



The ACP-EU Migration Action is an initiative funded by the European Union and managed by the International Organization for Migration. It aims at supporting the ACP-EU Dialogue on migration by means of providing technical assistance to requesting ACP governments or regional organisations in areas for which recommendations have been issued by the ACP-EU Dialogue on Migration – currently on visas, remittances and readmission (Component 1).

In parallel, Component 2 of the Action offers funding opportunities for projects proposed by Non-State Actors (NSA) for the benefit of migrants in the same thematic area and country/region where a technical assistance intervention is or has been implemented via Component 1.

Finally and within Component 3, information collected is analysed and disseminated through peer-to-peer exchange meetings with experts and beneficiaries of the Action with the purpose of feeding the ACP-EU Dialogue with new perspectives.

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Baseline Assessment for Capacity Building & Institutional Strengthening

St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) is categorised as, “a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labour and sex trafficking

Yet official cases and general information on the intricacies of this phenomenon on the island are negligible and difficult to determine

There is also a view that females ages 12-15 are a particularly vulnerable group and there is a market for boys this age as well

However stakeholders, particularly NGOs involved in Community work, reportedly do not possess the requisite skills to determine if there are any potential victim of trafficking amongst the populations they interact with.

Baseline assessment challenges...

- Limited research and data on TIP in SVG
- Specific TIP-related trends in SVG difficult to obtain from stakeholder interviews
- Unavailability of National Task Force to participate in stakeholder interviews
- Limited timeframe to complete report after the conclusion of stakeholder interviews.

... and what we've learnt

- Definitional clarification of TIP needed amongst counter-TIP stakeholders, especially NGOs
- MoUs should be finalized amongst counter-TIP stakeholders to facilitate cooperation
- National TIP Plan of Action should include consultations with key stakeholders
- There is an evident need for training in several TIP-related areas amongst stakeholders
- Sensitization materials should be reviewed to improve content, clarity of information and appeal of documents.

HOW WE WILL HELP

Focus area 1

- Provision of training to Immigration Officers, members of the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force, members of Her Majesty's Prison, members of the Customs and Excise Department on good practice to combating human trafficking and identification of victims of human trafficking

Focus area 2

- Assistance in designing a survey instrument to gather information on the extent of human trafficking in SVG, in full respect of data protection principles.
- Assistance in designing sensitization materials (such as posters, flyers) on counter-trafficking

Focus area 3

- Assistance in formulating a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Plan of Action among stakeholders on human trafficking response