

PROFILE

The Counter Human Trafficking Trust-East Africa (**CHTEA**) is a regional Non-Governmental Organisation registered as a Trust in Nairobi, Kenya. **CHTEA** is slowly rolling out into all the six East African Member countries (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan)

Founded in 2006 as a response to an emerging human trafficking dynamic in Kenya and the region of East Africa, the Medical Missionaries of Mary, Counter Human Trafficking (MMM CHT) unit started work in the Mukuru slums of Nairobi, Kenya. In the subsequent years, the volume and complexity relating to trafficking in persons grew by leaps and bounds. Following an evaluation report of 2016; during the ten year anniversary, it was recommended that the future of counter human trafficking work required a more robust institution to engage in more comprehensive programmes and interventions; thus, the Counter Human Trafficking Trust- East Africa (**CHTEA**) was formally registered in Nairobi, Kenya in August 2018 to spearhead this cause. **CHTEA** has a Board of Trustees as the apex within the governance structure whose key role is policy formulation and overall oversight. A Secretariat headed by a Chief Executive Officer is in place to spearhead implementation and execution of the day to day operations.

Vision

A world free from the shackles of Human Exploitation and the prosecution of every woman or man who dares take up this evil task to the detriment of the most vulnerable in our society.

Mission

As an institution dedicated to the elimination of Trafficking in Persons, **CHTEA** shall endeavour; in partnership with others to crush this evil vice from the world. **CHTEA** has a strong passion to drive out what is encountered in the trafficking of millions of women, children and men who are enslaved for the sole purpose of amassing billions of wealth by the greedy and inhumane members of the society.



Participants at group work during Talitha Kum training in Nairobi, July 2019

CHTEA seeks to redefine counter Trafficking in Persons' (TIP) strategies through promotion of enhanced coordination, capabilities, skills, exposure, research and documentation; while at the same time seeking to offer holistic solutions to victims' plight and design an arresting intervention for the perpetrators and/or traffickers. Working collaboratively with Government agencies, **CHTEA** seeks to advocate, train, advice and prepare policy briefs for sub-regional government policy makers as it may apply appropriately in an effort to create a synergized approach towards Trafficking in Persons and other transnational organized crimes.

Posing for a group photo during a courtesy call at CHTEA offices in November 2019: Madam Grace Ndirangu, (second right), the head of the Anti Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (DCI), Sr. Mary O'Malley, the Executive Patron of CHTEA (extreme right), Mr. Mutuku Nguli, the Chief Executive Officer and Madam Margaret (DCI) on extreme left.



PROGRAMMES

Policy Advocacy and Awareness

Monitor implementation of the 2010 Act in Kenya and other efforts by Member States of the East African Community on Counter Trafficking in Persons. Mount campaigns on awareness of trafficking in persons – in collaboration with State agencies and other non State actors. Preparation of policy brief papers for dissemination to Government agencies. Publish and disseminate IEC materials in all EAC Member States.....Introduce toll free lines and other appropriate arresting tools. **CHTEA** will endeavour to engage with the three levels of the government: the Executive, the Judiciary and the legislature. The monitoring and review of Acts of parliament associated with counter human trafficking will be a priority. Engagement with appropriate ministerial leadership and heads of departments will be prioritized in order to bring to the fore issues and matters that concern the prudence of implementing policy. Sharing case studies will also be promoted to offer lessons and provide better insights of the evolving and ever changing tactics of traffickers, hence provide need to innovate interventions. Community awareness and participatory programmes will be designed alongside distribution of IEC materials (posters, banners, fliers, messaging through media media and publicizing activities)

Training and Capacity Building

Working with respective EAC Member States to infuse additional capacity to Police, Prosecution, Immigration, Judiciary, National Commissions on Human Rights, Human Rights Defenders and Educational Institutions. This will entail adopting appropriate training modules, Training of Trainers, support with designing national implementation frameworks complete with monitoring and evaluation matrices, carrying out training needs' assessments and promoting the national input for counter trafficking in Persons legislation. This programme seeks to promote best practices as well as impart conventional knowledge on counter human trafficking as well as equipping the public and targeted community volunteers with sufficient knowledge to support a bottom up approach while at the same time investing heavily on prevention and protection interventions.

Rescue, Rehabilitation, Return and Re-integration

CHTEA seeks to support victims and potential victims with alternative livelihood interventions through minimal capital investments after basic training on business skills. Such is a big success story so far. Support to victims' children of school going age has turned fortunes for hundreds of families so far.

CHTEA invests in utilizing transitional safe houses for victims and vulnerable/potential victims of trafficking in persons as support and reintegration options get considered. By use of psycho-social experts such as in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Counsellors, and other psycho-social experts, **CHTEA** has proven that proper rehabilitation and reintegration processes can fully restore victims to their previous states of mind and function. In collaboration with other agencies in the region, **CHTEA** utilizes rescue center services from the most well developed infrastructure for the benefit and quick recovery of trafficked victims.

CHTEA has maintained a robust programme on education. Currently, at their 100's, young boys and girls have been educated to university and/or college level in Kenya; as an effort to deal with the push factors of poverty and youth unemployment. In partnership with the County Government of Kitui, **CHTEA** is seeking an absorption programme for sponsored graduate students at the CICOTEC textile factory as a way of improving on family incomes.

Research and Documentation

Working with Member States and Agencies, **CHTEA** will strive to carry out appropriate vulnerability assessments, in-depth research on pull and push factors, in-depth research on the emerging and new forms of modern slavery – according to gender and age parity **CHTEA** will further provide proper documentation of both evidence and new knowledge – documentary and publishing.



CHTEA Executive Director and lead facilitator, Mutuku Nguli, seated at front right (in glasses) poses for a group photo during the East African Child Rights Network training in Kampala, Uganda on 16th December 2019. The training brought together participants from the Civil Society Organisations, Interpol, IGAD and Investigative arms of Government from Kenya and Uganda.

Partnership and Networking

CHTEA focuses on working with others. Counter human trafficking efforts require concerted effort of many actors. In this effort, CHTEA is a member of the Religious Against Human Trafficking (RAHT) and by extension Talitha Kum (a Global Catholic network on Counter Human Trafficking based in Rome, Italy), Stop The Traffik Kenya (STTK) and the Regional Civil Society Network on Counter Human Trafficking.



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CHTEA works very closely with Governments and Government affiliated institutions such the National Trafficking in Persons Secretariat, the Advisory Committee on Trafficking in Persons, the Police (Transnational Organised Crime Unit and the Anti Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit – both of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations in Kenya), the State Department of Immigration, Border Control and Citizen Services in Kenya, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Labour and Social Protection and the internal security, the Anti Trafficking in Persons Police Lead in Tanzania, the Anti Trafficking in Persons Task Force in Uganda and the Uganda Parliament. Regionally, **CHTEA** works with the Interpol Regional Bureau in Nairobi, the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat, the Committee of Experts (on Human Rights) at the African Union and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

Governance Structure

Counter Human Trafficking Trust-East Africa (**CHTEA**) is established as a Trust and registered under the Ministry of Lands. CHTEA has a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) members and a Secretariat headed by a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO reports to the Board of Trustees and is responsible for the day to day operations. The Board of Trustees meets every quarter to evaluate performance and to make policy decisions as deemed necessary and also as proposed by the CEO.



CHTEA team training a community-based network called "Article 30" on counter human trafficking at the Mathare Social Justice Center, Nairobi.

Understanding Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is the trade of women, men and children for the sole purpose of exploitation by use of deception. The victims are normally promised good life, well-paying jobs, marriage or even education prospects.

Human trafficking can be classified in two categories:

A. We've All Worked with the Familiar

- Prostitution
- Child Trafficking, Child Marriage, Child Soldiers
- Forced Labor (hard physical labor mainly for men)
- Domestic Labor
- Gay Sex
- Debt bondage
- Organ Removal

B. New and Emerging Trends

- Surrogate Pregnancies
- Rural-Urban Child Slavery (Ethiopia-Kenya)
- Kidnapped to Slums for Ransom
- Remote Rural Recruiters/ Victim Culture Shock

Human trafficking is not the same as illegal migration and counter human trafficking does not intend to stop migration. It rather helps the-would be victims to better understand the risks associated with their travel and migration and proposes options for safe migration. Migrants must know their rights and protections; whether in Kenya or abroad. For example, employers cannot abuse their employees, either physically, sexually or psychologically. They cannot restrict free movement, communication (family, friends or embassy) or confiscate travel or identification documents (passport or identity card). Employers cannot force employees to work in dangerous or in poor health conditions or even long hours than specified in contracts.



'New Vision' newspaper displays a front-page headline story about human trade and a rescue of 96 Ugandan-Karamoja girls from Nairobi, Kenya



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