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# COMBATting HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN AFGHANISTAN PROJECT

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VALUE: \$10 MILLION

## OVERVIEW

Human trafficking is a phenomenon which remains extremely pervasive both within and between Afghanistan and neighboring countries. Afghanistan is a source, transit and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labour and sex-trafficking.

The Combatting Human Trafficking in Afghanistan Project, a joint effort by the United States Agency for International Development and International Organization for Migration aims to raise awareness on human trafficking. This will be achieved by preparing Afghan government institutions to effectively participate in the prevention of trafficking, prosecution of traffickers, protection of victims, and improve regional coordination to combat cross-border trafficking. The program will be focused in Kabul, Logar, Wardak, Nangarhar, Kunar, Nuristan, Laghman, Takhar, Badakhshan, Kunduz, Herat, Balkh, Jawzjan, Kandahar, Helmand, Nimroz, Khost, Paktya, Ghazni, Paktika.

## PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- **Training:** Carry out training programs for 2,400 Afghan government officials and law enforcement at the national, provincial, and local levels, as well as community elders in focused areas to effectively identify and respond to cases of human trafficking.
- **Raising Awareness:** Conduct wide-scale information and awareness raising campaigns in focused areas to highlight risks and dangers associated with human trafficking, and to educate the public and government authorities on ways to provide assistance and protection to victims.
- **Research:** Publish annual reports on various forms of human trafficking in Afghanistan.
- **Protection:** Prepare care providers (shelter workers, front line responders, case management workers, and social workers), skills trainers, employers, counsellors, education providers, health workers, legal aid workers to effectively protect victims in high risk communities. This includes through training and coordination with international non-governmental agencies to establish strong referral systems for victims.
- **Regional Cooperation:** Support and assist in organizing regional consultations on migration issues including the prevention of human trafficking as well as assistance and protection at the state level.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- Identified and responded to cases of human trafficking more effectively by national and regional stakeholders, including government and civil society.
- Demonstrated safe migration practices by target populations regularly and consistently seek help through appropriate channels when in need.
- Increased protection of victims in high risk communities by relevant stakeholders is done more effectively;
- Coordinated counter trafficking activities done consistently by relevant State institutions across borders.

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