



## **1.0 Introduction**

Trace Kenya is a national Counter Trafficking in Persons NGO based in Mtwapa, in the outskirts of Mombasa, Kilifi County, coast region, Kenya. Trace Kenya was established in 2006. It serves, for now the counties of Tana River, Kilifi, Mombasa, Kwale and Taita Taveta; working with:

- a) Children – unaccompanied children, street connected children, children in unsafe migration, refugee children, internally displaced children, children at risk of commercial sexual exploitation and facing worst forms of child labour. Trace Kenya seeks to rescue, rehabilitate and reintegrate these children through family reunions and community settlement.
- b) Youth – at risk of forced labor and sexual exploitation, unsafe migrants, youth at risk of modern day slavery, forced labour and trafficking for exploitative purposes.
- c) Women and persons with disabilities - who are most vulnerable populations facing human trafficking in Kenya for commercial sexual exploitation, labour exploitation and street begging and other forms of human exploitation.

## **2.0 Priority areas**

Trace Kenya works in four priority areas:

- a) Human rights – counter trafficking in persons
- b) Education – to support children potential victims and victims of trafficking; uses education as a rehabilitation and reintegration process for children.
- c) Peace and good governance, as it is a prerequisite to stability and safe migration and
- d) Skills development, enterprise development and small grants to youth, women and adult potential victims and victims of human trafficking

## **3.0 The Structure**

Trace Kenya is still a considerably small organization with three board members and two designate board members. The secretariat is manned by a team of seven comprising of the Executive Director, two Program Officers, An Accounts Officer and three Program Assistants. Trace Kenya has a team of volunteers who assist in managing the Victims of Trafficking program comprising of 8 active members. For the street connected children and youth there is a team of peer leaders comprising of five volunteers. At the secretariat, Trace Kenya works closely with a youth and children organization as it does across the other counties as well to reach grassroots constituents.

## **4.0 Experiences and projects**

Considered an authority in countering human trafficking in the coastal region of Kenya, Trace Kenya works closely with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) on issues of counter human trafficking, including referrals cases for follow-up. Trace Kenya is also a member of the CSOs reference group on security in Mombasa County, particularly with regard to countering violent extremism in the region. The national referral mechanism on counter trafficking in persons has also identified Trace Kenya as a potential referral focal point in the

coastal region, to work closely with relevant government agencies in fighting human trafficking and modern day slavery.

Within the auspices of the Leadership Initiative for Good Governance in Africa (LIGGA) project, Trace Kenya initiates programs in peace and good governance, working with the county government of Mombasa to seek effective service delivery for resolving issues of child prostitution and sexual exploitation of children in Mombasa. The LIGGA Project is one of the projects of Search for Common Grounds, funded by USAID and working with CSOs who ran an initiative on countering violent extremism targeting mainly Muslim youth in Mombasa. Trace Kenya is both a member and sits in the Executive Committee of Kenya Peace Network (KPN), together with 17 other organizations from across the country. In Kilifi, Trace Kenya works with a USAID funded project dubbed *Shiriki* to build capacity of Trace Kenya to be better able to manage governance projects. This project is funded through NOPE, a regional organization with activities in Kenya and Uganda.

In Mombasa, Trace Kenya works to counter trafficking of children and young people; Trace Kenya thus has experience in Mombasa since 2006, working with children and young persons at risk of falling prey to social ills and thus vulnerable to human traffickers, criminal gangs, and potential to be recruited into armed conflicts. As part of effective countering of human trafficking, Trace Kenya works with street families in Mombasa to ensure their basic rights and education needs are met through various partnerships and advocacy strategies.

Trace Kenya undertakes education projects in Taita Taveta, Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Tana River counties. These projects are supported Mensen met een missie and UNICEF Kenya Office. Similarly, Trace Kenya has a project that mentors girls in school in Mombasa and enterprise and skills development for youth in Kilifi counties.

## **5.0 Some achievements**

In the last one year (Since January 2015) Trace Kenya has made the following achievements:

- At least 104 children and young people have been rescued and reintegrated with families from sexual exploitation, and forced labour from Middle East, Mombasa, Tana River and Kwale counties. Some of these have been Tanzanians and Ugandans.
- Trace Kenya has supported 120 children in education through mentorship, education packs, and direct school fees payments in Mombasa, Taita Taveta, Kwale, Kilifi and Tana River counties
- More than 9000 community members have been made aware of the scourge of human trafficking through workshops, local radio FMs, publicity materials and social media.
- 15 young people have been taken through counselling, peer to peer psychosocial support and direct assistance to reorient themselves following rescue from trafficking for forced labour abroad.
- Three local, county and national networks have been strengthened combat human trafficking in Mombasa, the coast region and nationally respectively, in which Trace Kenya has participated very visibly and made presentations authoritatively. Trace Kenya is the eastern Africa focal point for RISE, a global south network on Learning and Sharing Rescue and Reintegration information centre on child sexual exploitation, based in Accra Ghana.

## **6.0 Strategic plans 2015 -2018**

In the year 2015 - 2018 Strategic Plan, Trace Kenya hopes to increase jurisdiction to Bungoma, Nairobi and Isiolo counties, which have been identified as source areas for many of the children trafficked into the coastal region. This strategic growth is meant to reach source areas for children trafficking in particular, in an effort to stem the alarming number of children trafficked

into the coast from these counties. Further future plans entail moving into Busia, Migori, Trans Nzoia and Samburu counties, and finally spreading nationally.

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