



SOLOMON ISLANDS

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Proposal for Scoping Study on THB in the Solomon Islands

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Requesting entity

**Ministry of Commerce, Industry,
Labour and Immigration-Immigration
Division of Solomon Islands**



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Background

The Government of Solomon Islands has recently strengthened its commitment in the fight against human trafficking, a crime that has been made visible in the country by several reports, among which the US Department 2015 Trafficking in Persons Report and an investigation carried out by the Solomon Islands Immigration Department (SIID) and the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF). These reports denounce the involvement of local and foreign population in trafficking,

highlighting the presence of child victims exploited in prostitution and in forced labor (mainly in the forestry, fishery and tourism industries). And also underline lack of awareness of the local population on the crime of trafficking. Several counter-trafficking efforts have recently been taken by the Government in order to tackle this challenging issue, among which the New Immigration Act, entered into force in August 2014. In order to further boost these efforts and strengthen the capability

of the SIID to collect and analyze data on trafficking, the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration has requested a technical assistance within the framework of the ACP-EU Migration Action.

Objective

This Technical Assistance Intervention aims at providing the SIID with reliable data on trafficking in persons in the Solomon Islands, as well as an improved and sustainable capability to gather and analyze data on trafficking in the country.

Activities

Writing of a report on the actual extent and dynamics of human trafficking in Solomon Islands and formulation of the relevant recommendations developed with all stakeholders;

Designing of a data collection and analysis template to be used in the future by the SIID and relevant stakeholders to investigate and prosecute cases.

Expected results

The intervention will integrate and boost the efforts already taken by the Government of Solomon Islands in counter trafficking by completing the legal and operational actions of the SIID and providing a reliable data base/collection template to be used in the future as background for an evidence-based policy development and implementation.