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Protection and assistance to victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants: Here UNICEF and other partners develop and implement victim protection and assistance programs in line with international standards. We work with governments to:

- Develop and implement victim protection and assistance programs that meet international standards
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Apart from preventing and addressing TIP and SOM in each country, we also expect to:

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Days of Action...

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We are reviewing existing standard operating procedures and looking at how they can be adapted to fit the beneficiary context. The team is keen to find a way to build effective mechanisms for the benefit of child victims and survivors.

In March and April 2017, regional workshops were held in different managerial capacities on regional and multi-country programs addressing child trafficking issues related to drug trafficking, medical exigencies, human trafficking, and crimes against children. Mercedes previously worked with the London Metropolitan Police Service, UK; Shelter Horizons Charity, the UK’s leading long-term provider of support to survivors of sexual violence in the UK, national service to police departments, government ministries, service providers, and non-governmental organizations; and has overseen provision of direct assistance services to hundreds of vulnerable migrants in order to counter trafficking; andungs, murder, human smuggling, and various crimes against children. She has held a number of senior positions in governmental organizations in Switzerland. She worked with governmental and non-governmental organizations on a wide range of topics. Noëlle previously also served as an advisor to the GLO.ACT.

Almira Coric is the lead for the criminal justice portfolio at GLO.ACT. She joined the organization in 2011 she conducted investigations for the Iraq Office of the UNODC’s Justice Section to 40 participants from law enforcement, prosecution and judicial authorities. The training will feature experts from the Niger Bar Association, Ministry of Women, Justice, and Social Welfare, Ministry of Children and Social Welfare, Ministry of Justice, and multi-country programs addressing child trafficking issues related to drug trafficking, medical exigencies, human trafficking, and crimes against children. The training will also highlight the importance of TIP in Niger and SOM really matters as expressed by many participants during the workshop that women and girls are the most vulnerable in society.

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Margaret previously worked with the London Metropolitan Police Service, UK, the Canadian High Commission in Islamabad and the French National Bar Council as well as UNODC Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer said:

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Opened in 2004, GLO.ACT is managed by a Project Coordinator with a background in international criminal

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Kyrgyz Republic—Cooperation continues

In Kyrgyz Republic, our Project Team is currently implementing the GLO.ACT project in coordination with the Ministry of Justice of Kyrgyz Republic. The project is working on the development of guidelines for the protection of child victims of trafficking and conflict, as well as the implementation of the child rights-based approach to law enforcement, prosecution and judicial authorities. The training will feature content on the protection of children in conflict with the law, as well as the implementation of the child rights-based approach to counter violence against children.

In Pakistan—Why raising awareness is so important

In April 2017 the GLO.ACT team organized their first awareness raising workshop on human trafficking and migrant smuggling in Peshawar. Twenty qualified gay men and women have registered for the training, which will be held on 19th April under the guidance of the French National Bar Council as well as GLO.ACT. The purpose of the training will be to highlight the strengths of the existing national legislation on the protection of children from violence, children in conflict with the law, on the child rights-based approach to the work of civil society organizations in the field of migration, as well as to engage children and young people with mass media on TIP and child trafficking. It will also highlight the importance of capacity building inroller of the Caspian region.

In Peru—In so many other places,

In Peru, we are working on involving vulnerable populations in the decision-making process, and in raising awareness among the public, about the consequences of participating in such activities. We are working closely with UNICEF on a project to help vulnerable youth avoid human trafficking and develop skills to build their own lives.

Shining the spotlight on… The people behind GLO.ACT…

Meet some of the people behind GLO.ACT, who are working to make a difference to the lives of trafficked women and children.

Margarita Medvedeva

Margarita Medvedeva is the Project Coordinator for GLO.ACT in Kyrgyz Republic. She has been working with the Ministry of Justice of Kyrgyz Republic to develop new guidelines for the protection of child victims of trafficking and conflict, as well as to promote the child rights-based approach to law enforcement, prosecution and judicial authorities. The training will feature content on the protection of children in conflict with the law, as well as the implementation of the child rights-based approach to counter violence against children.

UNODC

UNODC is the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which is responsible for the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. UNODC is also the lead agency in the United Nations system for combating trafficking in persons and other forms of human trafficking.

UNICEF

UNICEF is the United Nations Children’s Fund, which is responsible for promoting the rights and well-being of children around the world. UNICEF is also a key player in the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons and other forms of human trafficking.

GLO.ACT is a project managed by the Project Coordinator from the UNODC Human Rights and Criminal Justice Unit, with support from UNICEF and IOM. The project is implemented in partnerships with four regional partners: the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Middle East and South Asia.

IOM

IOM is the International Organization for Migration, which is responsible for promoting the safety and wellbeing of migrants and refugees worldwide. IOM is also a key player in the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons and other forms of human trafficking.
GLO.ACT works with the 25 countries to plan and implement strategic national counter-trafficking and counter smuggling strategies and to foster partnerships approach. We believe such an approach in both preventing and addressing human trafficking and in strengthening criminal justice system but also when ensuring that adequate assistance and support programmes are in place for victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants.

How does it work?

Promoting prevention and information exchange among both the countries and SOM through its pillars.

Strategy and policy development: Here we work with countries to develop strategies and policies tailored to their national context.

Legislative assistance: Here we work with governments to enhance the capacity and knowledge of criminal justice practitioners on how to effectively combat TIP and SOM.

Regional- and trans-regional cooperation: Here IOM works with civil society as well as government authorities to develop assistance and support programmes for victims of trafficking and their families.

Assistance and support to children among victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants: IOM and UNICEF work with victim support services and relevant government authorities to develop frameworks for protection and assistance of children.

Outcomes:

Apart from preventing and addressing TIP and SOM in each country, we also expect GLO.ACT to enhance the implementation of the Protocols, SOPs, and Fundraising in TIP and SOM. In particular, we expect to see an increase in prosecutions, legal reform, reviews, amendments, policies, and strategies that will be developed by government authorities and civil society organizations to meet international standards that enable trafficking victims, smuggled migrants, and other vulnerable migrants to be identified and duly assisted.

By 2022, we hope – with the help of countries – that there will be significant improvement in the ability of governments, law enforcement, human rights organizations, international organizations, and transnational criminal justice practitioners and other third-party actors. And finally and most importantly, we expect to see a measurable impact in terms of increased awareness-raising, legal reform, training, and the provision of assistance.

What lies ahead?

On a project wide basis by June 2022, we hope to have 13 governments and 53 project sites, each working in 2 countries to develop strategic plans that will be implemented across 25 countries and over 300 activities delivered.

Regional Cooperation...

THREE WEEKS OF ACTION:

We are delighted to introduce you to three weeks of action, which will take place from 29 July to 16 August 2017.

Days of Action...
Our focus - prevention, protection, prosecution, partnerships

GLO.ACT works with the 13 countries to plan and implement strategic national counter-trafficking and counter-smuggling activities, to prevent and punish all forms of trafficking and smuggling. We adopt a comprehensive and holistic approach to addressing the problem, through a strategy and policy development, regional cooperation, assistance and support to children among victims of trafficking and smuggling, and training and capacity building. We also work with government authorities to develop frameworks for protection and assistance for children of all detected trafficking victims are women and children. It is all about ensuring that justice practitioners and other third party actors. And finally, it is all about ensuring that justice practitioners and other third party actors. And finally, it is all about ensuring that justice practitioners and other third party actors.

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Legislative assistance: Is all about ensuring that criminal justice laws and regulations are in line with international standards for criminalizing TIP and SOM.

Capacity building: Here we work with governmental authorities to enhance the capacity and knowledge of criminal justice practitioners and other third party actors.

Regional- and trans-regional cooperation: Is all about promoting cooperation and information exchange with law enforcement officials at the identification, investigation and prosecution of offences related to TIP and SOM.

Protection and assistance to victims of trafficking and smuggling victims: Here IOM works with civil society as well as government authorities to develop assistance and support programmes for victims of trafficking and smuggling.

Capacity building: Here we work with governmental authorities to develop frameworks for protection and assistance for children.

Outcomes:

Apart from preventing and addressing TIP and SOM in each country, we also expect GLO.ACT to enhance the implementation of the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, and the Protocol against Transnational Organized Crime. Within the framework of cooperation the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNODC) will anticipate that the project will have some learning on the ability of the 13 selected countries in 13 countries and over 50 partner countries.

Support for EU-UNODC Work in the Field

To support EU-UNODC’s work in the field, GLO.ACT brings together 13 countries and 50 partner countries.

What lies ahead?

On a project wide basis by June 2017, we hope to have 12 government financial plans approved, 12 project work plans developed and implementations started in 13 countries and over 100 project activities delivered.

By 2019, we hope - with the help of countries that are specifically prioritized under Objective 3 - that we will see a visible increase in the number of cases investigated and prosecuted; legal reforms, reviews, amendments, policies and strategies will be developed by government authorities and civil society organizations to meet international standards thus enabling trafficking victims, smuggled migrants and other vulnerable migrants to be identified and duly assisted. We expect to see knowledge and skills development increase the number of people trained and equipped with the ambition to work with governmental authorities to develop frameworks for protection and assistance for children.

For more information on how to get involved, visit our website: https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/glo_act.html

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