



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA
AMBASSADOR TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

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Towards a Plan of Action to Monitor and Combat HT

- **Mission & Research** started in June 2017.
- **Monitoring** through bilateral and multilateral meetings.
- **Network-building** of potential partners, in priority FBOs.

Best Practices against HT are collected on www.christusliberat.org

- **HT Figures by country** : www.globalslaveryindex.org/index/#
- **HT Government response by country**: www.globalslaveryindex.org/data/

Aim: propose to the Grand Magistry elements and contacts for a strategy of the Order to **Monitor and Combat HT**.



Towards a Plan of Action to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking

A. Monitor and combat HT related to existing activities of the Order.

B. Raise awareness within and outside the Order: communication & training.

C. Propose activities that could start gradually, locally, with FBOs.

D. Propose developments along the following lines:

- **prevent** Human Trafficking (through specific and comprehensive approaches),
- **protect** victims (in priority children, and also women and men...),
- **rehabilitate** survivors (including migrants and refugees),
- **learning lessons from best practices** (local, national, regional, universal),
- adapt to **local needs** and customs,
- in accordance with the **principle of subsidiarity** and the **Social Teaching of the Church**.

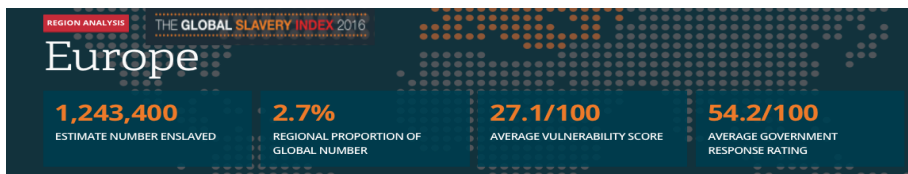
E. Include HT in international and national **training courses** of the Order.



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I. Changes and Trends

- **2018 is a Crucial Time for Human Rights**, with negotiations going on at the international level on both Global Compacts (on Refugees and Migration)
 - when Slavery and Torture are back, visibly and invisibly.
 - and Millions of Human Lives are worth nothing and enslaved everywhere.
- **Modern Slavery is globalized and everywhere.**
- **Slaves today are cheaper than they have ever been...**
- **Majority of Victims just respond to the question :
«DO YOU WANT A JOB?»**



Central Europe & US	Estimated number of slaves	Population	%	Government Response Rating	Index Rank
Italy	129 600	61 373 000	0.21%	B	44
Netherlands	17 500	16 896 000	0.10%	A	50
Germany	14 500	80 738 000	0.02%	BB	52
Portugal	12 800	10 384 000	0.12%	BBB	49
France	12 000	66 389 000	0.02%	BB	52
United Kingdom	11 700	64 856 000	0.02%	BBB	52
Spain	8 400	46 513 000	0.02%	BBB	52
Finland	6 700	5 485 000	0.12%	BB	52
Belgium	2 000	11 268 000	0.02%	BBB	52
Sweden	1 800	9 754 000	0.02%	BBB	52
Switzerland	1 500	8 267 000	0.02%	BB	52
Austria	1 500	8 566 000	0.02%	BBB	52
Norway	900	5 188 000	0.02%	BBB	52
TOTAL	220 900	395 677 000	0.06%		
US	57 700	320 821 000	0.02%	BBB	52
Canada	6 500	35 871 000	0.02%	BB	52
TOTAL ESTIMATION	64 200	356 692 000	0.02%		

Source: The Global Slavery Index 2016 www.globalslaveryindex.org/region/europe/



TENS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE IN SLAVERY TODAY
RESEARCHERS ESTIMATE **40 MILLION** ARE ENSLAVED WORLDWIDE¹

Slavery generates **\$150 billion** for traffickers each year²





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II. Challenges for and Expertise of the Order of Malta

Challenges

- Combating HT is a **Priority of Pope Francis**
- HT is **unseen, invisible, unsichtbar...**
 - On a political level, by Governments
 - On local and social level by:
 - Business
 - Civil society at large.
 - **But present everywhere...**

Expertise

- **A website www.christusliberat.org** combining academic research and operational best practices.
- **A network** of experts and potential partners.
- **900 years of tradition** of field operations, humanitarian **diplomacy** promoting respect for human life and dignity, **peace & reconciliation, religious freedom, solidarity** towards human beings without any discrimination.



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III. Best practices

- **Make the best use of the Order's tradition, experience and resources** in order to:
 - **Prevent, Protect & Rehabilitate** Victims of Human Trafficking.
 - **Raise awareness.**
 - **Educate** and train (including migrants, refugees, and humanitarian workers)
- **Highlight the role of FBOs**, Conferences of Catholic Bishops, Religious Orders.
- **Learn from Best Practices** of other stakeholders, beginning with Christian FBOs.
- **Consider Partnerships** (National Associations, Ambassadors, Malteser Int'l), with Governments, International Organizations, Regional Organizations, FBOs...

ACTIONS	STEPS FOR NONGOVERMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
Prevention and Awareness-Raising Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering communities to prevent trafficking Raising awareness at the community level Promoting girls' education to prevent trafficking Providing children with professional skills to prevent trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation Promoting the legal and responsible hiring of migrant workers in global supply chains Offering courses for out-of-school and street children
Protection and Services for Trafficking Victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescuing, educating, and reintegrating victims Providing medical and psychological rehabilitation services Providing shelter and protection for victims of trafficking Providing assistance to street children in border areas Providing psychosocial and economic rehabilitation services to minors Providing legal and social services to trafficking victims Improving access to justice and guaranteeing compensation for trafficking victims Assisting women to leave prostitution and educating jobs
Assistance in the Identification of Victims and Investigation of Trafficking Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training law enforcement to identify victims and investigate trafficking cases Promoting community policing Identifying and reporting cases of trafficking Running a hotline





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ACTIONS	STEPS FOR NONGOVERMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
Multipronged Initiatives	Targeting the Three Ps: Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution Offering rehabilitation programs and proposing policies Providing shelters and conducting prevention activities by a victims-run organization Training employees to recognize situations of trafficking in persons Showing the negative economic impact of trafficking on businesses Educating employers about the rights of foreign domestic workers Influencing judicial action to protect migrants' rights Lobbying the government to protect workers' rights Promoting standards to ensure fair trade conditions and workers' rights Spreading information about trafficking in persons through a multimedia project
Child protection	Child Protection Measures and Services Protection of Children in the Family and Community Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation Protection of Children in Situations of Emergency Protection of Children in the Justice System



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ACTIONS	STEPS FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
Educate	Learn and share the facts about labor and sex trafficking : Discover how trafficking affects your community by learning about sex and labor trafficking. Then find opportunities to educate your faith community on how to identify, respond to, and prevent trafficking by hosting experts from the field (including survivors), sharing materials, or discussing films and documentaries about sex and labor trafficking.
Welcome	Create a welcoming environment for trafficking survivors : Cultivate a welcoming community for survivors, whether they have disclosed their history or not. For many survivors, having a strong faith community is a critical aspect of their social and spiritual support. However, faith communities should keep in mind the power dynamics and coercion that survivors may have experienced. Avoid judgment about survivors' experiences and do not be prescriptive about conditions for services or support.
Partner	Build partnerships with anti-trafficking organizations : Combating human trafficking requires the collaboration of actors from the entire community. All 50 states have trafficking initiatives or organizations that you can support. Join your local task force or interfaith coalition and partner with civic organizations or local anti-trafficking organizations to further anti-trafficking initiatives. You can also strengthen the anti-trafficking field by introducing your current partners to the issue.



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ACTIONS	STEPS FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
Report	Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: If you believe you have information about a potential trafficking situation call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Hotline advocates are available 24/7. All reports are confidential and you may remain anonymous. Promote the National Hotline by posting the hotline number and include it in community resource lists.
Prevent	Engage in prevention work for human trafficking: Faith communities are especially equipped to support prevention by addressing the root causes of trafficking, such as poverty, barriers to employment, culture, demand for sex and labor, and gender inequality, among others. Efforts to educate members about the commercial sex industry and meet basic needs can reduce the risk of exploitation.
Volunteer	Volunteer your time and skills to local organizations: Encourage members of your faith community to volunteer their time and talents for local anti-trafficking initiatives. Many anti-trafficking organizations are in need of tutors, mentors, teachers, clinicians, attorneys, drivers, and many more.



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ACTIONS	STEPS FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
Advocate	Advocate for stronger protections for survivors: Faith communities can play an influential role in advancing anti-trafficking efforts by advocating for strengthened legislation. You can demonstrate that trafficking is a priority issue by contacting your legislators and encouraging them to support trafficking legislation and allocate resources to combat human trafficking at the federal, state, and local levels.
Support	Support anti-trafficking organizations financially: Your faith community can play an important role in strengthening the human trafficking response network by donating to local, national, or international organizations working on human trafficking. Funds and resources can make a lasting impact for victims and survivors.
Purchase	Shop fair trade and support ethical business practices: Communities of faith can influence corporate policies and practices by pushing for companies to develop ethical business practices as they relate to human trafficking. Faith communities can commit to purchasing goods that are fair trade or known to be made without slavery.

Source : US National Resource Human Trafficking Center
<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/sites/default/files/Faith-Based%20Partnerships%20to%20Combat%20Human%20Trafficking.pdf>

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**3. Learn from others: monitor HT
organizations around you, analyse gaps**

**4. Pray for Victims, for Helpers and for the Conversion of
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**A. Monitor HT organizations in your area :
analyse gaps and propose OM activities to prevent,
protect and rehabilitate victims.**

B. Communicate within and beyond the Order

**C. Train Officials and Humanitarian Workers
of the Order of Malta and of Malteser International**



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2. Partner & Mobilize Resources:

Consider mobilize public conscience for the Abolition of Modern Slavery

These potential partners could include:

- Like-minded **Governments**, beginning with the EU, Germany, Sweden, UK
- **International organizations** UN, UNHCR, IOM, ILO, UNDOC, UNICEF, COE, AU, OAS, OSCE (H.E. Amb. Madina JARBUSSYNOVA, Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE)
- **Red Cross/Red Crescent** Movement, including ICRC and IFRC
- **NGOs** (Human Rights NGOs like HRW and Humanitarian NGOs like MSF)
- **FBOs** (Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, The Santa Marta Group, Caritas Internationalis, ICMC, UISG, Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation Commission, Sr. Eugenia Bonetti « Women Helping Women », Slaves No More, Italy, Sr. Patricia Ebegebulem African Network Against HT (ANAHT), Nigeria, RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation), The Commission of the Bishop's Conferences of the European Community, The Catholic Bishops Conference of South Africa, Nigeria, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops)
- **Academia** (beginning with the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PASS), Babson College Initiative, Fordham, Harvard, Webster)
- **Business** (beginning with the World Economic Forum)
- **Media** (such as CNN Freedom Project, Thomson Reuters Foundation Stop Slavery Award, BBC, TED Talks, ARTE, Economist, South China Morning Post, The Guardian, Le Figaro, La Croix, etc.)
- **Religious and Spiritual Leaders** (see the 2 Dec 2014 Appeal, Global Interfaith Network to End Slavery, the INTERFAITH TOOLKIT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, [Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility...](#))

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3. Learn from others's Best Practices: Prevention, Protection, Rehabilitation adapted to local needs and resources



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3. Learn from others:

From Bio & Environmental Labels:

A. Promote Slave-Free Supply Chains

for Goods and Services at the local, national, regional and international level

<http://www.endslaverynow.org/act/buy-slave-free>

<http://slaveryfootprint.org>

B. Consider Slave-Free Labels

for Goods and Services (Check Supply Chains)

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-235.cfm>



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**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
FRANCIS
TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORLD
DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND
ACTION
AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
Clementine Hall
Monday, 12 February 2018

Extracts

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Certainly there is **a lot of ignorance on the topic of trafficking**. But sometimes there also seems to be little will to understand the scope of the issue. Why? Because it touches close to our **conscience**; because it is thorny; because it is **shameful**. Then there are those who, even knowing this, do not want to speak because they are at the end of the **“supply chain”**, as a user of the “services” that are offered on the street or on the Internet. There are, lastly, those who do not want it to be talked about, because they are directly involved in the **criminal organizations that reap handsome profits from trafficking**. Yes, it takes courage and honesty, “when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others”

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The work of **raising awareness** must begin at home, with ourselves, because only in this way will we be able to then make our communities aware, motivating them to commit themselves so that no human being may ever again be a victim of trafficking.

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For my part, as you may have noted, I have never missed an opportunity to **openly denounce trafficking as a crime against humanity.**

It is “a true form of slavery, unfortunately more and more widespread, which concerns every country, even the most developed. It is a reality which affects the most vulnerable in society: women of all ages, children, the handicapped, the poorest, and those who come from broken families and from difficult situations in society”.

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I have also said that “what is called for, then, is a **shared sense of responsibility and firmer political will** to gain victory on this front. Responsibility is required towards those who have fallen victim to trafficking in order to protect their rights, to guarantee their safety and that of their families, and to prevent the corrupt and criminals from escaping justice and having the last word over the lives of others.

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Young people are in a privileged position to encounter survivors of human trafficking. Go to your **parishes**, to an association near home; meet the people, listen to them. Your response and concrete commitment will grow from there. In fact, I see the risk that this may become an abstract issue, but it is not abstract. There are signs that you can learn how to “read”, which tell you: this could be a victim of trafficking here, a slave. **We need to promote the culture of encounter which in itself leads to an unexpected wealth and great surprises.** Saint Paul gives us an example: in Christ, the slave Onesimus is no longer a slave but much more; he is a beloved brother (cf. Philem 1:16)

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You young people can find hope in Christ, and you can also encounter Him in migrants, people who have fled from home, and who remain trapped in the networks. Do not be afraid to encounter them. Open your heart, let them in, be ready to change. Encountering the other naturally leads to change, but there is no need to fear this change. It will always be for the best. Remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah: “Enlarge your tent” (cf. Is 54:2). **The Church must promote and create spaces for encounter.** For this reason I have requested that parishes be opened for welcoming. It is important to recognize the great task in response to my appeal, thank you! I ask you who are present here today to work in favour of opening up to others, especially when they are wounded in their dignity. Become promoters of initiatives that your parishes can host. Help the Church to create spaces for sharing experiences and integration of faith and of life.



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Social networks too, especially for young people, are a seemingly endless opportunity for encounter: the Internet can offer more **opportunities for encounter and solidarity among all**, and this is a good thing; it is a gift of God. However, for every instrument that is offered to us, the choice that mankind decides to make of it is fundamental. The communicative environment can help us to grow or, on the contrary, to become disoriented. **The risks inherent in some of these virtual spaces must not be underestimated; through the web, many young people are lured and drawn into slavery** from which it then becomes beyond their ability to free themselves. In this sphere, adults, parents and teachers — also older siblings and cousins — are called to the task of watching over and protecting youths. You must do the same with your relatives and friends: perceive and point out particular vulnerabilities, suspicious cases on which light must be shed.

Thus, **use the web to share a positive account of your experiences** of encounter with our brothers and sisters in the world, recount and share good practices and generate a virtuous circle.

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As you said, it must be ensured that young people not fall “into the hands of traffickers”. And how horrible it is to realize that many young victims were first abandoned by their families, considered as rejects by their society! Many were then introduced to **trafficking by their own families and so-called friends**. It happened in the Bible too: remember that the older brothers sold the young Joseph as a slave, and thus he was enslaved in Egypt!

Also in conditions of extreme poverty, **education** is shown to be important. It is an **instrument of protection** against trafficking; in fact it helps to identify dangers and to avoid illusions. A healthy school environment, like a healthy parish environment, allows young people to condemn traffickers without shame and to become bearers of just messages for other young people, so that they do not wind up in the same trap.



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All those who have been victims of trafficking have been immeasurable sources of support for new victims, and extremely important informational resources to save many other young people. It is often fake news, spread via word of mouth or filtered through social media, that entraps the innocent. Young people who have encountered organized crime can play a key role in describing the dangers.

Traffickers are often people without scruples, without morals or ethics, who live on other people's misfortunes, exploiting human emotions and people's desperation in order to subjugate them to their will, rendering them slaves and subservient. Suffice it to think how many very young African women arrive on our shores hoping to start a better life, thinking they will earn an honest living, and instead are enslaved, forced into prostitution.

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When countries fall prey to **extreme poverty, violence and corruption**, the economy, the regulatory framework and the basic infrastructures are inefficient and are unable to guarantee security, goods and essential rights. In such contexts, the perpetrators of these crimes act with impunity. Organized crime and the illegal trafficking of drugs and of human beings choose their prey from among the people who have the most inadequate means of subsistence and even less hope for the future.

The response therefore, is to create opportunities for an integral human development, starting with a quality education in early childhood, creating subsequent opportunities for growth through employment. These two modalities of growth, in the various phases of life, are antidotes to vulnerability and to trafficking.

What I have defined many times as **“the throw-away culture”** is at the foundation of behaviours which, in the market and in the globalized world, lead to the exploitation of human beings, on all levels. “Poverty, the needs and dramas of so many people end up being considered normal.

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Some States promote, within the international community, a particularly harsh policy in seeking to defeat human trafficking; this attitude is in itself misleading because, due to behind-the-scenes economic interests, it does not seek to **address the underlying causes**. Furthermore, the position on the international level is not always coherent with internal policies. I truly hope that you may send a message to the leaders at every level of Government, of the business world and of society, asking for **access to a quality education and then, to fair and sustainable employment**.

One strategy which includes **a greater awareness of the theme of trafficking, beginning with a clear terminology and with the concrete testimonies of protagonists**, can certainly be of help. Real awareness about the topic, however, devotes attention to the “demand for trafficking” that is behind the offer (chain of consumption); we are all called to reject hypocrisy and to face the idea of being part of the problem, rather than turn away proclaiming our innocence.

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Allow me to say, if there are so many young women victims of trafficking who end up on the streets of our cities, it is because many men here — young, middle-aged, elderly — demand these services and are willing to pay for their pleasure. I wonder then, **is the principal cause of trafficking really the traffickers? I believe the principal cause is the unscrupulous selfishness of the many hypocrites in our world.**

Of course, arresting traffickers is an obligation of justice. But **the true solution is the conversion of hearts, cutting off demand in order to dry out the market.**

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The Catholic Church intends to intervene in every phase of the trafficking of human beings: she wants to protect them from deception and solicitation; she wants to find them and free them when they are transported and reduced to slavery; she wants to assist them once they are freed. Often the people who are trapped and mistreated lose the ability to trust others, and the Church often proves to be the last lifeline.

It is absolutely essential to respond in a concrete way to the vulnerability of those who are at risk, so as to then guide the process of liberation beginning with saving their lives.

Ecclesial groups can open safe havens where necessary, in places of recruitment, on trafficking routes and in countries of arrival.

My hope is that the Synod may be an opportunity for the local Churches to learn to work together and become “a safety net”.

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Let us pray

Saint Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured unspeakable hardship and suffering.

Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O Saint Josephine Bakhita, assist all those who are entrapped in slavery; Intercede on their behalf with the God of Mercy so that the chains of their captivity will be broken.

May God himself free all those who have been threatened, wounded or mistreated by the trade and trafficking of human beings.

Bring comfort to survivors of this slavery and teach them to look to Jesus as an example of hope and faith so that they may find healing from their wounds.

We ask you to pray for us and to intercede on behalf of us all: that we may not fall into indifference, that we may open our eyes and be able to see the misery and wounds of our many brothers and sisters deprived of their dignity and their freedom, and may we hear their cry for help.

Amen.