

COOPERATION TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MONGOLIA

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PANEL 1 - REVIEW OF CURRENT COOPERATION MECHANISMS IN COMBATING TRAFFICKING
IN HUMAN BEINGS AT THE 18TH ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

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INTRODUCTION

- LOOKING BACK 10 YEARS AGO –
 - HSPSC LAUNCHED THE **PROJECT TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MONGOLIA** WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SWISS AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (2008-2012)
- RESULTS WE SEE TODAY –
 - STAND-ALONE LAW ON HT
 - 2 SHELTERS FOR VOT
 - TEACHING HT IN SCHOOLS
 - 50% INCREASED AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC
 - 8 RELEVANT EXISTING LEGISLATION AMENDED
 - TRAININGS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
 - AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGNS
- MONGOLIA – **SOURCE** AND **DESTINATION** COUNTRY FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FOR **FORCED LABOUR** AND **SEX TRAFFICKING**
- MONGOLIA CLASSIFIED AS TIER 2 COUNTRY (U.S. TIP REPORT 2017)

COOPERATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

- RAISE AWARENESS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON HT – HIGH PRIORITY!
 - COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MONGOLIA – DRAFTING OF THE 2008 NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO FOCUS ON HT
- COOPERATION WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CIA, CSOs
 - DRAFTING THE 1ST STAND-ALONE LAW ON HT
- COOPERATION WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT
 - ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL UNITS TO FIGHT HT
- SUB-COUNCIL AT THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO ERADICATE HT (HSPSC IS A MEMBER)
- COOPERATION WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

PARTNERSHIP WITH NGOs

- TODAY, ~ 20 NGOs WORKING ON HT
- ANTI-TRAFFICKING NETWORK OF NGOs ESTABLISHED BY HSPSC (2014)
 - 19 MEMBERS (INCL. CARITAS CZECH)
 - ESTABLISHED RULES & REGULATIONS; DIGITAL QUARTERLY NEWS RELEASES
 - COOPERATION IS MORE CONCERTED & COORDINATED
 - CARRIES MORE WEIGHT FOR JOINT ACTION
 - TURNING THE NETWORK INTO AN EFFICIENT INSTRUMENT IS CHALLENGING –
 - LACK OF RESOURCES
 - LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL
- NGO “CULTURE” IN MONGOLIA HAS TAKEN DEEP ROOT – GROWING INFLUENCE
- HOWEVER, MANY FACE CHALLENGES; ARE SHORT-LIVED

REGIONAL, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- SOME MEMBERS OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING NETWORK JOINED GAATW
- HSPSC IS A MEMBER OF APRRN
- REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES —
 - TO BE INFORMED OF HT SITUATION GLOBALLY
 - LEARN FROM & GAIN OUTSIDE EXPERIENCE
- WITH HSPSC INITIATIVE —
 - MONGOLIAN GOVERNMENT CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITH MACAO ON HT
 - MOU BETWEEN MONGOLIAN BORDER POLICE DEPT. & CHINESE COUNTERPART
- MORE ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY NEEDED

CONCLUSION

- A DECADE HAS PASSED IN ANTI-TRAFFICKING EFFORTS IN MONGOLIA.
- CSOs DO MOST OF THE WORK.
- HT IS NOT A PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT
 - LACK OF FUNDING AND SUPPORT
- THIS SITUATION WILL LIKELY CONTINUE IN THE YEARS TO COME.
 - DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY
- CSOs NEED TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK TO FIGHT HT
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – IN THE SOCIAL AGENDA OF THE GOVERNMENT

CONCLUSION

- NEEDS FOR NGO PARTNERSHIP –
 - SET UP REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR VOTs
 - INCLUDE GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS
 - INCREASE COOPERATION & EFFICIENCY BET. NGOs & GOVERNMENT
- COLLABORATION WITH DONORS –
 - THEIR ROLE IS DIMINISHING
 - SOME DISAPPEARED
 - OTHERS INVOLVED IN SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS
- SPECIAL MENTION – COOPERATION WITH SWEDEN
 - ASSISTING VOTs WITH TALITA ASIA NGO
 - AID EFFECTIVENESS – THRU **LONG-TERM** ASSISTANCE

CONCLUSION

- MOST IMPORTANT POINTS FOR THE AID TO BE EFFECTIVE:

FIRST - **LONG-TERM** PROJECTS

SECOND – **CONTINUOUS**, SIGNIFICANT FUNDING

THIRD – FOCUSING ON **QUALITY**, THAN QUANTITY, FOR **EFFICIENCY AND IMPACT**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

