

# TANZANIA RELIEF INITIATIVES

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# Word from the CEO

The year 2021-2022 witnessed an exodus from the scars of severe impact of Covid-19 and the genesis of the adverse impact of Russian invasion of Ukraine territory. The latter has had severe economic, political and social cultural impacts to communities globally. The NGO Sector has not been spared from the adverse impacts. There has been paradigm shift of Donors' resources to mitigate the calamities. Notwithstanding those global crises, we have remained true to our course.

Our ambition has always remained to drive a high-performance culture, remaining true to our values and our purpose, to help people acquire their rights to live freely in their country and eliminate human trafficking and dismantle trafficking networks.

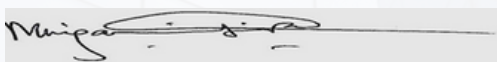
Among other achievements, In the year 2022 we have conducted 4 trainings in Kagera, Arusha, Mbeya, and Singida that created a great impact by strengthening capacity to the Law enforcement officers to respond towards human trafficking activities. These trainings has led to arrest and prosecution of trafficking culprits and the margin ratio of victims rescues and referred to care and support services have increased tremendously. Thanks to our Donor Partners- Hanns Sedi Foundation (HSF) and the Canadian Embassy through their Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).

Awareness raising Programs through Televisions, Radios, Newspapers, social media and Blogs has aided increase awareness of economic, civil, political and social cultural rights among community members.

Through collaborative work done along with other Stakeholders, TRI supported the government in enacting the National Plan of Action against human trafficking 2021-2024. Its work also led to amendments of the anti-trafficking in Persons Act No.6/2008 to make it stronger. Tanzania now is one of the countries with the best anti trafficking law across the south of Sahara Desert.

In 2023 we aspire to do more in supporting our Country achieve its development agenda on Human rights promotion, Democracy, rule of law and good governance on the one hand and Environment conservation, wildlife and ecosystem management on the other hand.

Edwin Mugambila  
Chief Executive Officer





## Activities conducted by Tanzania Relief Initiatives

### **Training of Law enforcement Officers, Prosecutors, Immigration Officers & Magistrates in Kagera.**

The training was conducted from 24th to 27th January 2022 at the ELCT Bukoba Hotel and attended by magistrates, Police, Immigration and Social welfare officers.

The training was implemented collaboratively with partnering agency the Ant-Trafficking secretariat (ATS), modules and interactive exercises were facilitated by one member from ATS, along with our (TRI) team members. Trainers used both languages to ensure understanding of the training materials as some professionals are not fluent in English and also to reflect Tanzania's national language that is also spoken in the field (Kiswahili).

The trainings were interactive and included a combination of presentations, small group discussions, and simulations of TIP cases from the beginning of a case (investigation and arrest) to the prosecution and sentencing phase. Trainees from all sectors attended presentations of all modules to have knowledge of their specific sector while understanding other sectors' responsibilities in combatting TIP and protecting victims. This also allowed for interactive discussions and feedback across sectors of each other's roles and responsibilities to ensure that victim safety and deterrence of trafficking is upheld.



### **Training of Journalists in Kagera.**

This was a one day training session that was conducted at the ELCT Bukoba Hotel on 28th January 2022. It was attended by journalists from different media platforms and facilitated by the Ant-trafficking secretariat (ATS) under the ministry of Home affairs and Tanzania Relief Initiative (TRI).

The session was presented in Swahili for clarity because not all journalists can understand English language. The session that was very interactive and involved trainees' participation in all activities.

The training session based on the introduction to TIP, Palermo Protocol, TIP Law in Tanzania, Commonly reported forms of TIP & modern slavery, Reporting TIP incidents (Dos and Dents), and how to interview TIP victims.





## Activities conducted by Tanzania Relief Initiatives

### Training of Law enforcement Officers, Prosecutors, Immigration Officers & Magistrates in Arusha.

The training was conducted from 17th to 20th May 2022 at Four Points by Sheraton, New Arusha Hotel in Arusha region. Attended by magistrates, Police, Immigration and Social welfare officers.

The training was implemented collaboratively with partnering agency the Ant-Trafficking secretariat (ATS), modules and interactive exercises were facilitated by one member from ATS, along with our (TRI) team members. Trainers used both languages to ensure understanding of the training materials as some professionals are not fluent in English and also to reflect Tanzania's national language that is also spoken in the field (Kiswahili).

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### Training of Journalists in Arusha

The journalist training was a one day training session and implemented by both partners the Tanzania Relief Initiatives (TRI) and Anti Trafficking Secretariat (ATS). Module presentations were facilitated in Swahili for clarity of trainees. Training materials were also prepared in Swahili to ensure understanding as some journalists are not fluent in English.

The trainings were very interactive that included presentations and small group discussions. Trainees learned and practiced the international principles of reporting TIP cases. This led to an interactive discussion and feedback ensuring that victim confidentiality and rules against disclosure is understood. These journalists were invited on the following day 17th May to report Law enforcement officers' session. It was well covered by TV, Radio, Newspapers and other online Media present. The way they report was better compared to how they did it in the past.



## Activities conducted by Tanzania Relief Initiatives

### **Training of Law enforcement Officers, Prosecutors, Immigration Officers & Magistrates in Mbeya.**

Project implementation in Mbeya aimed at strengthening Tanzania's national criminal justice system's response to trafficking in persons (TIP) and to ensure access to justice for all TIP victims while building capacity to the Journalists to create proper reporting skills.

The training was conducted at Beaco Resort Hotel, from 13th to 16th July 2022. It was attended by Police officers, magistrates, prosecutors, Immigration officers, and Social welfare officers.

The training was facilitated in collaboration of the Ant-trafficking secretariat (ATS) under the ministry of Home affairs and the Tanzania Relief Initiative (TRI).

The Journalist's one day session was very interactive and involved trainees' participation in all activities. It included a combination of presentations and small group discussions that made everyone participate in the discussion and understand the topics presented clearly.

The sessions based on the introduction to TIP, Palermo Protocol, TIP Law in Tanzania, Commonly reported forms of TIP & modern slavery, Reporting TIP incidents (Dos and Don'ts), and how to interview TIP victims.



### **Training of Journalists in Mbeya.**

The training was conducted in Mbeya at Beaco Resort Hotel on 16th July 2022. The training was planned to be conducted on 12th May 2022 but due to challenges faced by project team members it was pushed to 16th July 2022. The training was attended by journalists and facilitated by both Ant-trafficking secretariat (ATS) under the ministry of Home affairs and the Tanzania Relief Initiative (TRI).

The session was presented in Swahili for clarity because not all journalists can understand English language. It was a one day session that was very interactive and involved trainees' participation in all activities. It included a combination of presentations and small group discussions that made everyone participate in the discussion and understand the topics presented clearly.

The sessions based on the introduction to TIP, Palermo Protocol, TIP Law in Tanzania, Commonly reported forms of TIP & modern slavery, Reporting TIP incidents (Dos and Dongs), and how to interview TIP victims.





## Activities conducted by Tanzania Relief Initiatives

### **Training of Law enforcement Officers, Prosecutors, Immigration Officers & Magistrates in Singida.**

The training was conducted from 12th to 15th September, 2022 in Singida at Regency Hotel and Resort. Facilitators presented 12 module regarding human trafficking. Vivid examples including video clips, photos were indeed displayed to cement on whatever was presented to the participants. The opening ceremony were graced by the RPC Singida ACP Stella and her protocol team at the regional level.

The objective of the project implemented in Singida Region was to strengthen the regional Criminal Justice System's response to Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and to ensure access to justice for all TIP victims as part of national level human trafficking prevention mechanism.



### **Training of Journalists in Singida.**

This was a one day training session that was conducted at the Singida at Regency Hotel and Resort on 16th September 2022. It was attended by journalists from different media platforms and facilitated by the Anti-trafficking secretariat (ATS) under the ministry of Home affairs and Tanzania Relief Initiative (TRI).

The session was presented in Swahili for clarity. The session that was very interactive and involved trainees' participation in all activities. The session included topics like: Introduction to TIP, Palermo Protocol, TIP Law in Tanzania, Commonly reported forms of TIP & modern slavery, Reporting TIP incidents (Dos and Don'ts), and how to interview TIP victims.





## Activities conducted by Tanzania Relief Initiatives

### **Training of Law enforcement Officers, Prosecutors, Immigration Officers & Magistrates in Kilimanjaro.**

A 5 days training session was conducted to the police officers, prosecutors, immigration officers, magistrates and social welfare officers in Kilimanjaro region with a total of 32 participants from 24th to 28th October, 2022 at the Kilimanjaro wonders Hotel.

Again Facilitators presented 12 module regarding trafficking in person (TIP). Vivid examples including video clips, photos were indeed displayed to cement on whatever was presented to the participants. We had quick reference cards and other training materials to soften participant's understanding. The opening ceremony were graced by the representatives from the Regional Administrative Secretary with her protocol team from the regional level. 16 men, 16 women were trained in Kilimanjaro and for the first time we had people from the local government authorities



### **Training of Journalists in Kilimanjaro.**

The Tanzania Relief Initiatives (TRI) and Anti Trafficking Secretariat (ATS) implemented a one day training session to journalists. Module presentations were facilitated in Swahili for clarity of trainees. Training materials that were prepared in swahili were also shared to the trainees for further reference.

The trainings were very interactive, they included a number of presentations and small group discussions. Trainees learned and practiced the international principles of reporting TIP cases. With such learning the TRI and ATS team were ensured that journalists will respect victim's confidentiality and rules against disclosure.





# Tanzania Network Against Human Trafficking (TANAHUT)

Tanzania Network against Human Trafficking (TANAHUT) is a loose Coalition of Human rights CSOs, Faith-based Organizations, Media Organizations, Higher Learning Institutions and service Providers for Victims of human trafficking.

It is a member-based Network constituted of 105 legally recognized institutions from the United Republic of Tanzania.<sup>2</sup> This network was officially launched on 29th July 2021, during the commemoration of international day against human-trafficking.

Its goal is to enhance a coordinated Counter trafficking activities in Tanzania. The coalition is determined to leverage available initiatives to actively

(1) Engage in awareness raising on human trafficking from bottom-top.

(2) To encourage and promote research both academic and Scientific with the view to update magnitude data on human trafficking.

(3) To Conduct Legal and Policy review and analysis with the view to strengthen the legal framework combating human trafficking in Tanzania.

(4) Cooperate with Government agencies and development Partners to strengthen government institutional and human capacity in combating human trafficking in Tanzania.

(5) Issue annual Reports that will sufficiently showcase Magnitude of Human Trafficking in Tanzania. The reports will also aid to demonstrate the trend of human trafficking in the most affected Regions.

This coalition is governed by MOU entered by its founding members. Tanzania Relief Initiatives (TRI) is the convener and Coordinating agency for this network. The headquarter of the network is based in Dar es salaam. The Network is open for new members. Prospective entrants shall be required to send application letters to the Secretariat whereupon they shall be admitted subject to fulfilment of the terms and conditions.



## Milestones

- The network has managed to coordinate, empower and act as a link to human trafficking organizations with other stakeholders through transparency and accountability.
- It has managed to cooperate with government agencies in strengthening capacity through capacity building sessions to law enforcement officers, magistrates, social welfare officers, immigration and prosecutors.
- The network has offered awareness raising trainings to schools, bus stands, and to the public through media coverage.
- It has managed to commemorate the World day against Human Trafficking in different regions including Mwanza, Lindi, Kagera, Moshi and Mtwara.



## Implementation of activities to commemorate WIDATIP

During the last week of July, TANAHUT members joined hands from each region to implement activities that commemorate the World day against Trafficking in persons. The following are some activities conducted by different organizations in different regions.

Most activities aimed at raising awareness to the community on the Awareness raising activities through the TANAHUT network

Tanzania Relief Initiatives conducted several awareness raising programs to schools partnering with EWAGITA in Mwangaza primary school



Tanzania Relief Initiatives partnering with the KIWOHEDE Organization in collaborations with Tanzania Network Against Human trafficking (TANAHUT) and Tanzania Coalition Against Child labour (TCACL) on 21/07/2022 had conducted an event that aims at providing Civic education on the issues of human trafficking and Gender Based violence. The education was provided to three primary schools (Kihonzile primary school, Bunju B primary school and Mabwepande primary school) and one Secondary school (KIWOHEDE open school) at Mabwepande ward in Kinondoni district. The event enabled them to be well informed on the issues of human trafficking and Gender based violence.

The event was very fruitful to the children and the teachers insisted much the Non-Governmental organization to continue providing education to the children so that we can give them an opportunity to change the World.





## Implementation of activities to commemorate WIDATIP

Tanzania Relief Initiatives in cooperation with the Courage world wide Tanzania and TANAHUT prepared a National Dialogue to commemorate the world day against human trafficking. This was conducted in Moshi and participated by representatives from the Anti Trafficking Secretariat, The US embassy, media teams and other stakeholders.

This year's theme (Use and Abuse of Technology) focuses on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking.

With the global expansion in the use of technology - intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift of our everyday life to online platforms - the crime of human trafficking has conquered cyberspace. The Internet and digital platforms offer traffickers numerous tools to recruit, exploit, and control victims.

Media links for the World day against Human Trafficking Commemorations in Moshi.

<https://youtu.be/LaVQ-FdNp0o>

<https://youtu.be/m7iLeztOZts>



### Awareness Raising in Kagera

With the aim of promoting understanding and strengthening cooperation between stakeholders to prevent illegal trafficking in human beings, The Organization being a member of TANAHUT participated in this period leading up to the day of anti-TIP, between July 7-30, implemented programs to promote and strengthen awareness in Ngara district. On 14 -15th The organization successfully visited and built relationships with students and teachers of Murusagamba secondary school and Rwimbogo primary school located in of Mukalinzi village, A total of 323 students of Murusagamba secondary school and 200 of Rwimbogo primary school were reached and given education, The organization also conducted talks with the DAS of Ngara and the police officers at the operation center of Mukalinzi, as evidenced by the news and photos.





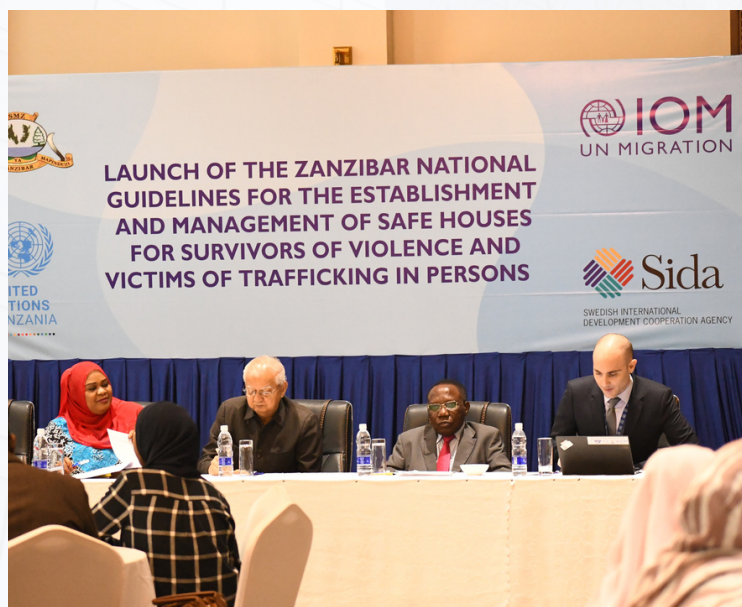
## Commemoration of world day against Trafficking in persons 2022

This year's National commemoration of the international day against trafficking in persons in Tanzania took place in Zanzibar and it was for two days, first at SUZA and the Golden Tulip where the national guidelines were launched.

These days were intended to mark the commemoration of the world day against trafficking in persons and the launch of the Zanzibar National guidelines for the establishment and management of safe houses. The commemoration was attended by different representatives from the Tanzania Relief Initiatives, Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, SOS, IOM Tanzania, the US Embassy, LSF, Anti Trafficking Secretariat, WOTE SAWA, C-SEMA, TAMISEMI, Police officers from the Police Head Quarter (Gender desks), UNICEF, Save the Children and immigration officers from Head quarters in Dar es Salaam.

The first day, 29th August 2022, one was covered to mark the commemoration of the world day against trafficking in persons through a dialogue which was preceded by remarks from different organizations. The dialogue was very inclusive and end of the day the Deputy Minister of MoCDGEC concluded by giving an assurance on the presentation of the discussed issues to the members of parliament with the aim to reduce and finally eradicate human trafficking in all areas.

Day two program was mainly for the launching of Zanzibar National Guidelines for the establishment and management of safe houses for survivors of violence and victims of human Trafficking and the guest of Honor was Hon. Haroun Ally Suleiman Minister of State President Office - Constitutional, Legal Public Service and Good Governance.





## The Launching of NPA (National Plan of Action) for years 2022-2024

The National Plan of Action seeks to build on areas of strength and improve our approach to combating Trafficking in Persons (TIP). This third plan articulates the shared objectives, activities, and resource requirements of the Anti-Trafficking in Person's Secretariat for three years from 2021 to 2024.

Tanzania Relief Initiatives was privileged a chance to participate in the Launch of of the National Plan of Action prepared by the Anti Trafficking secretariat, the launching was done by the deputy minister of Home Affairs Hon. Jumanne Sagini.

Few copies of the National Plan of Action were handed to few representatives including Mr. Edwin Mugambila the Chief Executive Officer of the Tanzania Relief Initiatives.

The National Plan of Action can also be accessed through the following link.

[https://www.unodc.org/documents/easternafrika//TOC/TNZ\\_NPA\\_2022.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/easternafrika//TOC/TNZ_NPA_2022.pdf)



### **Anti TIP Act of 2008 miscellaneous amendments 2022.**

The bill was published in the Gazette Of The United Republic Of Tanzania No. 6 Vol. 103 Dated 6th June, 2022.

Tanzania Relief Initiatives along with other stakeholders came forward to give its comments on how the amended law should look like. The main points for rectification were:

- (a) Elevating penalties to make them more stricter.
- (b) To remove an option of fine in lieu for imprisonment among others.

All proposed amendments were passed through the written laws (miscellaneous amendments) No. 2 Act of 2022. The detailed amendments are as appears in the links of short article below.

<https://tritanzania.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WLMA-NO.2-2022-1.pdf>

<https://tritanzania.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Short-article-Amendments-of-TIP-Law-in-Tanzania.pdf>