



## GENDER FORUM BRIEF

### TITLE:

**Modern Day Slavery: Human Trafficking in Kenya**

**Date: 5-11-2019**

**Venue: TBC**

**Time: 5pm to 7pm**

**ENTRY FREE**

### Synopsis:

Trafficking in Persons (TIP) is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (Palermo Protocol) and the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Act define human trafficking as the sale of people for the purpose of exploitation.

Globally, women, men and children are trafficked across international borders or within their domestic jurisdictions for purposes of forced labor, domestic servitude, sexual exploitation, harvesting of body organs, forced military, forced begging and many other forms of exploitation. A lack of awareness of the crime, lack of identification of victims and lack of protection services of trafficking are identified as some of the challenges in the fight against human trafficking.

Kenya is considered a source, transit and destination for victims of trafficking. There is no clear estimate of the number of victims associated with this crime, but the Global Slavery Index estimates that around 40 million people are enslaved around the world with the number of victims of modern slavery in Kenya being around 328,000. Gender plays a huge



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role in the way that trafficking occurs with numbers showing that women and girls being the most affected groups. However, research also shows that many men and boys are not properly identified because of their gender.

Kenya has a progressive law on this crime that clearly defines the rights of the victims and even establishes a fund to specifically cater for victims. However, the law has not been implemented and the government is yet to gazette the guidelines for the law and for the trust fund for victims of trafficking.

### Key discussion points:

- **The evolution of human trafficking in Kenya**
- **The lack of protection services for victims of trafficking**
- **Implementation of the legal framework to operationalize the Victims Trust Fund**

### Discussion Panel:

The discussion panel comprises of:

- Louis Otieno
- Leah Nyambeki
- Sophie Otiende

**Moderated by: Antonia Musunga**

### About the Gender Forum:

The Gender Forum is a monthly public dialogue convened by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung since 2001, encouraging dialogue on pertinent national issues with a gendered lens. It brings together scholars, lawmakers and implementers, civil activists, government institutions, students and the general public, aiming at sharing knowledge and inspiring gendered analysis of policy and programmes.

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### PROGRAMME: 5-11-2019

Time	Session
4.00 - 5.00pm	Arrival and Registration
5.00 – 5.15pm	Opening and Welcoming Remarks: <b>Caroline Kioko</b> , Gender Democracy Programme Coordinator, Heinrich Boll Stiftung.
5.15 –6.15 pm	<b>Panel Dialogue:</b> Moderated by Antonia Musunga <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Louis Otieno</b></li><li>• <b>Leah Nyambeki</b></li><li>• <b>Sophie Otiende</b></li></ul>
6.15 –6:45pm	<b>Plenary and Panel responses – Moderator</b>
6:45 –7:00pm	Closing Remarks: <b>Mitchelle Koinange</b> , Stop The Traffik Coalition Kenya

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