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### **Awareness raising Teacher Training in Lagos**

*WP4/ task 4.2*

**November 7-8, 2019**

Venue: NWAV Help Desk

4 Ojolowo street off Salvation road Opebi Ikeja, Lagos

### **SUMMARY REPORT**

#### **LIST OF ATTENDEES – Official Invitation for Opening Ceremony**

##### GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

##### NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- Mr Fred Atoloko
- Mrs Hajara
- Mrs Uzo

##### CIVIL SOCIETY GROUP

##### BAKHITA: SISTERS OF ST. LOUIS EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

- Rev. Sister Patricia Ebegunem
- rev. Sister Bridget Nwankwo

##### INSIGHT ACTION PARTNERS

- Abe Oluwafemi Moses, Unesco Chair SSIIM, University IUAV of Venice, Researcher for the Project INSIGHT

##### **PARTICIPANTS**

- 22 teachers
- 17 schools (12 teachers from primary school, 1 from senior secondary, 5 from tertiary education)





## DAY 1 **November 7, 2019**

### **1st PRESENTATION**

#### *Protection of Victims and Human Rights*

Mr Daniel Atoloko, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons NAPTIP

The speaker started by welcoming everyone and reminded us of the role of teachers in the community and, that teachers always come in contact with this two categories of people, which is also the targets of NAPTIP . He outlined his presentation which includes a brief background of human trafficking explained what human trafficking is the technical terms used the law governing its operation here in Nigeria. He showed *the* key elements in Trafficking in persons and the types of Trafficking in persons. He went further to define who a victim is, and the policy issues in the National policy on Protection and Assistance of Trafficked victims. He highlighted some recommended steps to take in treatment of victims and some silent provisions of human Right Declaration related to trafficking in persons. He mentions the Human right that are violated in relation to trafficking in persons, also outlined the rights of Victims. He did not neglect the facilitating factors of human trafficking which explained the purpose of human trafficking. In conclusion he showed the scope and effects of human trafficking.

### **2nd PRESENTATION**

#### *Initiatives implemented to protect and support victims of human trafficking in Nigeria and the role of Education in the Prevention of Human Trafficking*

Sr Patricia Ebegbulem SSL, BAKHITA: Saint Louis Empowerment Network

She started by commending the team of Victoria Ajibola ,Sandra Erhabor and Vittorio Zanon. After which she asked a question “what are the destination countries doing to stop the demand for illicit sex”?

The Training Team briefly responded by citing the Italian Government resolve to close their borders thereby stopping ships from coming into their country.

They also recommend that there should be International law against demand for illicit sex. She continued by informing us that those who run Safe Houses in Nigeria have unanimously agreed to refer to these victims of human trafficking as “Treasures”.

She explained some keywords Protection, Support, Victims, Nigeria, Human Trafficking. It is worthy of note that Nigeria is the first country in Africa to put in place a comprehensive law against human trafficking in line with the Palermo protocol on trafficking in person.

*Bakhita Ethics and Values*, provides ways of protection of the rights of victim and means of reintegrating them as citizens.

Our method of protection includes, legal representation, shelter and security, societal and family stigmatization / identification, psychological and spiritual support, rescue from debt, career and economic security.

She went to “the role of education in the prevention of human trafficking” here she further to explain that by educating the children and the populace on the dangers and red flags of trafficking, it will be harder for traffickers to deceive potential victims and prevent the harsh reality from happening to them in the near and distant future. She stated how to achieve this through the role of education.





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She concludes with three recommendations:

1. From destination countries assist returners to have better future in their countries of origin.
2. If they are to stay in countries of destination, assist them with documents so that they can live and work in dignity (e.g. Italian practice).
3. Encourage destination countries to also embark on Prevention focusing on DEMAND.

QUESTION / ANSWER

First question was from Mrs. Aina Lanre Adeyinka, social mobilization officer LGEA Ikeja;

1. Where is BAKHITA home?
2. Are we allowed to report or bring victims to the home?
3. Are we going to be given the papers that were delivered?

Second question was from Mrs. Boboye Christianah, head teacher of Lagos state model nursery & primary school olusosun;

- 1, do the organization cover as far as Ogun state?.
2. can the organization handle cases of domestic violence?

## DAY 2 **November 8, 2019**

### 1<sup>ST</sup> PRESENTATION

*Human trafficking in Italy. Actions of the project NAVE Network Anti-trafficking for Veneto Region in relation to the peculiarity of the phenomenon.*

Dr Vittorio Zanon, Social Worker of Municipality of Verona (Italy)

He talked about the problems surrounding the activities of these victims which include abortion whether legal or illegal which sometimes causes death, some have psychological problems, the use of illicit drugs and some attempt suicide. He shared the story of a girl called Linda whom he worked as a case worker in 2003. she was brought to his office by a rev, sister, Linda informed him that she was brought in as sex worker and she is being maltreated, despite the maltreatment she delivered a baby that was given out to a foster home. She was very courageous to report the perpetrators and this story was published in the newspapers in Italy.

In 2009 her dead body was discovered on the pavement of the street with her head broken. This is one out of many cases of violent deaths, there are case of girls dying of HIV, the above story also confirms the case of 26 Nigerian girls who died at sea.

It is a global problem a report by NAPTIP of More Than 20,000 Kidnapped Nigerian Girls in Mali. He Showed A Video Clip Titled 'THE JOURNEY'

A question was asked 'what of those they could not see or track down?'

DR ZANON said its either they remain with their traffickers and continue to pay their debt, some are lucky to get married to Italian men. Some try to get papers, while some continue and become traffickers, perpetrators or madams. A question by Mrs. Boboye Christianah is 'what are the Italian government doing?'





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## 2<sup>ND</sup> PRESENTATION

### *Road actions in Italy to support victims of trafficking*

Mrs. Sandra Faith Erhabor, Cultural mediator and vice-president of the “Nigerian Women Association Verona”

In her presentation informed us that her main work was to go and meet the girls on the road, she gave a brief history of how the prostitution business started in Italy, a background of these girls journey into Europe. She also described her own job or activities and the ordeals of these girls on the road work. She said she sees the road work as a death sentence and gave us an example of a girl who went home with a man but was found dead having been thrown down from a five-storey building to her death.

The ‘AWARENESS RAISING - Training and events in schools in Lagos’ was organized by Nigerian Women Association Verona, a NGO aimed at support victims of human trafficking in difficulties, through guidance to the services of competence and in the pursuit of job opportunities. In 2017, NWA established two chapters in Nigeria (in Lagos and Enugu). NWA is registered with the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC/IT/NO/105408).

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