



## CALL TO ACTION FROM AND TO AMBASSADORS OF HOPE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Rome, February 8th, 2025

We are a group of young people from different continents, committed to ending human trafficking, representing the partner organizations<sup>1</sup> of the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking (IDPAAHT). We gathered in Rome from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 to continue journeying together, as Ambassadors of Hope, following the invitation to the XI IDPAAHT. During the week we learned from one another and shared best practices to enhance our strategies and contextual work in light of the reality of human trafficking in our respective contexts.

“Human trafficking is the process by which people are coerced or lured by false prospects, recruited, relocated, and forced to work and live in exploitative or abusive conditions.”<sup>2</sup> Human Trafficking is a form of slavery, that is often invisible in our society. People in situations of vulnerability are at great risk of being trafficked. Human trafficking strips people of their dignity and autonomy, inalienable rights, whereas they are deceived and commodified.

We encounter and challenge strongly the continued systemic normalization and reproduction with lack of awareness and impunity for this crime against humanity on a global level. For this reason, we continue and reinforce our commitment within the international network of the IDPAAHT, to the fight against this crime, specifically by raising awareness, centering those vulnerable who are the main targets of traffickers across the world.

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<sup>1</sup> The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking is coordinated by Talitha Kum International, promoted by the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) and the Union of Superiors General (USG), in collaboration with Partner Organisations: The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Dicastery for Communication, the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Caritas Internationalis, CoatNet, the Focolare Movement, the Jesuit Refugee Service, the International Union of Catholic Women's Associations (WUCWO), JPIC- Anti-Trafficking Working Group (UISG/USG), The Clewer Initiative, the Community Association Pope John XXIII, the International Federation of Catholic Action, the Italian Catholic Guides and Scouts Association (AGESCI), the Santa Marta Group, Sant'Egidio, USMI and many other organizations worldwide.

<sup>2</sup> Human Trafficking Section. PrayAgainstTrafficking.net Website.  
<https://preghieracontrotratta.org/more-on-trafficking>



Together, building on the encounter with experts, women with lived experience and along with the blessing from Pope Francis for our work, we amplify and strengthen our commitment to:

- **PRAY** and **CARE** for those affected by human trafficking and those accompanying them ;
- **IMPLEMENT** strategies of rehabilitation, reintegration, inclusion and long term healing of survivors, wounded healers<sup>3</sup> and persons enduring human trafficking informed by lived experiences;
- **EDUCATE** ourselves and others about the root causes, methods and consequences of human trafficking, by promoting creative and holistic approaches, such as utilizing media platforms;
- **COLLABORATE** by creating physical and digital spaces to share information, practices, provide updates, and connect stakeholders for ongoing support.

We call young people around the world to continue being Ambassadors of Hope, educating, advocating and standing in solidarity with survivors. Walk and continue to journey - together with us - for Hope, in this 2025 Jubilee year. We call all people of good will, partners and other organizations to support our commitment in guarding the light of human dignity.

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<sup>3</sup> Coined by psychologist Carl Jung in 1966, the term “wounded healer” refers to individuals who, through their struggles and vulnerabilities, develop a profound understanding and empathy for the pain of others.