Empowerment of Civil Society Organizations for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (PPHR) Project

This is a 3 year Project funded by European Union whose primary goal is to strengthen social protection systems to identify, report, refer and monitor occurrences of Trafficking in Persons. The project is operational in seven districts of Lesotho: Mokhotlong, Leribe, Berea, Maseru, Mafeteng, Mohale’s Hoek, and Quthing.

OUTCOME 1

Children’s Clubs, Community Council Child Protection Teams (CCCPTs), Congregational Hope Action Teams (CHATs), Auxiliary Social Workers (under Ministry of Social Development), and relevant community leaders identify, report and monitor cases of human trafficking.

OUTCOME 2

Lesotho National Federation of Organizations of the Disabled (LNFOD) applies Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) skills to increase dialogue between citizens and government on violations of rights of PwD.

Target Audience or Direct Beneficiaries:
The project has targeted 200 children (120 Female and 80 Male) who will be reached through 20 Children’s Clubs, 200 (120 Female and 80 Male) members of 20 Community Child Protection Teams (CCPT), 300 (180 Female & 120 Male) members, 10 Auxiliary Social Workers (ASW) and 300 (250 Females and 50 Males) Victims of human trafficking. They will be identified by the Police and will be referred to the project for psychosocial support to reduce the vulnerability to trafficking due to economic factors in collaboration with Beautiful Dreams Society.

8000 (4086 Female and 3914 Male, Disability: 200) Community members directly or indirectly affected by human trafficking and/or violation of rights of PwD will be reached with simplified and translated to Sesotho messages on Trafficking in Persons Act 2011 and the Persons with Disability Equity Act (“Act”) 2021. 23 members of LNFOD will be capacitated with CVA Model for monitor the standards of PwD of service providers.

Key Strategies being employed: Training of Trainers, Public gatherings in the community, newspaper articles, radio and television program slots are some of the strategies being used to raise awareness and disseminate information.

Indirect Beneficiaries of the project: The trained groups will reach 8,000 community members (4080 Female and 3920 Male, Disability: 200) and 10 TIP Community Committees responsible for reporting and referring cases of abuse to district authorities (Police and MoSD).

Final beneficiaries: The efficiency in community and government authorities’ response to human trafficking and violation of rights of PwD will ultimately benefit 100,000 community members (Female 51,000 and Male 49,000; 50,180 PwD).

Key Stakeholders: National & Subnational level stakeholders are UN and other development Agencies, Government Agencies, LNFOD, National Multi-Sectoral Committee to counter TIP, BDS, LNFOD, MISA Lesotho and communities.