Human Trafficking & the Transport Sector



Research Finds That Transport Sector Plays Key Role in Human Trafficking in Tanzania and Uganda

Research undertaken by DT Global, Transaid and North Star Alliance under the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) High Volume Transport Applied Research programme found that human trafficking permeates the activities and lives of many vehicle operators in Tanzania and Uganda, although on a significantly larger scale in Uganda. Many drivers expressed an interest in receiving training or information on human trafficking to improve their understanding of the law and to enable them to identify and help victims.

Truck, bus, coach and taxi drivers using high volume transport corridors were:

Aware of human trafficking

Tanzania 78% Uganda 84%

Had seen some or many cases

Tanzania 28% Uganda 39%

Aware that transporting victims involves a 'lot of risk'

Tanzania 78% Uganda 73%

Had been asked to transport a victim of human trafficking

Tanzania 9% Uganda 37%

Expressed willingness to transport victims again in future

Tanzania 11% Uganda 28%

Had never been trained in human traffickina

Tanzania 89% Uganda 88%





4 research sites

Uganda: Busia, Malaba Tanzania: Arusha, Tunduma

Driver training schools and Transport Associations

Integrate human trafficking awareness into driver training; mainstream human trafficking in information and support services for members

Government

Strengthen implementation of anti-human trafficking laws; fund human trafficking public information campaigns in border communities; improve training and supervision of traffic police and border control officials

Transport Sector Entry Points For Tackling Human Trafficking

International donors

Recognise human trafficking as a negative externality of transport infrastructure development; invest in anti-trafficking interventions when financing high-volume transport roads or cross border posts

Transport companies

Introduce driver codes of conduct; provide training in human trafficking; step up monitoring and supervision of

East African Community

Include mandatory training module on human trafficking in standardised curriculum for training drivers of large commercial vehicles; establish regional crossborder committee to monitor human trafficking from transport perspective









