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THE EIGHTEENTH REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ON THE TREATMENT OF MIGRANTS WITH SPECIFIC FOCUS ON RIGHTS TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Recommendation (Page 75)

4.26 The committee noted the difficulties in the detection of sexual exploitation and recognised the need for additional data to strategize the TTPS' operations.

As such the Committee recommends that the CTU, with the assistance of the Central Statistical Office, commence the disaggregation of data on human trafficking based on the type of exploitation (sexual, domestic servitude and forced labour), the gender, age and nationality of victims involved to be published on a shared platform to be utilized by the relevant governmental agencies involved in combatting sexual exploitation.

TTPS Response

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service is in agreement with this recommendation. The TTPS conducted meetings with the CTU to enhance information sharing and closer working relationships with TTPS' Crime and Problem Analysis (CAPA) who is the recognised data collection and distribution arm of the TTPS.

This shall be done with positively vetted persons in keeping with the TiPs Act, to maintain confidentiality.

Recommendation (Page 76)

4.27 The Committee recommends that the TTPS adopt a more tailored approach to sensitising migrants about sexual exploitation and the various means of assistance that is available to them. In this regard, the Committee proposes that the TTPS work in tandem with certified translators and/ or Embassy/ High Commission personnel to craft simplified social media campaigns that

target various migrant communities (Spanish, Mandarin, Hindi, African and Regional) and likewise, to partner with the LWC/ UNHRC to sensitise migrants who access their facilities.

TTPS Response

This is the mandate of the CTU, according to the TiPs Act, however, the TTPS is willing to partner with and lend support to the CTU in this effort to collaborate with certified translators and/or Embassy/ High Commission.

Migrant communities are everywhere and there are many NGOs working on the ground, with which CTU can partner. The International Organization for Migration is a key partner in this effort.

Discussions, were held in the month of July with the Living Waters Community to tighten relationships and develop a smooth referral pathway for migrants as well as the local population for sexual exploitation.

The TTPS is currently engaged in preparing sensitization flyers which would also be translated to Spanish and other languages.

Recommendation (Page 76)

4.30 The Committee recommends that MOLSED, MOE, TTPS and MNS note the stakeholder recommendations in APPENDIX IX.

TTPS Response

This is the mandate of the CTU, according to the TiPs Act, however, the TTPS is willing to partner with and lend support to the CTU in this effort.

Through collaborations and outreach/ sensitization programmes, the TTPS intends to develop relationships with stakeholders and NGO's.

Meetings have already commenced with the Living Water Community and arrangements are currently being made to meet with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and most Embassies to develop a relationship going forward.