

## 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,
- Psycological 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**



Bice's social worker on Mokpokpo Radio

## **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



# PREVENTION (contd)

# Community-based awareness raising and sensitization

- 39 awarness 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 campains









# 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)

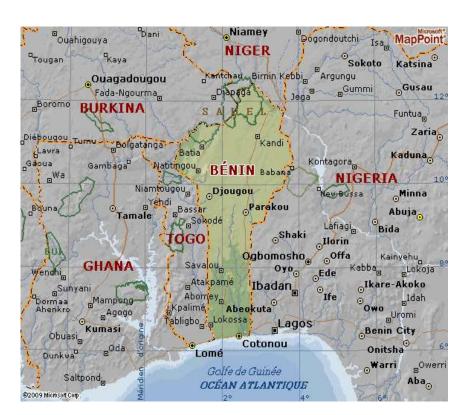
#### **Partnerships**

## 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)

#### **Pschycological 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 awarness 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 Highlevel Steering Committee
   between Côte d'Ivoire and Mali
- Strong regional partenarship



## **Partnerships**

- Regional
  - West African Network for The Protection of Children (RAO/WAN)
  - FNDA- 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**

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









## **WAY FORWARD**

## Challenges

- Extreme poverty is a serious treat 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





# Thank you for your kind attention