



INSigHT - Building Capacity to Deal with Human Trafficking  
and Transit Routes in Nigeria, Italy, Sweden

# Training for Law Enforcement Officers, Prosecutors and Judges

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# Overview



## Objectives:

- To equip stakeholders with the latest information on trends and techniques for more effective HT prosecutions in Nigeria;
- To generate some level of uniformity in the manner in which HT law enforcement is conducted in Nigeria
- To provide opportunities to connect with other agencies and share good practices; and
- To generate partner input for Pathfinders' upcoming National Guidelines for law enforcement in Nigeria.



# Participants

~50 participants from 15 organizations/agencies

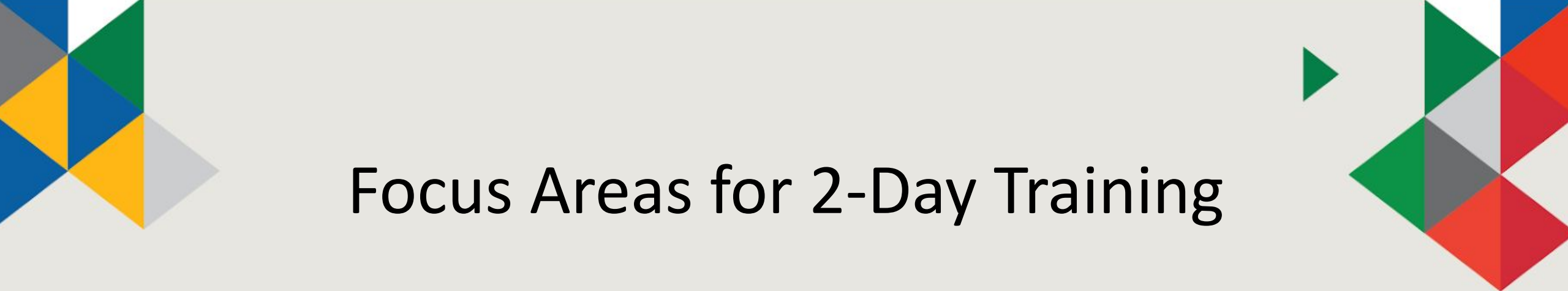
National Government	Regional Agencies	Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department of State Service</li><li>• Nigeria Customs Service</li><li>• Joint Border Task Force (JBTF)</li><li>• NAPTIP (Abuja HQ, Benin)</li><li>• Nigeria Police Force (Edo State Command)</li><li>• Nigeria Immigration Service</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edo State Task Force Against Human Trafficking (ETAHT)</li><li>• Edo State Judiciary (Specialized Trafficking Courts)</li><li>• Edo State Ministry of Justice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Organization for Migration (IOM)</li><li>• UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</li><li>• International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) Nigeria (Edo State)</li><li>• International Justice Mission (Ghana)</li><li>• Pathfinders Justice Initiative</li><li>• Media (News Agency of Nigeria)</li></ul>









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# Focus Areas for 2-Day Training

Based on gaps identified during our Gap Analysis conducted in June 2019 that culled key stakeholders to address Nigeria's HT response and subsequent discussions with relevant stakeholders:

- Improving Identification and Quality Investigations
- Increasing Inter-Agency/Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-Border/Transnational Collaboration
- Increasing Successful Prosecutions

# Agenda for Training

1. Indicators, Trends and Patterns of TIP in Nigeria
2. Overview of Joint Border Task Force (JBTF) Activities and Case Studies
3. Bottleneck Challenges and Pain Points to Increasing Successful Prosecutions (Group discussion)
4. Session I: Identification and Investigation and Quality Investigations
5. Session II: The Significance of Inter-Agency/Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-Border Collaboration Panel (UNODC, ETAHT, NAPTIP, IOM, International Justice Mission)
6. National Referral Mechanism (NRM)
7. Session III: Increasing Successful Prosecutions
8. Session IV: Edo State Task Force Against Human Trafficking
9. National Action Plan

=> Detailed notes and guidelines will be shared on the website. In addition, video-taped sessions are being uploaded and will be available on Pathfinders' website ([www.pathfindersji.org](http://www.pathfindersji.org)) and on our YouTube page (Pathfinders Justice Initiative).





# Indicators, Trends, and Patterns

## ***Indicators, Trends and Patterns of TIP in Nigeria:***

UNODC presented statistics from their 2020 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, highlighting key findings from 2016-2018:

- Victim profiles
- Forms of exploitation
- Profiles of offenders
- Flow of trafficking
- Convictions

UNODC also presented findings from their Baseline Assessment of Trafficking in Persons in Nigeria Report with key statistics on victims, types of trafficking, profiles of traffickers, and convictions.

A summary of the UNODC Report is available on our website:

<https://pathfindersji.org/unodc-releases-2020-global-report-on-tip/>









# Indicators, Trends, and Patterns



Regarding Nigeria, the UNODC Report confirms ongoing trends that we have previously reported and confirms some of our own findings in our more recent September 2020 [‘Pathway to Prevention’ Report](#) on Recruiters of Sex Trafficking from Oredo LGA in Benin City, Edo State.

## ***Trends in trafficking in Nigeria - Victims (based on NAPTIP statistics)***

- Mainly women and children for forced labour and sexual exploitation
- Domestic trafficking types: domestic servitude, sexual exploitation, street hawking, begging, forced labour in mining, quarrying, agriculture, exploitation in ‘baby factories’, trafficking for organ removal, ritual killings; child soldiers
- Victims assisted: (1152 in 2019)
  - 50% children (3 times more girls than boys: girls: 432, boys:150)
  - 44% women; 6% men
  - 437 victims related to domestic cases of trafficking and 482 related to cross-border cases



# Indicators, Trends, and Patterns



In the European Union (2017-2018)

- For non EU-victims, Nigeria ranked first as the primary country of citizenship: 3112 Nigerian victims identified
- Proportion of victims for sexual exploitation (68% of Nigerian victims)
- Share of female victims: 92% of NG victims are female









# Indicators, Trends, and Patterns

## *Trends in trafficking in Nigeria - Criminal Justice*

- **Of the 203 cases investigated in 2019:** investigations hampered by lack of investigative skills, resources, funding, bias against sexual violence cases, corruption, victims' reluctance to cooperate, lack of awareness of crime (SOP on investigation and prosecution existing)
- **Prosecutions:** no data for 2019 – only convictions (6).
  - Absence of NAPTIP zonal commands in some areas seems to result in no prosecutions in 16 states over 8 years.
  - Prosecutions of Organized Crime Groups - no data available, although general impression over 60% of prosecutions relate to an organised group – but few resources/capacity to focus on networks in Nigeria.
  - Need joint law enforcement operations to deal with international rings



# Identification and Investigation



## ***Session I: Improving Identification and Quality Investigations:***

Joint Border Task Force (JBTF) highlighted practical approaches and tactics for effective investigative interviewing. They introduced an interviewing framework as well as tips for gathering and analyzing evidence.

- Gathering and Securing High Impact Evidence
- Tactics for Trauma Survivors
- Investigative Interviewing
  - P- Plan & Prepare
  - E - Engage & Explain
  - A - Account (Clarify and challenge)
  - C - Close (Closure)
  - E - Evaluate
- Benefits of AV (audio-visual) recording (during interviews)
- Analyzing overlooked sources of evidence (such as that contained within mobile devices/laptops)





## STEPS OF INTERVIEWING- PEACE MODEL

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# Increasing Inter-Agency/Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-Border/ Transnational Collaboration



Panelists from NAPTIP, UNODC, International Justice Mission (IJM) and IOM, along with a moderator from the JBTF, discussed increasing inter-agency/multi-disciplinary and cross-border/transnational collaboration.

- Ways to collaborate: understand your available networks and partners and be intentional about designing partnerships across segments (via MOUs or state-level structures); begin collaboration prior to a crisis by seeking out networking opportunities (such as trainings) to build a foundational level of trust; be intentional about information/data sharing to increase technical assistance portfolio.
- In 2011, NAPTIP inaugurated an Intelligence and Cooperation Unit to promote international cooperation and mutual assistance.
- Innovative ways to collaborate: include the voices of survivors as key stakeholders in light of their lived experience in both design and implementation; conduct direct mentorship of partner NGOs to build their internal mechanisms; synergize to create a uniform manual for law enforcement; take advantage of technology.



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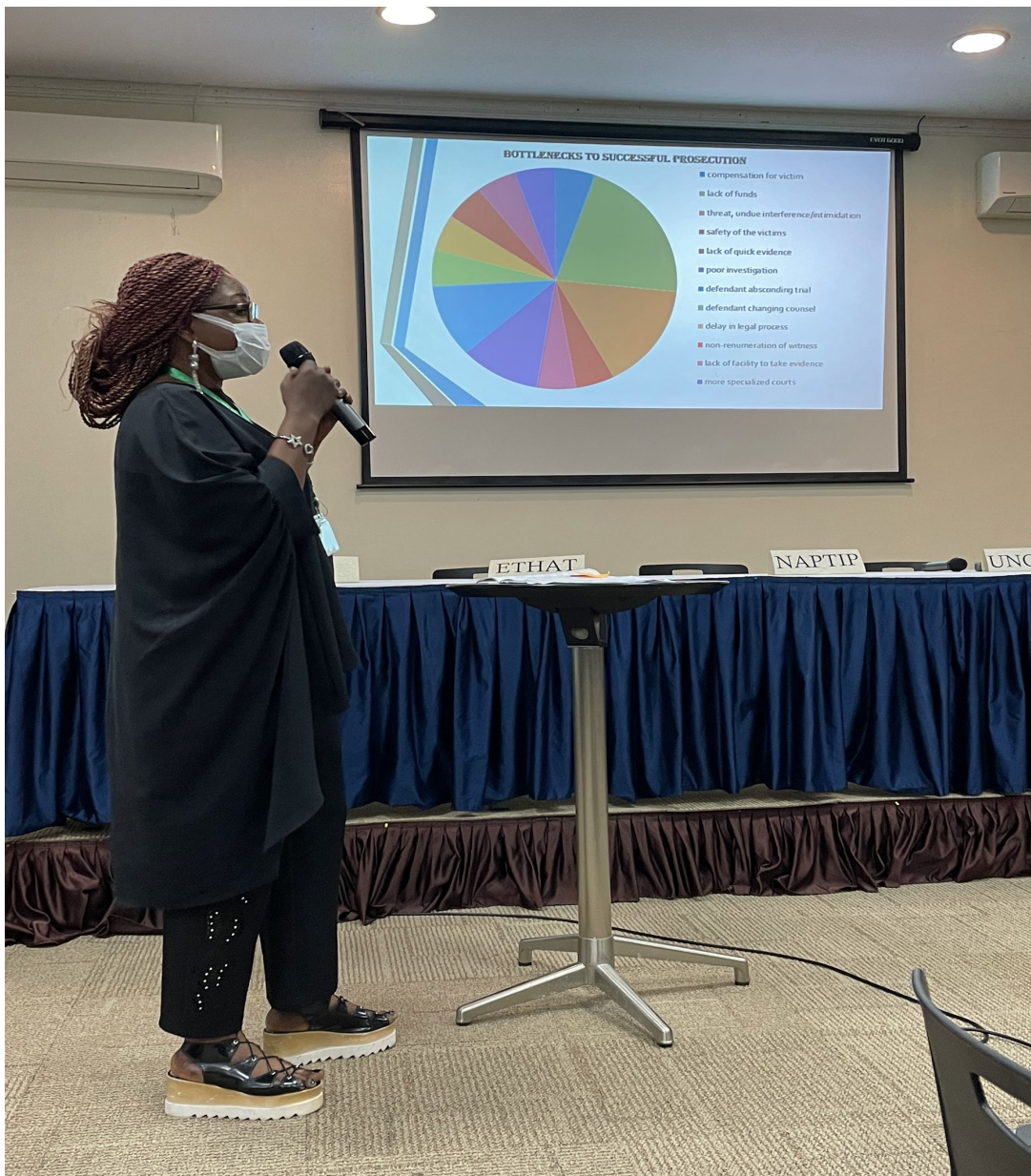




# Increasing Successful Prosecutions

JBTF outlined best practices in prosecuting trafficking cases by equipping judges and prosecutors with:

- Nigeria's anti-trafficking legal framework (national and international)
- Legal instruments (Declarations, Conventions, Protocols)
- Offences and Punishment under the 2015 TIP Act
- Role of prosecutor and prosecution (how to draft charges, how the prosecution should prepare pretrial, tips on how to prepare for a pre-trial conference for a child victim; aspects of the trial and conclusion of trial)
- Bottlenecks of successful prosecutions (such as failure to request compensation for victims, lack of funds, threats/undue interference; safety of victims; poor investigations, delays, insufficient specialized courts, etc.).







# Edo State Task Force/Specialized Trafficking Courts

- Edo State Task Force Against Human Trafficking (ETAHT) was initiated in August 2017 (21 committee members) and codified in Edo by its 2018 anti-trafficking law to investigate and prosecute trafficking cases.
- Scope of mandate includes: Rehabilitation & Reintegration of Returnees, Advocacy, Investigation & Prosecution, Research and Data Analysis
- As of September 2020, it has investigated 107 cases and initiated prosecutions in 16 cases (total of 26 suspects).
- The State maintains specialized trafficking courts that are intended to expedite cases.
- Maintains a 13 member investigation/security team (comprised of Federal Police officers, Immigration officers and DSS officers) and an 8 member prosecution team, assisted by lawyers from the Edo State Ministry of Justice.
- Found that 80% of migrants migrated independently, while 18% were recruited by a sponsor and 2% migrated for other reasons (June 2019).
- The average male migrant is between 26-40 years, educated and skilled, while the average woman migrant is between 18-30, uneducated and unskilled (June 2019).
- As of September 2020, ETAHT has received about 5,163 returnees since inception, with the State allocating N242m to the Task Force in 2018.



















# National Plan of Action on Trafficking (2009-2012)

The National Plan of Action (NPA) was developed by NAPTIP and structured on four thematic areas: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnership (a.k.a. 4Ps).

Most of the objectives of the National Plan of Action were achieved in the life-span (3 years) of the Plan, but **coordination and collaboration among law enforcement agencies and service providers remained a major challenge.**

At the expiration of the National Plan of Action, the Agency developed a comprehensive **Strategic Plan** in line with the United Nations Global Plan of Action to combat TIP.

Following the expiration of the Strategic Plan, a baseline assessment of the current situation of trafficking in persons in Nigeria was conducted between April and July 2020.

On 23 November, 2020, NAPTIP commenced a 3-day Workshop with stakeholders to set the priorities in developing a new **National Action Plan.**

The development of the new National Action Plan will serve as a strategic document that will guide stakeholders in the fight against human trafficking in Nigeria.

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# Upcoming:



- National Guidelines for Law Enforcement and National Guidelines for Rehabilitation Service Providers
- Videos of all training sessions soon to be uploaded to Pathfinders' website ([www.pathfindersji.org](http://www.pathfindersji.org)) and to our YouTube Page (Pathfinders Justice Initiative).

For more information or to receive soft copies of any training materials, please contact us via email: [info@pathfindersji.org](mailto:info@pathfindersji.org) or via our office: +234 817-612-3228.





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