

XSAZ19 - Work in Freedom: Preventing trafficking of women and girls in South Asia

The aim of the project is to prevent trafficking of women and girls in South Asia through increased cooperation and strengthening capacities of law enforcement, immigration and labour officers in countering TIP in Bangladesh and India.

Project Information

Duration: 2014-2015 (Two Years)

Executing Agency: UNODC Regional Office for South Asia

Government Counterpart:

Governments of Bangladesh and India

Location: Bangladesh and India

Bangladesh and India: International Framework on Anti Human Trafficking

Bangladesh and India have shown strong commitment to combat forced labour and trafficking of women and girls, having ratified the ILO core conventions on forced labour (No. 29 and No. 105), the UNTOC and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Project Background

According to ILO's count in 2012, there are about 21 million men, women and children in forced labour worldwide, the majority of which are in Asia (11.7 million). Approximately 4 million victims of trafficking/forced labour (men and women) are from Bangladesh, India and Nepal. The Governments of Bangladesh and India have been implementing a series of activities to address this problem, and in line with government initiatives to counter human trafficking, the project aims to: prevent trafficking of women and girls in South Asia through increased cooperation and strengthening capacities of law enforcement, immigration and labour officers in countering TIP in Bangladesh and India.

Project Objectives:

Overall Outcome: Government authorities in India and Bangladesh (law enforcement and labour officers) apply training and guidelines for improved action and coordination to counter human trafficking.

Specific Objective 1: Law enforcement, labour and immigrations officers in Bangladesh and India trained to counter human trafficking.

Specific Objective 2: Regional Indo-Bangladesh joint workshop on countering trafficking for forced labour and sharing of country practices.

Expected Results:

Outcome 1: Strengthened capacities of law enforcement, labour and immigrations officers to prevent and identify, investigate and prosecute cases of trafficking and forced labour, and to enhance cooperation between police, labour inspectors and other concerned law enforcement officials.

Outcome 2: Guidelines in place for improved coordination in countering human trafficking.