



Monthly Status Update – October 2017 Combatting Human Trafficking in Afghanistan

Highlights

IOM Afghanistan:

- Second annual reports covering October 2016 to September 2017 both narrative and expenditures were submitted to donor.
- Agreements were signed with OFRD and Hagar international for phase one continuation.
- Agreements for service providers, Pajhwok Afghan News (PAN) and Salam Watandar (SW) are submitted to legal department for approval.

IOM Partner:

- OFRD organized a public speaking forum in Kabul on Tuesday 31st October 2017 to raise awareness on the risks and vulnerabilities of trafficking. The forum was attended by 131 ordinary Afghans (33 female and 98 Male).
- Printed publicity materials (Cartoon Magazines: 10,000, Leaflet: 27,200, Sticker: 10,000, Poster: 10,000 and CTIP Pen: 1,250. The publicity materials will be distributed among the participants of various events such as community based intervention, sports tournaments and Government's capacity building trainings, including communities at risk for trafficking, schools and universities students to raise awareness on the risks and vulnerability of human trafficking.
- Hagar has conducted two awareness raising training for identified high risk communities for trafficking and two capacity building training for law enforcement agencies in Kabul. Both the trainings were attended by 78 participants (36 female and 67 Male). The participants were representatives of National Directorate of Security, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense, and Community elders.



Training conducted for Government officials in Kabul
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Public Speaking Forum held in Kabul
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- Salam Watandar, produced and broadcast two stories on “Prevalence of Child Recruitment by Armed Groups in Kunduz” and “Families Trapped in Debt Bondage, in Nangarhar”
- Pajhwok Afghan News, produced and published a feature story “Police subject us to hard labor and deny wages” on its social media site. [HTTPS://twitter.com/pajhwok/status/924672541851029504](https://twitter.com/pajhwok/status/924672541851029504)
- Samuel Hall, submitted the Research Brief 3 to IOM on 29th October 2017 for review and inputs/comments.

External Meeting:

- CTIP team in coordination with FRD organized the 2nd meeting of Afghanistan Network for Combatting Trafficking in Persons (ANCTIP) at IOM office to finalize network's ToR, role of the members and National Action Plan.

Planned Activities for the month of November:

- CTIP team will organize, a) The 2nd TIP research advisory meeting to update committee members (USAID, IOM, Research organization and TIP high commission) on the research progress, challenges and opportunities on secondary data gathering and possible ways how to respond them, discuss report format/scope, launching plan and modality and possible date. b) Organize TIP commission technical committee meeting to discuss inputs/comments and suggestion of committee members on TIP training manual.
- Pajhwok Afghan News will produce and publish 2 TIP stories “Once a victim, lawyer Bushra now defends others” and “Bounded child labour: I am working out of Compulsion “on its website
- Produced and published the following TIP messages on its social media (Facebook/Twitter):
 - 1- Human trafficking is a human rights violation of persons affected.

2-Migrating to other provinces, Kabul and other countries for the search of livelihood is your right but be aware of human smugglers and traffickers when you seek help to migrate.

3-Bad Dadan and Badal are cultural forms of trafficking it must be stopped.

4- Forced labor is a form of modern slavery that exists all over the world and it requires collective effort to prevent this phenomenon.

5- Sexual exploitation against a woman in trafficking situation not only violates her rights but also affects her confidence to life adversely.

- Salam Watandar will produce and broadcast, a) 4 episodes of radio drama, 2 radio feature stories and 4 radio segments on TIP awareness raising. b) Conduct 5 days training on “Ethical Reporting on TIP in Afghanistan” to reporters, online editors and producers, who are working in the main zones of Afghanistan.
- Hagar will conduct, a) Three coalition meetings to discuss the role and responsibilities of central and provincial TIP commissions regarding TIP issues in Kabul, Nangarhar and Nimroz. B) Four capacity building training for Gov. officials and eight awareness raising trainings for identified at risk communities for trafficking in Nangarhar and Nimroz. C) four capacity building training for Lecturers and Ullamas in Nangarhar and Kabul provinces on the risks and vulnerability of human trafficking, nexus of trafficking with migration and smuggling.
- FRD will conduct, a) Community Based Intervention events in Kabul, Panjshir and Nangarhar. b) Organize Community Based Dialogue (CBD) in Kabul Panjshir and Nangarhar. c) Organize a Cricket tournament in Nangarhar to raise awareness through sports event for community outreach and engagement. d) Print 30% of information, education, communication (IEC), materials (Cartoon magazine, Sticker/Poster, Leaflet, Billboards and CTIP pen) on the risks and vulnerability of human trafficking.