

UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING (UN.GIFT)

“A global alliance for policy, knowledge, international cooperation and awareness on human trafficking.”

The United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) was launched on 26 March 2007. The date marked 200 years since the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Mission Statement

UN.GIFT aims to mobilize state and non-state actors to eradicate human trafficking by:

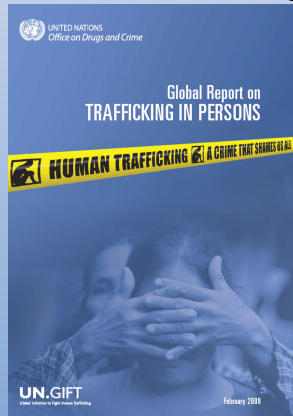
- reducing both the vulnerability of potential victims and the demand for exploitation in all its forms;
- ensuring adequate protection and support to those who fall victim; and
- supporting the prosecution of criminals involved, while respecting the fundamental human rights of all persons.

In carrying out its mission UN.GIFT aims to:

- increase knowledge on human trafficking;
- increase awareness on human trafficking;
- foster partnerships for joint action against human trafficking;
- build capacity of state and non-state actors through effective rights-based responses.

Global Report on Trafficking in Persons

One year after the Vienna Forum, UNODC is launching the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, containing data collected from 155 countries and territories. The outcome of a major data collection exercise carried out during 2007 and 2008 under the framework of UN.GIFT, the report offers an unprecedented view of the scope of human trafficking and what is being done to fight it.



Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking

The UN.GIFT Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, held from 13-15 February 2008, helped raise awareness, facilitate cooperation and foster new and innovative partnerships. The Forum gathered over 1,600 participants from over 130 countries around the world.

UN.GIFT's activities

In 2009, UN.GIFT will continue its work on the four main pillars of its mission.

It will promote global and collective advocacy efforts to help raise awareness of human trafficking and to support prevention efforts.

In order to advance the development of evidence-based knowledge, UN.GIFT will continue to support the development of a sustainable monitoring capacity on trafficking in persons, develop further indicators, and provide ongoing and updated data and analysis on human trafficking.

UN.GIFT will also continue to promote cooperation and partnership building through strategic and innovative alliances with other international and regional organizations, governments, the private sector and civil society organizations.

UN.GIFT will help step up the response to human trafficking through joint programmes aimed at developing the capacity of state and non-state actors to carry out effective anti-trafficking strategies and support victims of trafficking.

All areas of UN.GIFT's work seek to promote greater international cooperation, coordination, effectiveness and efficiency in the common fight against trafficking in persons.

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