Preventing and Addressing Trafficking in Persons in Rwanda through Awareness-Raising and Capacity-Building **Programmes** 



## **IOM RWANDA Country Office**



## Situation Overview

From 2017, IOM has been implementing programmes aimed at assisting the Government of Rwanda (GoR) and civil society organizations (CSOs) to strengthen their capacity to respond to all forms of internal and crossborder human trafficking and to identify and protect victims. The programmes complement and reinforce the ongoing efforts by the GoR and key partners to address human trafficking.

Among other initiatives, IOM, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Justice, commissioned the first ever research on Human Trafficking in Rwanda, undertaken by Never Again Rwanda (NAR). According to the research findings, Rwanda is a transit country, and to a lesser extent, a country of origin of human trafficking. From the research findings, it was realized that there is limited knowledge about human trafficking and the ability to distinguish trafficking in persons from related crimes such as abduction, prostitution, and migrant smuggling among numerous service providers.

## **Main Findings**



DRC 15%

Age

of 30

Rwanda.6%

87.01% of the

victims were

below the age

Middle East 38.55%

East Africa 37.35%

Domestic trafficking

Internal trafficking

primarily takes the

rural-urban form.

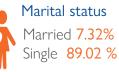
Destination

Gender of Victims Females 77.67% Males 22.39%



**Employment Status** 

55.22% of the victims were unemployed





Perpetrators

Male 63% Female 37%



## **Current Activities**

In support of the Government's efforts to end trafficking in persons, the IOM Rwanda Mission together with ONE UN launched the project "Preventing and Addressing Trafficking in Persons in Rwanda through Awareness-Raising and Capacity-Building" in 2020. The project aims to equip vulnerable populations and protection actors with essential information on TIP and on accessing assistance services for victims and persons at risk, with particular focus on vulnerable women and youth.

Project Outcome	Increased awareness amongst refugee camp populations, border communities, and protection actors on TIP as well as pathways for identification and referrals of victims of trafficking.
Project Outputs:	<ul> <li>Reaching target communities through comprehensive awareness-raising programmes:</li> <li>Distribute awareness material in 6 refugee camps and 2 border communities;</li> <li>Beneficiaries possess information on how to access protection and assistance services and are able to refer potential victims to service providers;</li> <li>Protection actors have the skills, knowledge, and resources to identify and refer potential victims of trafficking.</li> </ul>
Location	<ul> <li>Conduct awareness-raising and sensitisation campaigns on TIP in 6 refugee camps;</li> <li>Conduct awareness-raising and sensitisation campaigns on TIP in 2 border communities.</li> </ul>
Project duration	7 Months.
Beneficiaries	Refugee camp populations, border communities, and protection actors working in refugee camps and the Isange One Stop Centre (IOSC). Particular focus on vulnerable women and youth.



Partners









