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Binational Exchange - State Attorneys General and Prosecutors

Human Trafficking
Fourth National Conference for Prosecutors and Task Forces Specializing in Human Trafficking
Pursuant to legal requirements and various institutional programs for the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking crimes*, the Office of the Prosecution has scheduled Four National Conferences for Prosecutors and Task Forces Specializing in Human Trafficking. The fourth meeting of this kind was held on April 19 and 20, 2018 at INACIPE.

Its objective was to strengthen cooperation across the country among prosecutors and task forces specializing in human trafficking, expand strategies and institutional connections and develop and/or improve implementation protocols for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of these crimes. This includes continuous training and subject-matter specialization.

*National Justice Program 2013-2018; National Program for the Prevention, Punishment and Elimination of Human Trafficking Crime and for the Protection and Assistance of Victims of such crimes; General Law for the Prevention, Punishment and Elimination of crimes related to human trafficking and the protection and assistance of victims of such crimes; final remarks from the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), among others.
27 states participated

- Aguascalientes (S)
- Baja California (T)
- Baja California Sur (S)
- Chiapas (T)
- Chihuahua (T)
- Ciudad de México (T)
- Colima (T)
- Durango (T)
- Guanajuato (T)
- Guerrero (T)
- Hidalgo (S)
- Jalisco (T)
- México (S)

5 states did not attend:

- Campeche
- Coahuila
- Michoacán

T: Titular    S: Suplente

- Morelos (S)
- Nayarit (S)
- Nuevo León (T)
- Oaxaca (T)
- Puebla (S)
- Querétaro (T)
- Quintana Roo (T)
- San Luis Potosí (S)
- Tabasco (T)
- Tamaulipas (T)
- Tlaxcala (T)
- Veracruz (S)
- Yucatán (T)
- Zacatecas (S)

- Sinaloa
- Sonora
Agreements

- FEVIMTRA will administer and coordinate human trafficking training, asset forfeiture and final allocation of assets.

- Subjects for the next scheduled meeting:
  - Victim and witness protection;
  - Full reparation for damages;
  - Cautionary measures;
  - Asset forfeiture and parallel investigations;
  - Cases involving non-sexual forms of exploitation;
  - Cases successfully resolved through cooperation among states and between states and the federal government.

- Reports will be provided as part of Operación Corazón Azul (Blue Heart Campaign) for actions taken between April 20 and July 20, 2018.
OPERACIÓN CORAZÓN AZUL
(Blue Heart Campaign)
General objectives

Establish national efforts to prevent and prosecute human trafficking crimes and provide Prosecutors and Special Human Trafficking Task Forces with the assistance they require pursuant to the legal powers granted to each institution. Joint efforts shall be made based on cooperation between institutions, involving preventive measures, investigations and operations that employ the capabilities of each member. The objective is to comply with the Mexican Constitution which requires the investigation and prosecution of crimes in order to provide justice.
I. Geography
The following states participate: Aguascalientes, Baja California, Baja California Sur, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Ciudad de México, Colima, Durango, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo León, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz and Yucatán.

II. Time Period
Operations cover from April 20 to July 20, 2018. Reports are due on July 25.

III. Activities reported
Operations, victims rescued, arrests, prosecution of cases, sentencings, victim assistance, trainings and orientation sessions, interinstitutional work meetings.

NOTE: Each participating state is autonomous and acts in accordance with its own laws.
FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IN 2018

Strengthening prosecutions and special units for the prevention, prosecution and elimination of human trafficking crimes.
During the 42nd General Meeting of the National Council for Public Safety held on August 30, 2017, the following was agreed:

*State entities agree to strengthen the capabilities of prosecutors and units specializing in the prevention, punishment and elimination of human trafficking crimes (Agreement 09/42/17).*
Funds for Public Safety in 2018

For fiscal year 2018, the amount approved was $6,989,500,000.00

Schedule 33 Federal funds provided to states and cities

- Funds for education and operating expenses
- Funds for health services
- Funds for social infrastructure
- Funds to assist cities and areas within the Federal District
- Funds will multiple allocations
- Funds for technology education and adult education
- Funds allocated to strengthen public safety at the State and Federal District levels
- Funds allocated to strengthen states
Funds for Public Safety in 2018

Special prosecutors or task forces for the prevention, prosecution and elimination of human trafficking crimes that received funding.

2018 Amount per State

Total amount: $3,314,954.3

* State funds.
** State and federal funds
CORAZÓN AZUL
Blue Heart Campaign
In March 2008 in Vienna, Austria, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched an initiative to create awareness of human trafficking and its impact on society. This is the Blue Heart Campaign.

On August 1, 2017, UNODC, together with the Ministry of the Interior of Mexico and the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, launched a campaign called Corazón Azul 2.0 #AQUIESTOY. This is a powerful call to provide visibility to victims of human trafficking.

FEVIMTRA and the Attorney General’s Executive Office for Social Communications prepared a media blitz for the #AQUIESTOY campaign, aimed at communicating, launching and publicizing the campaign through digital media, adding to efforts to prevent human trafficking.
Blue Heart Campaign

a. The Attorney General’s office launched the campaign through:
   - Social networks (Facebook and Twitter),
   - Email distribution,
   - Institution’s home page,
   - Promotional articles.

b. The Attorney General’s office holds informational events to mark the worldwide day against human trafficking. It has a stand with staff available to provide information on preventing human trafficking and encourage reporting of this crime.
WORK GROUP III: PROSECUTION

Consulting Subcommittee of the Inter-Secretarial Commission for Preventing, Punishing and Eliminating Human Trafficking Crimes.
The Inter-Secretarial Commission for Preventing, Punishing and Eliminating Human Trafficking Crimes has a Consulting Subcommittee that includes several work groups:

- Prosecutions,
- Technical,
- SINTRA,
- Victim assistance, and
- Prevention.

The Attorney General and FEVIMTRA have oversight over the group charged with prosecutions.
Prosecutors

Objectives:

1. Rescue victims, exchange information and carry out proactive investigations aimed at prosecuting human trafficking crimes.

2. Strengthen procedures for providing services when a report is made.

3. Give prosecutors the tools required for preliminary investigations, charging documents, filing charges and punishing crimes.

4. From the start of the process, guarantee assistance and respect for the rights of the victims, as appropriate for each member of the group. Establish a connection with the Victim Assistance Group, as part of the Consulting Subcommittee.

5. Assist in following up suspected traffickers to disband criminal networks.
NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAINING IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Prevention Group coordinated by INACIPE
National Program for Human Trafficking Training

Approved at the 13th General Session of the Subcommittee of the Inter-Secretarial Commission for the Prevention, Punishment and Elimination of Human Trafficking Crimes.

Objectives:

Pursuant to the law, provide training on prevention, punishment and elimination of human trafficking at a national level. Establish minimum and standard guidelines for different learning levels (basic, intermediate and specialized) to allow all members of government can fulfill their obligations, with a focus on human rights and gender perspectives, and acquire the knowledge and abilities required to prevent, identify, detect and prosecute crimes, obtain justice, assist victims.
Course on “Human Trafficking Awareness” (“Sensibilización en materia de trata de personas”) provided to prosecution staff.

- Dates: 18, 19 and 20 July
- Time: 10:00 to 15:00 hours
- Location: INACIPE

Classes at the intermediate and specialized level will be scheduled later, as well as train-the-trainer sessions.
SUCCESS STORY
Background:

Alma Hubelina Sánchez Magaña, of the state of Michoacan, met Jován Rendón Reyes on June 15, 2007 at a lunch counter. She was tricked and taken to Tenancingo, Tlaxcala, under the custody of Jován’s mother, María Ana Reyes Parada.

She was later given false documents and forced into prostitution in the states of Puebla, Guanajuato, Michoacán, Oaxaca and in Mexico City (Merced neighborhood). She was still a minor, and charged an average of 80 pesos per 15 minutes, which her trafficker took from her.

In 2007, Hubelina was taken to the U.S. illegally by Félix Rojas Rendón to be sexually exploited in Atlanta, Georgia and New York, where she charged an average of 25 dollars for each 10 minutes. The money was allegedly used to repay the debt that she had incurred for illegally crossing of the border. The total amount of the debt was 60,000 pesos.

We should point out that throughout her exploitation in Mexico and the U.S. her traffickers threatened to harm her son, who lived in Tenancingo, Tlaxcala.
Network

Alma Hubelina Sánchez Magaña
Victim

Enters illegally and acquires a debt of $60,000 pesos

Alejandra (aged 17)
Victim

Jovan Rendón Reyes
Trafficker

Guillemina Rendón Reyes
Trafficker

Janet Martínez Romero
Sex worker who accompanied them

Places of sexual exploitation

México

Iván Rendón husband of Alicia (a) Tatis

Queens at 81 Roosevelt

North Champion Park

Tenancingo, Tlaxcala

Kidnapped

María Ana Reyes Parada

Address: Dos Sur 62, Sección II, San Lucas Tecopilco, Tlaxcala Human Trafficking & Procuring

Jovan Rendón Reyes

Brother of Jovan, living in New York

Francisco
Brother of Jovan, living in New York

Saúl
Brother of Jovan, living in New York, who brought victims up from Chiapas

Jaime

Procurer known as “Epifania”
(a) Aka “El Chino”
Jovan’s uncle, North Cruze, Champion Park apt. where victim was held.

(a) “Ricolino”, Jovan’s cousin, human trafficker

(a) Daniel

Maria Ana

Félix Rojas Rendón

Arrested in the U.S. for human trafficking

Maria Ana Arrested and extradited - sentenced to life by the U.S.
THANK YOU!

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