

ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2023

PROJECT OF FIGHTING THE INJUSTICE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN RWANDA



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(KAGAME Paul ,2014).
The President of the Republic of Rwanda

Kigali, 22th, February 2024

INTRODUCTION

In order to support the Government of Rwanda to fighting human trafficking, EJO TWIFUZA initiated the project of Assisting the Government to fighting the Injustice of human trafficking in Rwanda through transit monitoring and helping potential victims to find a safe way back to their family's home.

Transit monitoring involves identification interception, and assistance of actual or high-risk children trafficking victims at transit points (such as airports, borders, and bus or train stations) before they reach the destination where they will be exploited, providing assistance to Children victims intercepted from human trafficking industry with the most needed support such as short term shelter, food, Healthcare and healing assistance and transport support to get a safe passage back home in their respective families in Districts and Countries abroad. This also include collecting Children-trafficking and slavery data, conducting research on the issues, and assisting the National Police and Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB) with investigations to arrest traffickers.

This project target also to Reinforce the Districts efforts on reducing vulnerabilities faced by Children at risk of being trafficking through socio-economic development support to the most vulnerable Children at high risk of being trafficking.

CONTEXTS OF WHY WE FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN RWANDA

According to the Global slavery index 2020, Over 40 million of people are in modern – day slavery because of human trafficking.

The government of Rwanda demonstrated remarkable increasing efforts in fighting human trafficking, However, it is reported that Rwanda is still remaining a source, transit and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking. Traffickers reported that they subject Rwandan young men, women, and children to sex trafficking, criminal activities, soldering in terrorism and armed groups, organ business and forced labor in domestic works, agricultural, industrial, and service sectors within the Country and abroad including in Uganda, DRC, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa. Other destinations include Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, India, China, the U.S., Europe and parts of East Asia.

To protect vulnerable Children, we must intervene before they are exploited. That's where EJOTWIFUZA Organization comes in. Our aim, however, is to do much more than just save a few individuals while human trafficking networks continue to destroy lives; we want to help the Government of Rwanda “stop it and promote Human dignity. As well as there are two main anti-trafficking strategies used around the world. The first is prevention through education and awareness, and the second is rescue. At EJOTWIFUZA we do both and in rescue We “intercept” someone when we have good reason to believe that they are in the process of being trafficked or at high risk of being trafficked through Transit monitoring strategy.

Our intervention is relevant for the response to SDGs objectives and direct assistance to victims of trafficking in persons in line with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Our interventions are also relevant for the response to the Rwandan Government priority of ending human trafficking as articulated clearly by H.E President Paul KAGAME in August 2014 during the swearing in of ministers, members of parliament, and the inspector general of police.

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We at EJO TWIFUZA, we have not been able to afford keeping quiet on the face of human trafficking when we are aware of the problem, we believe that If we don't act today to fighting Children trafficking and slavery ,we wonder that in the near future more innocent victims will continue to be trafficked, we will observe the continual greatest injustice, human trafficking networks will continue to destroy lives and our population will live in conditions of deterioration of human right and human dignity without a difference between Slavery and freedom.

FACTS FROM THE FIELD

According to the Global slavery index 2022, In the current 13 million of the Rwandan population, it is estimated that 134,000 population are living in modern-day slavery. Among them 61.72% related to 82,704 peoples are at high risk of being trafficked and this number is continue growing today than ever in history.

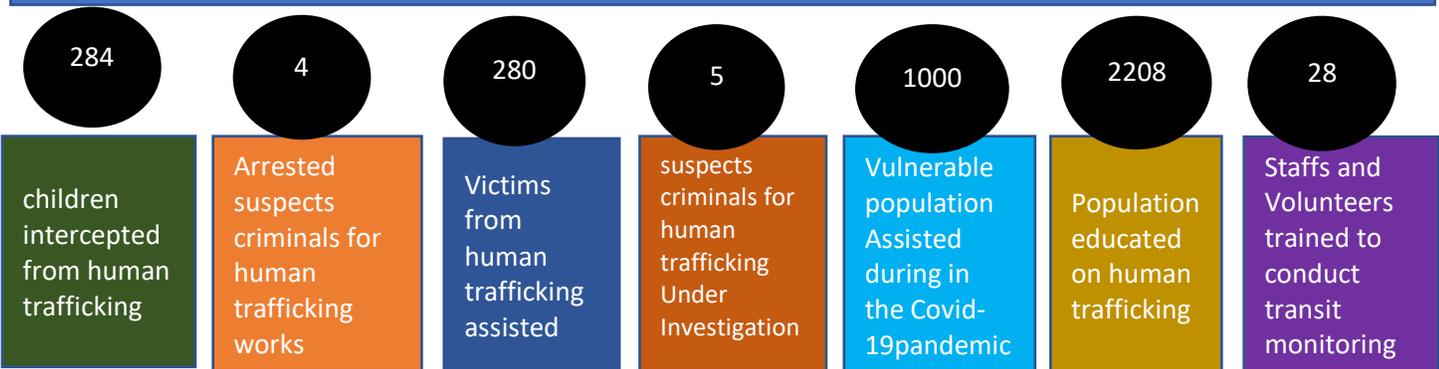
Data from the Government:

In the meeting of 26/10/2023, the Ministry of State in the Ministry of foreign Affairs in charge of international Cooperation, Gen (Rtd)James KABAREBE, presentenced the report to the Rwanda Senate commission of Human rights that 400 youth aged between 16 and 20 are intercepted by the Government from human trafficking from January 2023.

Data from EJO TWIFUZA Intervention:

From November 2019 to December 2023 EJO TWIFUZA staffs intercepted 268 victims from being trafficked. 4 Suspected traffickers are arrested and 5 other suspected traffickers are under investigation in collaboration with the National police and Rwanda investigation Bureau (RIB).

EJO TWIFUZA MPACT SNAPSHOT



ACTIVITY REALISED OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023

From July to October 2023, different activities have been realized such as:

- 32 Peoples at risks of being trafficked are intercepted from human trafficking and have been assisted with short term shelter, food, health and healing assistance and transport to find a way to get safe back in their families in Districts and Countries from October to December 2023.
- 8 Volunteers have been trained to conduct transit monitoring
- The EJO TWIFUZA delegation participated in the celebration of International day of human Right event organized by Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherland in Rwanda, at Her residency in Kigali Rwanda.
- EJO TWIFUZA received partnership with the CLADO (Umbrella of Human Rights organizations in Rwanda)
- EJO TWIFUZA received partnership with the RWAMLEC in Rwanda

FUND RAISING

Total planed project budget	\$ 1,421,786
Fund raised by EJO TWIFUZA on Global Giving platform	\$ 518
Fund driven by Global Giving	\$ 115
Total donations from Global Giving	\$ 633
Additional Grant, Funds, and prizes	\$ 109
Total from Global Giving	\$ 742
Total Fund disbursed to EJO TWIFUZA	\$ 476,8
Total funds Mobilized from the contribution of local partners efforts	\$ 9740
Total Fund Mobilized	\$ 10,482

From the table above, it is observed that the project budget was \$ 1,421,786, the total funds raised from the Global giving platform is \$ 742 and the total Fund disbursed to EJO TWIFUZA equal to \$476,8. The Funds mobilized from the contribution of local partners is \$ 9,740. The total fund mobilized from the Global giving platform plus the local partners contributions equal to \$ 10,482.

Our team continue the fund rising process and we believe that in the near future we will get necessary funds Budget of \$ 1,414,541 to continue implementing this project.

OUR GRATITUDE

I acknowledging the contributions of the Global Giving and all the people and partners who donated and worked tirelessly on the projects mentioned.

Thank you, God bless you all.

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