



HAART KENYA

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Introduction

December was another great month for HAART, and a good way to end such a successful year for HAART. In this month we carried out a lot of victims assistance activities which were successful. These involved economic empowerment, trainings and psycho-social support. We cannot fail to recognize West Nairobi School for their kind act in putting together Christmas bucket packages for the victims of trafficking. It was indeed an honorable gesture.

Apart from that we would like to report that HAART's programme manager has been out of the country meeting more than 10 partners in England, Austria, Germany and Denmark. The meetings have been fruitful and we look forward to strong cooperation in the near future. HAART has also joined a new network, the Rise Learning Network and we are really excited to start working in this network to learn and share information with other organizations in this net. Also the research project on the vulnerability of IDPs to trafficking hit its peak this month. The researchers have been busy travelling around Kenya to collect data. We look forward to the analysis and final presentation of the research. We would like to thank GIZ for enabling this project.

This month you can read about what it is like to be a victim of trafficking in Saudi Arabia and spend the Christmas there and we are also happy to share new research regarding child trafficking. Otherwise, HAART would like to wish everyone happy festivities as we close the office till January 2016. It has been a pleasure to serve you and the society at large in this year. May you enjoy and stay safe. We look forward to a fruitful 2016.

*“KNOWLEDGE
MAKES MAN
UNFIT TO BE A
SLAVE”*

- Frederick Douglass



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HAART in the media

Recently HAART was featured in the GBS Media Network in a story about human trafficking. In it, two of HAART's staff are interviewed. Click the picture below to watch it on youtube.



Happy festivities!

HAART team would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Enjoy yourself and stay safe till next year.



2015 has been a good year and we at HAART are grateful for the amazing support we have received over the past years. We hope that we can prevent as many people as possible from becoming victims of human trafficking and protect many more victims in 2016.

Christmas in Saudi Arabia

A few months ago we posted an email from a lady who was stuck in Saudi Arabia. Now she has written again to explain what it is like going modern day slavery. Read her first email on www.haartstories.org

When opportunities come, always remember all that glitters is not gold.

A stranger gives a woman trying to fend for her children a promise of greener pastures. All she has ever wanted to do is raise her children well and educate them so that they can get a better future. She takes the deal without considering the negative side of the deal. She is promised a good life and a secure job for two years; little does she know she is signing up for modern day slavery. That woman is I.

The broker and agent were all smiles when I accepted the offer. They salivated for the big money they will make after sealing the deal. I was not aware of what awaited me in the country of destination in this case, Saudi Arabia.

The process was swift and all paperwork was done within a month. The agent promises that after you leave they will monitor your progress and will always communicate. All these promises are not true it's just a way of making sure you don't back off the deal.

As I am writing this, it's been one year and four months in Saudi Arabia. Its

Highlights:

Children are trafficked to exploitative practices mostly from low-income and rural areas to urban areas and the coastal region

Children are most often recruited through deception by someone known to the child. Labour and sexual exploitation and early marriage are the most common forms of child trafficking in Kenya

Children are also trafficked for begging and selling items on streets, organ removal and illicit adoption. There are also incidents of children being trafficked for terrorism and trafficking of drugs

Marginalized children are categorized as risk groups; such as orphans, street children, children lacking educational opportunities and children living in poverty

Awareness – a key component in counter-trafficking. Lack of awareness of human trafficking and children's rights in communities, among children and their guardians, raises the risk of children being trafficked remarkably

Government should, with the support of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), provide training for stakeholders and staff in every institution that cares for children regardless of the potential risk of the children

Human trafficking should be included into the National Curriculum of Kenya

Teacher's Manual and Handout for children should ensure the children are made aware of child trafficking, children's basic human rights, how children can protect themselves and what to do if suspecting trafficking and/or being trafficked.



New Research: Kenya's Child Market – Lure Sell and Dispose

The following research is a first phase within a wider project that focuses on the prevention of child trafficking in Kenya. The research findings are to guide HAART's prevention efforts that aim at reducing the vulnerability of children towards human trafficking, the research also provides recommendations for public and private sector of tackling the problem of child trafficking. The research questions are: What is the current state of child trafficking in Kenya?, What is the level of awareness in Kenya on child trafficking in schools and orphanages, together with institutions capacity to prevent the children being victims of human trafficking?, What is the decided content of educational manuals on human trafficking in Kenya? Data for this research was collected from various stakeholders located in Nairobi and its environs in late 2014 and during the year of 2015.

Read the full research on www.haartkenya.org

Christmas in Saudi Arabia (continued)

been a struggle. I am being overworked, underpaid and discriminated against. No one values me here. I thank God I am able to use the internet to communicate.

It will be my second Christmas away from my family it feels so sad. I am lonely I can't wait to return home to my family and children.

We can all join hands to fight modern day slavery and yes somebody is in the process of being trafficked, as I am writing this.

I wish you all a merry Christmas. Thank you HAART for standing with the survivors. Thank you for fighting for fighting with us.

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Upcoming activities

- Attending international conferences
- Fundraising campaign
- Assistance to victims of trafficking
- Anti-trafficking campaign in social media

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