

Beyond Irregularity Project

dRPC Sensitization visit to NAPTIP– Beyond Irregularity Project

Date: 12th March, 2012

Venue: NAPTIP Headquarter Abuja

Attendance

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| 1. NkiruDuru | - Project Assistant, dRPC, Kano |
| 2. AbdulganiyuAbubakar | - Save the child initiative Sokoto |
| 3. JamilaNuhu | - Anti-Trafficking Desk, People's Daily Newspapers |
| 4. Amune Ayo Jeffrey | - dRPC, Kano |
| 5. Stephen. M. Naduku | - NAPTIP Sokoto zonal office |
| 6. Mrs. Lily .N. Oguejiofor | - NAPTIP |
| 7. Mrs. Aiyegbusi .O.A | - NAPTIP |
| 8. Mrs. Angela Agbayekhai | - NAPTIP |
| 9. Mr. Ademounulsmaila | - NAPTIP |



Overview

The Beyond Irregularity Nigeria Project team, met with the Office of the National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons and Other Related Matters (**NAPTIP**) on 12th March 2012. The purpose of the meeting was three-fold. To officially introduce the project to NAPTIP, to establish formal channels of communication and explore modalities for collaboration throughout the life of the project. The project team was led by Mrs. NkuruDuru, Program Assistant, development Research and Projects Centre, dRPC.

The project teams' presentation

The Executive Secretary NAPTIP, Barrister Mrs. Beatrice Jedy-Agba delegated a team led by Mrs. Lily N. Oguejiofor, Director Counseling and Rehabilitation to meet with the project team. The IPPR project team led by the dRPC introduced the project- '***Beyond Irregularity: Towards a sustainable approach to dealing with irregular migration from sub-Saharan Africa to Europe***'. The project was described as being principally located in the area of sports and trafficking in persons with research and capacity building components. Mrs. Nkuru, the Project Assistant explained that the project will support NGOs to carry out public awareness campaigns focused on educating potential victims of the dangers of being trafficked to the UK for the upcoming 2012 Olympics.

She explained further that, to date two major researches have been carried out as a components of the project in Nigeria. At this point, she presented each of the NAPTIP team with a copy of the project summary. She explained the purpose of the meeting and requested for collaboration with NAPTIP over the life of the project. She and other members of the project team discussed how the NAPTIP can collaborate on this project by involving their staff in the training and subsequent activities.



The project team Interacting with NAPTIP

Following the general discussions, the Beyond Irregularity Nigeria project team asked NAPTIP whether there was any program being designed to reduce trafficking around the 2012 London Olympics.

The NAPTIP's Response

The NAPTIP representatives were happy to receive the IPPR project team and stated that they are always happy to work with NGOs that show interest in their activities. According to the NAPTIP representatives the issue of stemming the flow of trafficked person is a joint task so they need to partner with other NGOs. The NAPTIP team expressed much interested in the activities of the project and asked of the role they can play in the up-coming training programs. They also asked if the project will involve the Nigeria project team going to the Olympics. The project team explained that our role on the project was regard to the in-country activities but there were UK NGO partners which had experience working with Nigerian irregular migrants and coordinated activities in London. The NAPTIP team assured the dRPC team of their support, stressed that they do not have much budgetary allocation but they always appreciate other agencies that help them to do their job.

The NAPTIP team said though they are always active on trafficking issues but they never had a specific activity targeted on sporting event. The NAPTIP team promised to forward a proposal to the Executive Secretary to organize a program targeted at addressing trafficking around 2012 London Olympics. The NAPTIP team appreciated the effort of the IPPR Nigeria project team as according to them they never thought that the 2012 London Olympics will be an opportunity for traffickers to exploit their victims. They are in total agreement of the project and gave their support.



NAPTIP Director of Counselling and Rehabilitation

Next steps and Recommendations

The NAPTIP team should be informed about their role in up-coming training program in the project. They also advised that the immigration should be invited for the training program and suggested that at the end of the project all the parties should meet to share their experience.



Interaction with NAPTIP

Appendix

Names and posts of NAPTIP representatives

Mrs. Lily .N. Oguejiofor

Director Counselling and Rehabilitation

Mrs. Angela Agbayekhai

NAPTIP Official

Mrs.Aiyegbusi .O.A

Director Public Enlightenment

Mr.AdemounuIsmaila

NAPTIP official