

COATNET

**Christian Organisations
Against Trafficking NET**



What is the COATNET mission?

- Combating trafficking in human beings is of relevance to the principle of **human dignity**, to the **fight against poverty** and to the **promotion** and **human rights protection**. All these elements are at the very heart of the mission and work of COATNET members.
- COATNET affiliates have been active in counter trafficking and supporting survivors of trafficking **since 1999**.
- In our mission, COATNET members cooperate with faith-based organisations and Networks such as WUCWO, TALITHA KUM, SANTA MARTA GROUP, USCCB, ANGLICANE ALLIANCE and the VATICAN MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SECTION, for an ecumenical approach in the fight against human trafficking.



COATNET main areas of intervention

- PREVENTION & PROTECTION
- AWARENESS
- ACCOMPANYING SURVIVORS IN THE PROCESS OF REGAINING THEIR LIVES
- ADVOCACY
- NETWORKING



PREVENTION & PROTECTION

Helping people vulnerable to traffickers, with education, counselling, economic opportunities. That means fighting root causes like poverty and inequality.



AWARENESS

COATNET members are actively working in raising public awareness about human trafficking through information documents on www.coatnet.org and BAOBAB. Especially participating in international days such as 8th February (International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking) and 30th July (UNODC World Day against Trafficking in Persons).



ACCOMPANYING VICTIMS

Helping survivors of trafficking start a new life and get access to justice, placing them at the heart of the process of regaining their lives.



ADVOCACY

- ✓ COATNET members advocate for anti-trafficking policies in such international organizations as:
 - **UNODC** (United Nations Organization on Drugs and Crimes),
 - **OSCE** (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe),
 - **OHCHR** (Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights),
 - **Human Rights Council**,
 - **Council of Europe** through bringing voices of survivors and concerns of members of the Network.
- ✓ Advocating policies on safe migration, anti-trafficking laws and their enforcement, and decent working conditions.
- ✓ Underling the importance of combating trafficking in situations of conflict and environmental crisis.



NETWORKING

- Co-ordinating assistance across borders, sharing information and best practice among COATNET members.
- Inviting other faith based organisations to join the Network.
- Promoting networking between associations and with institutions at local, national, regional and international levels.



COATNET STEERING COMMITTEE

- COATNET is operating under the umbrella of Caritas Internationalis, linking Christian organisations worldwide that base their fight against human trafficking on shared Christian values and principles, such as the love of God, respect of human dignity, solidarity with the poor and nonviolence.
- The governing body of the Network is a Steering Committee. As of May 2022, it is supported and animated by the Assistant to COATNET, Elena Sofia Fanciulli (fanciulli@caritas.va), based at the General Secretariat of Caritas Internationalis



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“Crossing continents, breaking chains”
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