



# ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Caribbean



## Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening to Combat Human Trafficking

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Requesting entity

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## Background

St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) is a Small Island Developing State committed to fight human trafficking. In 2012 an Anti-Trafficking in Persons Unit was created as a Department of the Royal Police Force, charged with the responsibility of investigating crimes of human trafficking. A National Task Force and an inter-ministerial working group are also

in place to coordinate the national strategy against trafficking. The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has also developed an extensive sensitization plan in primary and secondary schools, where over 15,000 students have been trained on THB. Between 2011 and 2015, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Unit and the Inter-Ministerial working group

received specialized training on THB from the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The requesting entity has assessed however the need of further training to be addressed to a large number of relevant stakeholders. The request of Technical Assistance is aimed at refining the current National Plan of Action (2016 - 2018) in order to meet the international standards.

## Objective

The intervention is aimed at providing SVG stakeholders with new and broader training on THB cases investigation, prosecution and protection of victims. Moreover, the Technical Assistance will assist in formulating a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Plan of Action among stakeholders on human trafficking response. Additionally, the development of a survey instrument will help to measure the actual extension of trafficking in SVG. Finally, a broader share of people will be sensitized by means of sensitization material on counter-trafficking.

### Activities

**Training of Immigration Officers and all relevant stakeholders on good practice to combating human trafficking and on identification of victims of human trafficking;**

**Assistance in formulating a Memorandum of Understanding and a Plan of Action among stakeholders on human trafficking response;**

**Designing a survey instrument to gather information on the extent of human trafficking in SVG;**

**Designing of sensitization materials on counter-trafficking.**

### Expected results

**Draft of a Memorandum of Understanding between key stakeholders;**

**Recommendations to refine the National Plan of Action against Human Trafficking;**

**An increase in capacity of trained stakeholders on counter trafficking efforts;**

**Better coordination among stakeholders.**