



ORGANIZATION

International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Austria
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Description:

In 2021, the Anti-Trafficking Programme of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) commits to:

- Collect evidence on child trafficking in nine selected provinces in Turkey. We will particularly focus on the risk factors and vulnerabilities leading to trafficking among Syrian and Turkish children, forms of trafficking affecting these children in industry and agricultural sectors, and their protection needs.
- Conduct a baseline assessment of national, regional and international referral mechanisms for the protection of trafficked people and trafficked children in West Africa. The assessment will provide a comprehensive, evidence-based analysis of anti-trafficking structures and initiatives, and its findings will highlight policy and legislative gaps and call for actions subsequent interventions in the West African countries to build a more comprehensive response to combat trafficking crime, including child trafficking.
- Conduct an assessment on the incidence, trends and routes of trafficking and child sexual exploitation in Cabo Verde.

Implementation plan:

We will implement the 2021 Action Pledge by providing our expertise and by using our longstanding experience in managing and implementing anti-trafficking projects and initiatives. The actions within this pledge will be implemented in the framework of our running projects in Turkey and West Africa. We will therein be applying a mixed-methods approach to collect evidence. We aim at producing evidence-based recommendations to inform policy-making, and strengthening regional and national planning, coordination and monitoring capacities.

Impact:

- The project Research on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings focuses on both child trafficking and labour trafficking in Turkey, including related violations in the industry and agricultural sectors. The research findings will significantly enhance the knowledge base on child trafficking among the Syrian and Turkish children and will increase the reliability of data to inform adequate policy and operational responses by the Turkish authorities.
- Given the magnitude of child trafficking in West Africa, the regional assessment will provide the latest information on the trends, victim profiles, informal economic sectors using children, type of exploitation as well as the impact of COVID on anti-trafficking responses in West Africa.
- By collecting research evidence on the incidence, trends and routes of trafficking and child exploitation in Cabo Verde, ICMPD will inform new policy-making initiatives within and base corrective measures in the implementation of the policies in place. Additionally, it will shed light on the economic sectors, geographical regions, and population groups to be monitored proactively for cases. The action will further pave the ground for enabling the functioning of the central, concerted institution in Cabo Verde, thus fulfilling the national and international commitments to eliminate child trafficking.