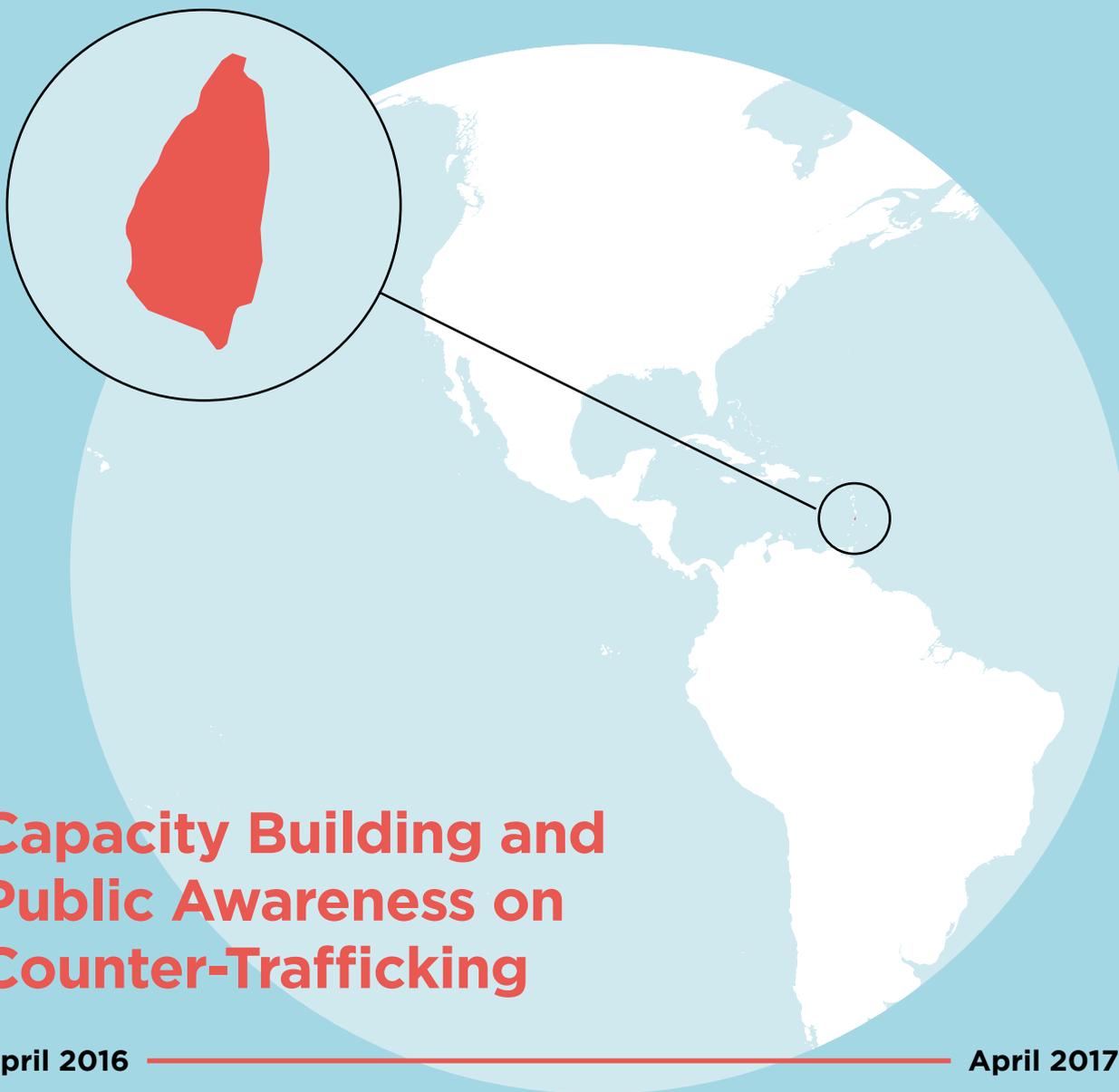




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Capacity Building and Public Awareness on Counter-Trafficking

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Requesting entity

**Ministry of Home Affairs
and National Security**

Background

The Government of St. Lucia has taken action against Trafficking in Persons not only by signing the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, but also by implementing a National Legal Framework and by creating

a Counter-Trafficking Task Force. The latter is, *inter alia*, responsible for the investigation and prosecution of THB cases and for the protection and assistance of victims. However, the lack of financial and human resources made it difficult for the Counter Trafficking taskforce

to properly address the issue and to respond to it efficiently. Some reported trafficking cases have not been prosecuted to date because of these deficiencies. For these reasons, a Technical Assistance intervention has been requested.

Objective

The intervention will build upon and boost the efforts made by the Counter-trafficking taskforce. As such, it focuses on the prevention of human trafficking by training law enforcement and border authorities on effective counter-trafficking measures and dissemination of information on trafficking in human beings, thus sensitizing the general public and creating awareness of the ills of human trafficking.

Activities

Designing, testing and delivering material on good practices on counter-trafficking;

Deliver trainings on these good practices to law enforcement officials, state prosecutors, members of the Task Force and media workers;

Recommendations on the design of a database for managing and processing information on victims of trafficking;

Formulation of recommendations for public awareness programs on counter-trafficking.

Expected results

Improve capacities on the topic of counter-trafficking for relevant stakeholders dealing with cases of trafficking in persons;

Produce literature on Good Practices on Counter-Trafficking for law enforcement officers;

Improve the process of monitoring, managing and supporting efforts for victims of human trafficking through the creation of a database;

Raise general public awareness on the topic of human trafficking.