

Acronym – INSIGHT

Title – Building capacity to deal with human trafficking and transit routes in Nigeria, Italy, Sweden

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Description – The action intends to address the issue of trafficking in human beings from Nigeria to Italy and through it towards Sweden, with particular attention to i) less explored emerging trends and target populations; ii) the efficacy of prevention, protection and/or rehabilitation systems in the three countries, with particular focus on Nigerian children, by:

- providing new knowledge on evolving dynamics of trafficking, including less explored issues such as the emergence of transit routes through Italy for sexual exploitation of Nigerian women and girls in other European countries, with particular focus on Sweden, and the potential association with trafficking, as far as activities such as begging and drug-dealing involving Nigerian males are concerned;
- improving the capacity of local stakeholders operating in existing prevention, protection and rehabilitation systems in targeted urban areas in Italy, Sweden and Nigeria to deal with evolving dynamics;
- addressing in a participative manner, with the full involvement of anti-trafficking stakeholders, existing gaps in the systems of prevention, protection and/or rehabilitation in Italy and Nigeria, with particular attention to female children;
- improving awareness among law enforcement officers – in particular junior police officers that operate at the street level – in Italy and Nigeria, with reference to human trafficking and emerging trends;
- promoting new transnational connections among the three concerned countries (Italy, Sweden, Nigeria) and strengthening existing inter-institutional forms of cooperation and networks.

Objectives – The general objective of the action is to increase the capacity of key stakeholders in the Veneto Region (Italy), Edo State and Lagos (Nigeria) and Stockholm (Sweden) to tackle human trafficking and to deal with its evolving dynamics, trend, forms and *modus operandi*, with specific attention to female children, while promoting knowledge-based policy making in the respective countries and reinforcing transnational cooperation.

More specifically, the action is aimed at:

- producing new gender-disaggregated knowledge on emerging trends, mechanisms and dynamics underpinning the recruitment of victims of trafficking in Nigeria, their transit through secondary routes in Italy and their potential rehabilitation in Nigeria, with focus on children;
- strengthening the prevention and protection systems for children, in Italy, Sweden and Nigeria, through a gender-aware evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses, with specific focus on rehabilitation in Nigeria, the urban security / public order (rather than prevention) approach in Italy and transit / secondary movements in Sweden;
- improving key local stakeholders' knowledge and capacity to deal with trafficking in human beings in Italy and Nigeria, and in Sweden as far as transit and secondary movements are concerned, and to promote knowledge-based and gender-aware policy-making, while fostering transnational cooperation;
- raising awareness among victims returnees and law enforcement officers on evolving trafficking dynamics, particularly as far as women and children are concerned.

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