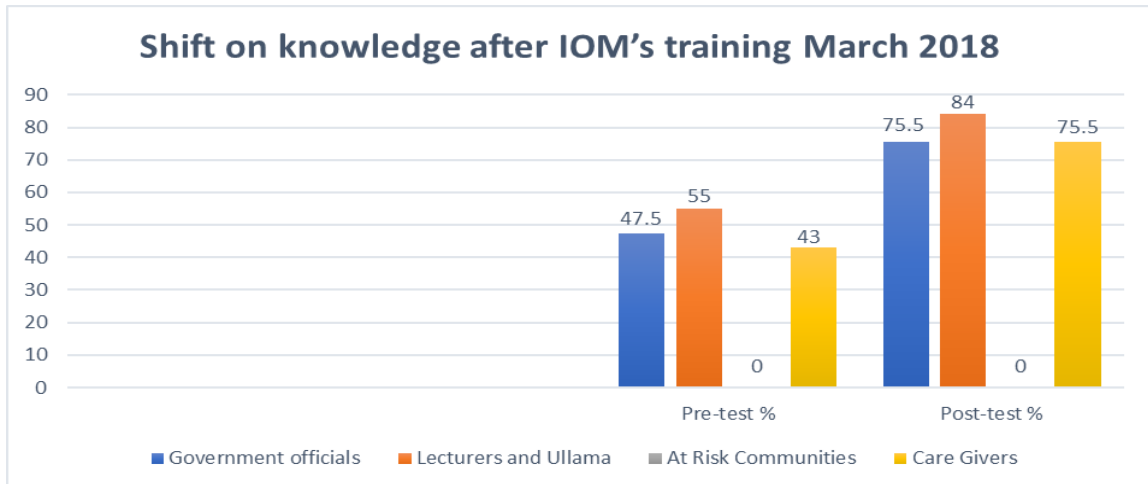
#### IOM Partners:

##### 1. Hagar International:

- Conducted five trainings on “VoTs identification, rereferral and assistance” for TIP stakeholders in Kabul and Kandahar provinces. A total of 118 stakeholders were trained, including 38 females. The participants were law enforcement officials of the Afghan government, relevant NGOs, academics, social and cultural leaders/Ullamas, and care providers. The purpose of training was to enable the participants to understand the risks and vulnerabilities of human trafficking, nexus of trafficking with migration and smuggling, how to refer VoTs to the relevant services available at local levels and improve responses and assistance to victims of trafficking.
- Conducted one monthly coalition meeting in Kandahar and one in Nangarhar provinces. The propose of monthly coalition meeting was to raise awareness on the risks and vulnerability of trafficking and discuss the role and responsibilities of provincial TIP commissions in strengthening coordination among relevant stakeholders to address TIP issues at provincial levels. 49 Key officials (14 female & 35 male) from the National Directorate of Security (NDS), the Directorate of Justice (DoJ), the Directorate of Women Affairs (DoWA), the Directorate of Hajj and Islamic Affairs (DoHIA), the Directorate of Education (DoE), the Appeal court, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Directorate of Communication and Information (DoCI), provincial Officers from the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC), the Directorate of Human Resources (DoHR), the Directorate of Public Health (DoPH), the Governor's office and Directorate of Refugees and Repatriation (DoRR), attended the coalition meetings in the respected provinces.



Capacity building training conducted for care givers in Kabul  
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## 2. Pajhwok Afghan News:

- Published the following three TIP feature stories, on its website in English, Dari and Pashto languages. The stories focused on real TIP cases, which are very prevalent in various provinces of Afghanistan:
  - Deceived and raped, Pakistani female doctor seeks justice, by Zainullah Stanikzai, from Helmand province. <https://goo.gl/4wrRiu>,
  - Girl, 16, used as sex slave for sin her stepfather committed, by Naheed Bashardost, from Kabul province. <http://goo.gl/M6DKz2>,
  - Mafia groups within MoI pocket privileges of deceased soldiers, by Abaseen Zaheer and Ahmad Shah Erfanyar, from Kabul province. <https://goo.gl/Xpf5cF>,
- Produced and published the seven awareness raising messages on human trafficking on its social media sites (Facebook/Twitter) in English, Dari and Pashto languages.

## 3. Salam Watandar:

- Broadcasted two episodes of TIP drama (From village to town) one episode in Dari and one episode in Pashto languages. The episodes of TIP drama focused on the risks associated with irregular migration and cultural forms of trafficking such as Bad Dadan, Badal and Bacha Bazi.
- Produced and broadcasted following two radio feature stories in Pashto language through its 86 partner radio stations across the Afghanistan. The stories were focused on a real TIP cases happened in Helmand and Bamyan provinces:
  - Widespread poverty, unemployment, and insecurity have caused many young people in Badakhshan to migrate and fall prey to the hands of smugglers.
  - A large number of people from Bamyan province have migrated to Iran and Pakistan and still they commute from Bamyan to these two countries.
- Produced and broadcasted following two radio segments in Pashto language through its 86 partner radio stations across the Afghanistan. The segments were focused on women and children as they are more vulnerable to human trafficking:
  - An Irregular Migrant (Woman) gets recruited, abused, and raped by the house-owner in Iran.
  - Migration to Iran through irregular routes seeking to find a job, but Ahmad receives nothing as a gardener.

## 4. Organization of Fast Relief & Development (FRD):

- Conducted one community based intervention in Kapisa and one in Khost provinces. Community based intervention include:
  - Public Speaking Forum, a sort of public gathering with a panel and key Government officials including provincial TIP commissions to respond to TIP related question raised by participants.

- Interaction with Senior Government Officials, is a Government official gathering including provincial TIP commissions officials to discuss issues related to TIP law and their roles/responsibilities to implement the law and respond to TIP cases at provincial level.

- Community meeting, mostly focus on community members including socio-cultural leaders such as Ullama, university lecturer and school teachers. The propose of these meeting was to raise awareness on human trafficking and address knowledge gaps among the participants. The community based intervention events in Kapisa and Khost provinces have gathered 244 participants (160 male and 84 females).



- Organized the fifth meeting of Afghanistan Network for Combating Trafficking in Person (ANCTIP) at FRD office. ANCTIP is a national network of counter trafficking NGOs, which was formed on 24th July 2017, based on the recommendations made by regional counter trafficking NGOs forum, in Dushanbe Tajikistan on June 2017. The network member s agreed to:
  - Review network's constitution and membership form and share their feedback with secretaries.
  - Organize ANCTIP network opening ceremony at the Government Media and Information Center (GMIC) hall.
  - Invite His Excellency Second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danish, Honorable Dr. Abdul Basir Anwar, Minister of Justice and Honorable Mr. Wais Ahmad Barmak, Minister of Interior to the opening ceremony as chief of guests.
  - Last week of the April 2018 is suggested to be suitable for opening ceremony.
  - Select panel members for opining ceremony.
- Organized the following sports tournaments with the aim of raising awareness on the risks and vulnerabilities of human trafficking in Afghanistan:
  - One men volleyball tournament-CTIP Cup in Khost province.
  - One men volleyball tournament-CTIP Cup in Kapisa province.
  - One cricket tournament-CTIP Cup in Khost province.

- Conducted four Community Based Dialogues (CBD) two in Kapisa and two in Khost provinces. CBD is a village level gathering, aiming to raise awareness on the risks and vulnerability of trafficking among the local communities in the rural areas. The events in both provinces gathered 82 male participants.

- Distributed the following information, education, communication (IEC), materials on the risks and vulnerability of human trafficking among participants of community based interventions and sports events in Kapisa and Khost provinces:

- Posters: 5,990
- Stickers: 5,990
- Leaflets: 5,990
- CTIP Pen: 5,690



- Cartoon Magazines: 4,540

**Planned Activities for the month of April 2018:**

- **CTIP team**, will follow with TIP commission secretariat on Coordinate with TIP high commission secretariat on national TIP research launching, TIP database and NRM.
- **Pajhwok Afghan News**, will publish 2 TIP feature stories and 5 TIP messages on its website and social media (Facebook/Twitter).
- **Salam Watandar**, will produce and broadcast 2 episodes of drama (From Village to Town), 2 radio feature stories, 3 radio segments on TIP awareness raising in both national languages Dari and Pashto.
- **Hagar International**, will conduct, four capacity building training for Government officials and border police in Nangarhar and Herat provinces.
- Conduct two capacity building training for care providers in Nangarhar province.
- Six capacity building training for at risk communities in Nangarhar and Herat provinces.
- Two capacity building training for Ullama and Lecturer in Herat province.
- **FRD**, will conduct two Community Based Intervention events in Herat and Balkh provinces.
- Organize ANCTIP opening ceremony in Kabul.
- Organize two futsal tournaments - CTIP Cup in Herat and Balkh provinces.
- Broadcast two TV talk shows and two radio talks in Nangarhar and Balkh provinces.