COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON (PHASE TWO)

Peru is a source, transit, and destination country for victims of sex trafficking and forced labor. USAID provides technical assistance to the Peruvian government in implementing its National Anti-Trafficking Plan 2017-2021. That plan will be replaced in July 2021 by the National Policy to Counter Human Trafficking.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

The activity strengthens the Government of Peru’s ability to combat human trafficking. USAID provides technical assistance to the interagency commission that coordinates Peru’s anti-trafficking efforts to prevent, prosecute and sanction human trafficking. USAID also supports legal and psychological assistance to trafficking survivors and their families through its implementing partner Capital Humano y Social Alternativo’s (CHS) Center for Legal and Psychological Assistance.

During Phase One, CHS conducted relevant research to produce evidence about human trafficking to strengthen the national action plans against trafficking in persons; supported the establishment of a national network of justice system actors (prosecutors and judges) to strengthen their capacities to investigate, prosecute, and sanction human trafficking; technical assistance was provided to regional governments to develop their Regional Action Plans Against Human Trafficking; produced and disseminated five reports analyzing the implementation of action plans (national and regional) against human trafficking; and supported 385 victims received specialized legal and psychosocial assistance.
RESULTS ACHIEVED

• The CHS Center for Legal and Psychosocial Attention has provided services for 81 trafficking in persons (TIP) victims during the first semester of program implementation.

• CHS has promoted alliances among civil society oversight committees and elected officials to advocate for countering TIP efforts. Agreements have been reached with four members of Congress representing Cusco (2), Lima (1), and Madre de Dios (1) regions.

• Virtual training activities on Victims-Centered Approach, Trauma-Based Approach and gender stereotypes were delivered to public defenders (85) and judges (70) as of July 2021.

PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS Alternativo)

PROJECT DURATION: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023

USAID FUNDING: $900,000

LOCATION: Cusco, Lima, Loreto and Madre de Dios regions. Select activities will be implemented in Puno and Arequipa which are part of the trafficking corridors of Madre de Dios and Cusco.

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