



SWAZILAND

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Proposal for a Comprehensive Study for Smuggling of Migrants

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Requesting entity

**Secretariat Prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling,
Prime Minister's office**

Background

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland is serious about tackling human trafficking and smuggling of migrants. It has adopted The People Trafficking and People Smuggling (Prohibition) Act and has ratified the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its related Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons,

Especially Women and Children. The Act provided the opportunity to establish a Task Force for the Prevention of Human Trafficking and Smuggling and a Secretariat under the Prime Minister's office to assist them. A lot of efforts and resources have been committed to fight trafficking in persons in Swaziland. However, in comparison

less has been put in place to address smuggling of migrants. Yet, the media continues to report cases of people smuggling from Swaziland, to work in the Republic of South Africa and other countries. This Technical Assistance will improve knowledge on the scale, the scope of smuggling of migrants and capacitate the relevant Government entities.

Objective

The objective of this technical assistance request is to establish baseline data on the smuggling of migrants in Swaziland. This data will inform the Secretariat (Prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling) on the magnitude of the problem in Swaziland. The findings from the study will also be used to inform policy development, facilitate cooperation among stakeholders and inform the development of programmes designed to curb migrant smuggling. The report is expected to be used by the Secretariat to raise awareness and design interventions to curb and prevent migrant smuggling activities.

Activities

Produce a qualitative and quantitative report on the magnitude and scale of migrant smuggling in Swaziland, including the identification of: various methods employed by smugglers; the routes used and the profile of vulnerable population enticed by the smugglers.

Expected results

Inform the Task Force in terms of policy development and programme design, based on concrete evidence;

Help the Emergency Response Team and the Secretariat to identify vulnerable groups and their demographics and provide an insight into the smuggling routes and perpetrators;

Inform purported regulation on migrant smuggling and further define priority areas for implementing partnerships within and outside government.