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Full Text

The Permanent Forum welcomes the initiative of IOM to establish a coordination mechanism for combating the trafficking of indigenous women and girls.

Comments

IOM reports that (a) its Counter-Trafficking Division has for the past decade worked with Governments and communities to combat human trafficking. IOM counter-trafficking activities include more than 150 projects in some 70 countries of origin, transit and destination, providing direct assistance to more than 10,000 persons. These activities are developed and implemented within a framework centred on concern for the well-being of the victim. (b) IOM also participates in the Inter-Agency Cooperation Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT). The Cooperation Group was formed in September 2006 in Tokyo as an open-ended working group comprising several agencies involved in counter-trafficking activities in order to enhance the impact of technical assistance activities and coordination. The Cooperation Group undertakes these activities to facilitate a holistic approach to preventing and combating trafficking in persons, including protection of and support for victims of trafficking. (c) The IOM regional office for North America and the Caribbean, in partnership with the Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States, the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the US Department of State, and the Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands, researched and published an Exploratory Assessment of Trafficking in Persons in the Caribbean in June 2005. The study highlighted the fact that the indigenous Amerindian peoples of Guyana were

particularly vulnerable to trafficking for sexual and labour exploitation, owing mainly to poverty and lack of employment opportunities in their communities of origin.

IOM Reports (2010): In partnership with Fundación Nuestros Jóvenes and indigenous representatives, IOM provided training to assist indigenous victims of trafficking, specifically addressing problems encountered during the reintegration process and takes into consideration specificities of indigenous populations needs.

Area of Work

Indigenous Women