



NARRATIVE REPORT 2012

INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNING

COATNET in cooperation with Franciscan Int and other Christian organizations submitted the contribution on human trafficking situation in Romania to the Universal Periodic Review including following recommendations to the Romanian government:

- a) Allocate adequate financial resources to ensure the quality and the continuity of the assistance and protection services delivered to victims of trafficking in persons;
- b) Develop policies and integrated assistance models for victims of trafficking promoting cooperation and synergy of actions between the different stakeholders involved, such as state institutions and civil society organisations specialising in assistance and protection services for victims of trafficking in persons.

At the regional level, COATNET drafted the press release on the launch of the EU strategy on counter human trafficking, including detailed analysis and recommendations, that was issued by Caritas Europa. Among main recommendations of Caritas are the following: Commission should include the strategy on improving identification of labour trafficking cases, on social inclusion of victims as well as promote the availability of assistance and protection to the victims in countries of origin.

To strengthen global advocacy and visibility of COATNET, the coordinator participated in

the CoP for the Convention against Crime incl. Palermo Protocol, and in OSCE conference on Prevention of Human Trafficking: non-discrimination and empowerment; relationship for further cooperation was established.

Photo-exhibition dedicated to the situation of the human trafficking in Nepal and to the work of Caritas Nepal has been prepared by Communication Department of CI and presented at a couple events in Rome. The slide-show of the exhibition is available at the BAOBAB. The article about the project was published in English newspaper *The Tablet* <http://www.thetablet.co.uk/article/162730>.

With the help of the Communications department of the Caritas Internationalis the Facebook page of Coatnet has been started and new website has been launched: www.coatnet.org

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE

The database of Christian organizations and their partners providing assistance to trafficked persons was updated and is published at the BAOBAB.

The work of COATNET was promoted during Justice and Peace Commission and England and Wales Bishop's Conference's event on HT, different events organized by Embassies to Holy See (US, Australia).

RAISING AWARENESS

With the purpose to raise awareness about human trafficking and about various initiatives how to counteract it, COATNET designed the new user-friendly website that offers the list of hotlines to ask for assistance. The facebook page COATNET regularly shares information on combating human trafficking activities and some affiliates events.

During the year with the help of Communications Department of CI there were published/shared articles and stories covering Network's projects: in Caritas Espanola magazine, the Tablet, Radio Vaticana English section on visit to Romania's project. The communications officer visited Nepal and Romania for collecting information about anti-trafficking projects of the affiliates and wrote articles for the website.

The article "Poverty and Trafficking" based on information of Coatnet members and written by Francesca Petrilligieri, Caritas Spain, was asked to be published for the academic volume *Current controversies: Human Trafficking* issued by Cengage Learning.

NETWORKING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

36 organizations affiliated to COATNET in 2012, among them there are two new affiliates - Caritas Lithuania and Caritas Turkey). Meanwhile two affiliates stopped their affiliation because of change in priorities of work: Caritas Europa and Caritas Luxemburg.

COATNET continued to work on better involvement of African and Latin America regions in the network: presentation of Coatnet work was made for African national Caritas and to the regional coordinator of Latin America.

Closer cooperation was established with Caritas Asia region: COATNET coordinator participated in the Caritas Asia's Anti-Trafficking Program meeting and contributed to the planning of future activities. Mutual collaboration in capacity building on international advocacy has been planned.

Working relationships with Commission on Migrants and Itinerant people and people responsible for anti-trafficking issues were established. The counteraction of HT through business (eg. responsible consumer choice and production chains control) was discussed.

As a result of analysis of necessity in capacity building among the affiliates, the next COATNET meeting will include a couple of sessions on building practical capacity of members, in particular on identification of cases of trafficking for labour exploitation.

BIAM

Steering group considered three invitations for conducting the biennial meeting 2013 and taking into consideration budget limits and strategic aim to involve the region of Latin America in the network, decided to chose the invitation from Caritas Spain to host the event in Madrid with the participation of some Caritas from Latin America as observers.