



# Monthly Newsletter

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Religious Against Human Trafficking – RAHT Kenya 2022

## *Announcement*

1. RAHT Kenya has full time operating offices at AOSK- Tumaini Centre. The office houses our Project co-ordinator, Sr. Jackline Mwangela and Project officer Br. Edmund Juma. The offices are opened from 8a.m-5p.m Monday to Friday. We are grateful to AOSK-Tumaini for their continued support especially during the initial plans in setting up the offices and structures.

2. Member Congregations activity: (H/T Awareness campaigns) Eight Congregations have submitted their budgets; The Passionist missionaries, Missionary Brothers and Sisters of the Defoucauld, Brothers of St. Joseph, Medical Missionaries of Mary, Missionary Sisters of our Lady of Africa, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul, Sisters of St. Joseph of Mombasa, Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph. We kindly urge other member congregations to submit their budgets as soon as possible.

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### *Launch of the Hilton foundation Project and signing of MOU*

The Hilton Foundation is a major sponsor of several organizations that are dedicated to eradicating human trafficking. Their scope on human trafficking includes “the elimination of human trafficking and exploitation, including child prostitution, forced labor, and slavery. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in two main areas: combating human trafficking and its root causes, promoting anti-slavery movements and encouraging ethical supply chain practices in marketplaces based on respect for human rights.”

RAHT is honored to have the Hilton foundation as one of its major partners in the support to eradicate human trafficking in Kenya. The foundation is funding all awareness-raising activities, survivor and rescue support to the RAHT network. Through the generous support, RAHT’s work will be to solidify its support to communities and congregations in the fight against human trafficking. The activity was sealed by signing of the MOU between RAHT and Loreto Sisters Eastern Africa who are the Fiscal Agents of the Fund. RAHT Kenya is geared in awareness programs and trainings in the 25 dioceses of Kenya through member congregations, AOSK Units, SLYI, CJPC, RSCK and different Partner organizations.



### *Training/ Awareness Campaigns Content development*

RAHT Kenya in Consultation with CHTEA (counter human trafficking trust in Eastern Africa) held different forums and came up with an informed content to aid training/awareness facilitation for the Hilton-Raht project for the two years. The topics are people centered in regard to our target population. CHTEA too has a safe house which is a potential place for RAHT referral of survivors.

### *Development of tools*

RAHT developed tools to be used in activities and reporting. Some tools will be handy in baseline and endline survey in determining the impact of the project.





### Launch of SEMA NAMI

“It is through advocacy we can translate the experiences and wisdom of challenging issues and re-imagine crimes and violence into new futures for us all. Advocacy involves more than creating change, it involves creating new possibilities for human-kind.”

Through RAHT’s Advocacy pillar, one of the grassroots organizations was founded. The group aims at creating awareness to vulnerable on the effects of human trafficking and how to overcome the challenges posed by trafficking. This Launch was done during the celebration of St. Bhakita day with key RAHT members and partners joining the team for the launch at JJ McCarthy retreat house in Westlands, Nairobi.



6 activities for the month



51 participants



5 new memberships

### Training of Law enforcement officers- Dagoretti division

The police are part of the first responders who handle cases related to human trafficking in Kenya. They have a great deal of experience in law-enforcement, particularly in dealing with human trafficking. As part of their mandate to fight crime and uphold the rule of law, the police officers have the legal authority to act on reports of human trafficking.

RAHT Kenya trained 14 Police officers from Dagoretti division on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the AOSK-Tumaini center. The key output being creating an all-inclusive system that is well equipped to support the eradication of human trafficking. Talitha Kum through Sr. Gabriella, in the opening speech; emphasized on the importance of partnerships with the police in ensuring the malice of human trafficking ends from all aspects of humanity.

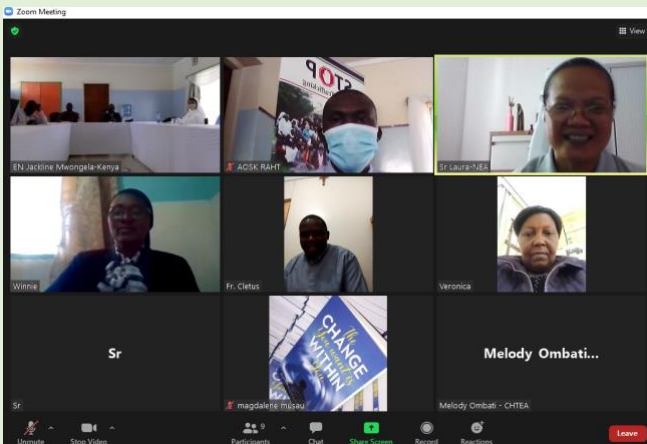


### *Sharing of best practices in Mombasa.*

Trainers on Human Trafficking have a lead role in the prevention and de-mystification of human trafficking. In Kenya RAHT has taken the mandate to educate and train community response people and trainers on Human trafficking. The training materials have been designed to support the task of pre-emption and to sensitize trainers to the realities of human trafficking and to convey the challenges of human trafficking prevention. In our view the trainers must be sensitized to the challenges that lie ahead and that are yet to be empowered to inspire them to capacities to become role models promoting the right and the right people to do the right thing.

### *Membership update and annual subscriptions*

On the first week of February, RAHT held its annual general meeting with its key partners attending the session. The partners were updated on their membership status and did their annual subscription. 24 congregations were represented in the annual general meeting with 5 new members from the Passionists Missionaries, Brothers of St. Josephs Charles Lwanga, Brothers of St. Peter Clever, Brothers of Our Lady of Perpetual help. With the new membership, the work of RAHT will be well represented in the various congregations across the country.



Through the generous support from [Talitha Kum International](#), RAHT conducted a training in May 2021 for first responders in Mombasa County. In February 2022, an assessment was conducted which entailed verification of the team’s understanding of human trafficking and ability of the team in handling cases related to human trafficking. 23 participants took part in the follow up process. The group demonstrated their abilities and skills which will be able to help them advocate and stand against vices promoting human trafficking in Mombasa.



*2022 Hilton Project Programme*

The project coordinator as well shared the 2022 project program urging the partners present to share their annual plans for inclusivity in the RAHT calendar. Each member congregation is to plan for human trafficking awareness program targeting 120 persons and above in their respective Regions by end of February.

### *Consent from the Superiors*

A letter was sent to all Superiors/Leaders of the member congregations with an overview of the expectations from Hilton-RAHT Project. By end month, we have received positive responses from a good number of congregations ready for the implementation process. Some have already submitted their budget ready for the subgrant. The activities will be spread throughout the year.

*“Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of the contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity.” -Pope Francis*



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