



Talitha Kum  
**ARISE**

## OUR VISION

Talitha Kum is an expression found in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 5, verse 41. The words, translated from the Aramaic mean: **“little girl, I say to you, stand-up”**.

These words are addressed by Jesus to the twelve year old daughter of Jairus, who lay apparently dead. After uttering these words, Jesus took her by the hand and she immediately got up and walked.

The worldwide network of consecrated life committed against trafficking in persons chose the expression “Talitha Kum” to define its identity.

The expression “Talitha Kum - **arise**” has the transformative power of compassion and mercy, which awakens the deep desire for dignity and life which may be asleep and injured because of many forms of exploitation.

It is an invitation given to all to stand up and to counter with our voices, our

actions, our daily choices and our lives everything that promotes and supports trafficking in persons. We denounce the arrogance and violence of economic and financial powers when they act against the dignity of the persons, and **exploit any life form, destroying it to generate profit**.

Those who join Talitha Kum are committed to be neighbors to those who suffer the serious consequences of trafficking in persons, men, women, children and families.

The activities and projects of Talitha Kum are aimed at all those who are **robbed of their dignity and deprived of liberty**, regardless of their lifestyle, race, religion, economic or sexual orientation.

## IDENTITY OF TALITHA KUM

**Talitha Kum is the worldwide network of religious life against trafficking in persons.**

It was founded in 2009 by a shared desire to coordinate and strengthen the anti-trafficking activities promoted by

members of religious congregations on the five continents.

It is a project of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), in collaboration with the Union of Superiors General (USG).

### TALITHA KUM IS A NETWORK OF NETWORKS

- 17 regional networks.
- 70 Countries.
- 5 Continents

### THE TALITHA KUM MEMBERS

- Are grass roots networks.
- Are intercongregational.
- Are founded and grow in collaboration and dialogue with the local, regional and continental conferences of religious.
- Collaborate in partnership with other organizations, church, governmental and non-governmental, present in the same area.
- Share and witness to the mysticism, the prayer and the spirituality of the following of Christ.

preventing, becoming more sensitive to and having a greater awareness of human trafficking.

- It supports projects and social and educational programs for the social reintegration of survivors.
- It denounces trafficking in persons and its root causes.
- It manages shelters, for the assistance and protection of people rescued from trafficking.
- It promotes lobbying and social policies.

### A LIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Every February 8th Talitha Kum promotes the international day of prayer and awareness against trafficking in persons.

[www.a-light-against-human-trafficking.info](http://www.a-light-against-human-trafficking.info)

### ACTIVITIES

- It creates activities and campaigns for

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- CTIP
- COSUDOW
- ANATH
- MAIN DANS LA MAIN
- EARN A TIP

#### AMERICAS:

- Um Grito pela Vida
- Red Kawsay
- Red Ramà
- Red Tamar
- USCSAHT
- CATHII

#### ASIA:

- Talitha Kum Southeast Asia
- AMRAT

#### EUROPE:

- RENATE
- CAVITP

#### OCEANIA:

- ANZRATH
- ACRATH



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## AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



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## TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

**“Modern slavery, in the form of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, organ trafficking is a crime against humanity.”**

(Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery, December 2nd 2014).

Worldwide, **millions of people are suffering because of trafficking in persons**, most are women. Unfortunately, in recent years, the percentage of children, very young boys and girls, has grown considerably. It is a chameleon-like phenomenon, the magnitude of which does not allow for precise numbers.

Trafficking overlaps and merges with illegal migration, with the employment of foreign employees in the para-slavery conditions, with women involved in the sex trade or who are subjected to marriages of convenience

**Trafficking in persons is one of the three biggest illegal markets** and every year generates clandestine economies of US\$ 150 billion. (source OIL, 2015)

It is making human life a commodity and exploiting it for profit. Human beings are trafficked for forced labor and degrading work in different sectors of the economy, for sexual exploitation or for domestic servitude. Many of them are forced into marriage or to join a criminal organization, others are mutilated for the removal of organs and forced into begging.

Trafficking in persons can be internal, as when people are trafficked within the borders of one country, or international, as when people are trafficked across borders.

All countries have reported situations of trafficking, whether they are the country of origin, one used for transit or the destination country of trafficked people.

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## OUR MISSION

**TO PROMOTE A LIFESTYLE ORIENTED TO FREEDOM AND DIGNITY, AGAINST ALL FORMS OF EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.**

- | 1 To **network** among ourselves and with other social, civil, religious and political organizations.
- | 2 To **strengthen** existing efforts and initiatives to reduce the causes of human trafficking.
- | 3 To **maximize** and update the resources for the prevention, protection, prosecution, assistance, awareness raising and condemnation of trafficking in persons.
- | 4 To **develop** educational programs that awake the consciousness of people and denounce this phenomenon.
- | 5 To **participate** in research in order to better understand the causes, risk factors and vulnerabilities in the new scenarios of human trafficking.

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## PRIORITIES 2016-2018

- **NETWORKING**  
To promote the cooperation and the connection between religious congregations, facilitating networking at the regional and continental levels, in collaboration with other governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- **COMMUNICATION**  
To organize data collection from network members, in order to maximize communication, and the exchange of information, data and good practices.
- **VISIBILITY**  
To create conditions to give greater visibility to human trafficking, including through analysis, reflections and the activities of Talitha Kum.
- **FORMATION**  
To create courses, workshops and seminars to promote:
  - The qualification of the members of Talitha Kum, in the service of leadership;
  - The formation and strengthening of Talitha Kum networks, offering

the Talitha Kum courses dedicated to the professional development of those who want to do work against trafficking and to companion and help to reintegrate into society of survivors of trafficking.

- **PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH AND STUDIES**
- **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**  
To give priority to Africa and the Middle East, regions where the phenomenon of trafficking is growing.  
To step up efforts in the prevention, protection and assistance to the victims of trafficking.
- **RESOURCES**  
The sustainability of the network requires:
  - Raising awareness within congregations, in order to promote the full- or part-time commitment of religious into anti-trafficking networks;
  - Support the local networks fundraising, to develop and to carry on projects.