

A review of the UN Global Plan of Action Against Trafficking in Persons

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Post Trafficking In Nepal: Sexuality and Citizenship in Livelihood Strategies

Looking forward strategies after a decade of the Optional Protocol?

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1. Conceptual ground draft resolution is based upon

- The framework is firmly grounded in human rights, gender equality and a multi stakeholder approach,
- Moving to a broader approach to address human trafficking using the UN Charter,
- Expected to be a framework that is universally accepted,
- Close link with MDG – trafficking is a development and human rights issue,

2. Key features

- Human trafficking constitutes threats to human dignity, human rights and development and requires a multi stakeholder (GO/NGOs/private sector) approach
- Need for a consistent approach to address poverty, powerlessness and labour migration at national, regional and global level (mainstream trafficking and labour migration into dev. Policies/plans)
- Building on the Global Initiative by UNODC in partnership with ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNICEF and OSCE in March 2007. (Known as the Vienna initiative)

3. Expectations envisaged

- Encourage alignments of various relevant sub-regional, regional and cross regional mechanisms and initiatives particularly 22 across the globe including SAARC with the Optional Protocol on trafficking,
- Promote universal ratification of UNTOC and Trafficking Protocol,
- Promote rights based, gender and age sensitive approaches in addressing factors contributing to trafficking,

- Stress the need to promote and protect the rights of trafficked persons by taking into account the Recommended Principles of Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking adopted by the OHCHR and Guidelines on the Protection of Child survivors of trafficking developed by UNICEF,
- Raise awareness within UN system and other stakeholders particularly private sector, NGOs and media,
- Foster cooperation and coordination among relevant (NGOs, GOs) and emerging (private sector) stakeholders in addressing human trafficking through a holistic approach,
- Establish UN Voluntary Trust Fund,
- Important role of OHCHR, UNODC, UNICEF, ILO and IOM in global fight against human trafficking,
- Strengthen coordinated efforts of UN agencies including role of Inter-Agency Coordination Group to protect human rights of trafficked persons, specially women and children,
- Mainstream human trafficking into broader policies and programming of UN system e.g. development, gender, education, health, migration, human rights, governance, natural disaster and post-conflict reconstruction,
- Commission various research projects to enable proper analysis on the nature, trends and extent of human trafficking,
- Review of existing national laws and policies to make them consistent with UN Protocol on trafficking, develop, strengthen referral mechanisms,
- Promote an approach within government that ensures responses are fair e.g. trafficked persons are not penalized, and do not suffer from re-victimization, stigma,
- Provide assistance to trafficked persons' physical, psychological and social recovery.

Potential role of anti trafficking funding agencies including the UN system in Nepal

1. Strategic role to provide strategic leadership in anti-trafficking and migration management initiatives in Nepal.

- Formation of Theme Groups on – labour migration (child/adult/male/female/internal/external)
- Trafficking (female/male/children/internal/external and issues of returnees)

2. Programmatic role to encourage/model ? effective responses

- Joint thematic programming among the international agencies and UN members
 - i. Labour migration – children/adult – male/female/internal/external
 - ii. Trafficking – children/women/men/internal/external
 - iii. Post trafficking issues - stigma/livelihoods/citizenship

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