



Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking in Children in Africa: Projects in Côte d'Ivoire and Togo funded by the UN Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

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INTERVENTION ZONES

Prevention of the Worst Forms of Child Labor, including Child Trafficking and Care for Vulnerable Children and Children at Risks Through Educative Opportunities Improvement in Togo

- **Togo**
 - Maritime Region
 - Plateaux Region
 - Central Region
 - Lome District

Prevention and Response to Child Trafficking and their Exploitation in Côte d'Ivoire

- **Côte d'Ivoire**
 - Abidjan

GOALS OF THE PROJECTS

- Empower and strengthen youth community-based structures as « *watch dogs* » at the community level,
- Sensitize villages and communities on the consequences of child trafficking phenomenon,
- Psychological support and reintegration of 100 children victims of trafficking,
- Reintegration and follow-up of 100 children victims of trafficking,
- Establish legal documents for victims who don't have any,
- Monitor cases before the courts by providing legal assistance to victims.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **Prevention**
- **Protection**
- **Prosecution**



PREVENTION

Togo

Media Programs

- **13 Sensitization campaigns** on public, private and community-based media on existing laws, including **2005 Anti-Trafficking Act** and the **consequences of child trafficking**
- **Sensitisation in local languages (Ewe & Kokotoli)**

Medias

- Public: TVT
- Private:
 - Radio Télévision Delta Santé (RTDS)
- Religious:
 - Radio Maria
 - Islamic Radio Djabal Nour
- Community-based:
 - Mokpokpo Radio



Bice's social worker on Mokpokpo Radio

PREVENTION *(contd)*

Community-based awareness raising and sensitization

- **39 awareness raising & sensitization campaigns in 35 villages in 4 Regions and 2 schools in Lomé, the capital.**
- **4 621 children, 2 115 women and 1 460 men were mobilised**
 - Community leaders, school headmasters, judges, State social affairs' services, etc.
- **Birth certificates for 74 children**

Pictures of sensitisation campaigns



PREVENTION *(contd)*

Community-based youth associations

- Creation and empowerment of 12 **Local Youth Protection Committees (LYPC)** for **door-to-door follow-up and monitoring** both at **schools** and at **homes**

Talking about child trafficking at school



PREVENTION *(contd)*

Partnerships

- **Regional**
 - Bice-Togo and Centre des Sœurs Salésiennes de Don Bosco in Cotonou, Benin
 - Bice Mali
 - Bice Côte d'Ivoire
 - ENDA-Mali
- **National**
 - Bice Togo and Anti-Trafficking Network (LELUTET)
 - Bice-Togo and National Child Protection Office (DGPE)



PROTECTION *(contd)*

Psychological support to victims

- **115** Children identified, supported and psychologically assisted (**83 girls & 32 boys** between **7 -17 years old**)
 - School fees and materials provided to 40 children
 - Professional Training for 40 children (e.g. tailoring, sewing, bread making)
- **344** Children at risk identified & assisted
 - School fees for **281** children
 - Training for **50** children

Training and school fees and support chart

	Start fees	Training fees	To be done
Victims	34	26	10
Children at risks	48	48	5
Total	82	74	15



PROTECTION *(contd)*

Reintegration

- **115 Reintegrations in families and communities**

- Family research
- Family mediation
- Reintegration

Emotions during family reunification....



PROSECUTION

- **6 traffickers** (5 men & 1 woman) denounced, trialed and sentenced for the trafficking of **35 children**
- **Arrest** by the Gendarmerie of Amegnran of 2 Nigerian traffickers
- Monitoring of cases in which **parents are urged to cooperate** with the court. 3 girls trafficked to Ivory Coast were repatriated
- **Litigation** of a case of 14 children trafficked in Assrama

PREVENTION

Côte d'Ivoire

- **Radio and TV programs** for sensitisation and awareness raising, including through **RICAE**
- **Hotline 116** (rescue and protection number)
- **Sensitisation campaigns** in schools and community level
- Involment of **Local Youth Protection Committes (LYPC)** in squares and schools
- Active participation in the **High-level Steering Committee** between Côte d'Ivoire and Mali
- **Strong regional partenarship**

Partnerships

- **Regional**
 - West African Network for The Protection of Children (RAO/WAN)
 - ENDA- Mali
 - Bice Togo
 - Bice Mali
- **National**
 - Ministry of Family, Women and Children
 - Ministry of Justice
 - Ministry of Social Affairs
 - International Organisations (IOM, SSI- Geneva, Save the Children...)
 - Embassies of country of origin of children



PROTECTION

- **Psychological assistance**
- **Individual assistance and support to 125 victims**
- **49 Children** reintegrated in **Ivory Coast** and in **Mali**
- **Sports**



WAY FORWARD

- **Challenges**
 - Extreme poverty is a serious threat to the effort and progress made so far,
 - Lack of data at national level,
 - Need for substantial financial support to « give a new birth » to victims,
 - Prosecution of traffickers,
 - Cooperation between countries/regional and international cooperation



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