



Improving Knowledge, Enforcement and Coordination in Counter-Trafficking

Flash Report

## Cross-Border Community Dialogues and Awareness Raising Campaigns on Human Trafficking



As part of IOM Rwanda's USAID funded project entitled “Improving Knowledge, Enforcement and Coordination in Counter-trafficking”, IOM in conjunction with Never Again Rwanda held a training, community dialogues and awareness raising activities from 13-15 November 2019 in the Rusizi District.

IOM is working with Never Again Rwanda (NAR) to conduct dialogues and awareness raising campaigns on human trafficking with border communities. IOM and NAR's role is to enhance awareness and engagement of communities in order to mobilize public support to help prevent and combat human trafficking



During the 3-day activity, approximately 60 participants attended the sessions, consisting of representatives from local government, law enforcement agencies, local leaders, and youth from the community. The dialogues and sessions were organized as follows:

- A training for local leaders, teachers and NGOs, focusing on basic concepts, the legal framework and where to report cases of trafficking.
- A round-table discussion where participants were given the opportunity to critically analyze scenarios in groups to understand and differentiate between human trafficking and smuggling.

- A live streamed session on local/community radios discussing the signs and prevention of human trafficking. The radio messages were intended to reach remote communities.
- An awareness raising session for the wider public that was conducted in a large community area. Community members participated in an interactive dialogue on the signs, detection, and prevention measures for human trafficking.

As a result, officials and community members of the Rusizi District are now well equipped on detecting and reporting cases of human trafficking.



Participants discussing the different scenarios during the round table discussions.

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Mayor of Rusizi welcoming community members to the awareness raising session.

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Members from NAR and IOM engaging in interactive discussions with the community.

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Rusizi community member sharing her personal experience with human trafficking.

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