

# Trafficking in Persons in the Caribbean Ms Maia Hibben

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## The Extent of the Problem

### 1. Regional Overview:

- The Caribbean region has been identified as a source, transit, and destination for human trafficking.
- Common forms of trafficking include forced labor, sexual exploitation, and child trafficking.

#### 2. Trafficking Routes:

• The geographical location of the Caribbean makes it susceptible to trafficking routes, both within the region and as a gateway to other parts of the world.

#### 3. Factors Contributing to Trafficking:

- Socioeconomic factors, poverty, and lack of opportunities can contribute to vulnerability to trafficking.
- Natural disasters and climate change impacts can exacerbate vulnerabilities and create situations conducive to trafficking.

#### 4. Sex Trafficking:

• Sexual exploitation is a prevalent form of trafficking in the region, with victims often being trafficked within the Caribbean or to other destinations.







## CariSECURE 2.0

CariSECURE 2.0 is designed to address the twin issues of youth crime and TIP by improving the capabilities of national and community-level institutions to use robust data to inform youth crime prevention and reduction strategies and to respond to and reduce human trafficking.



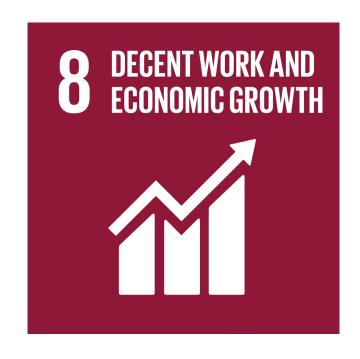




# Trafficking in Persons and the SDGs

## **SDG TARGET 8.7**

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms











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## **SDG TARGET 16.2**

Target 16.2: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.



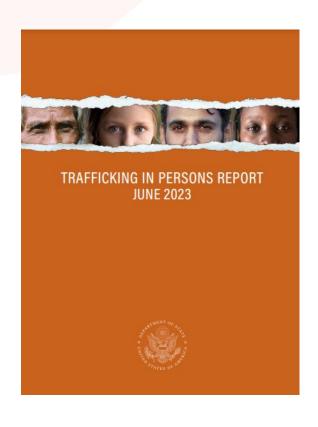








# **USG TIP Ranking**



TIER 2



**Antigua and Barbuda** 



**Barbados** 



**Saint Lucia** 

**TIER 2 WATCHLIST** 



**Trinidad and Tobago** 









Improved, standardized, disaggregated and timely TIP data

- Provide hardware and software to Counter Trafficking Units
- Strengthen/Design TIP data collection Trafficking In Persons Module for PRMIS



Building capacity in victimcentered and traumainformed approaches

- Training to front-line agencies on implementing SOPs for TIP
- Training on TIP identification, screening, investigation, and prosecution of TIP cases



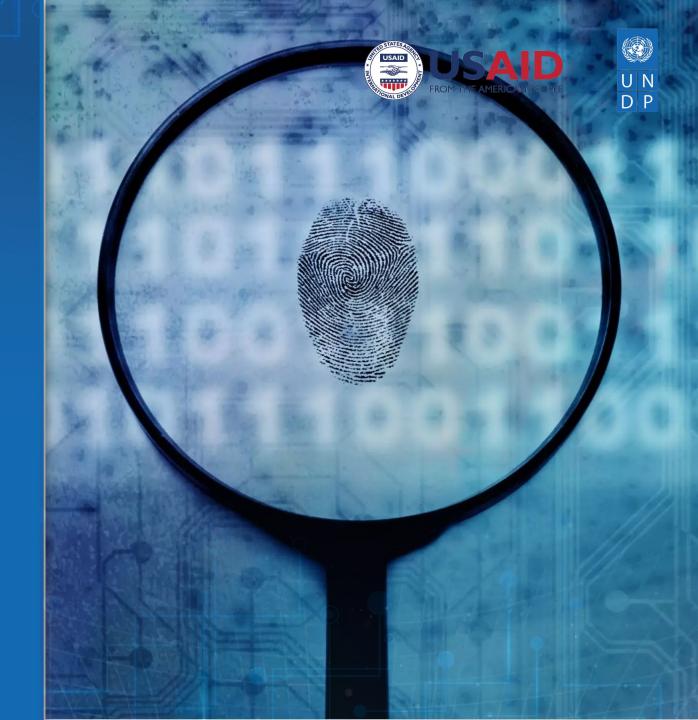
Strengthening National Referral Systems (NRS) to enhance victim support

- NRS gap assessment, recommendations and design of implementation plan
- Support for updating/ drafting of TIP NRS frameworks and mechanisms



Expand the capacity of Crime Observatories to analyse and report on TIP with the use of specific protocols

➤ Training for RCO, CAPA Unit (TT) and crime research unit at OAG (BB) on collection and analysis of TIP data.



Support CARICOM IMPACS' CBSI connect platform to deliver sustained, specialized TIP training

Conduct an assessment of the legislative frameworks as it relates to TIP to aid in securing prosecutions







## TIP + Business and Human Rights

- CS2.0 has developed a relationship with the St. Lucia Bureau of Standards who currently co-chairs International Standards Organisation (ISO) technical committee working group developing an international guidance standard for organisations on the prevention of Human Trafficking, Forced Labour and Modern Slavery
- Nexus between standard development and UNDP's work on Business and Human Rights promoting responsible business practices (UN Guiding Principles)



HUMAN TRAFFICKING, FORCED LABOUR AND MODERN SLAVERY- GLOBAL RELEVANCE



















# Regional Strengthening















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