



WE ARE UNITING ANTI-SLAVERY EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT TANGIBLE CHANGE



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Diane Wilkinson submitted the interim Northern Cape Freedom Project report for the period Dec 2016 to Dec 2017. This report is available on request. The report covers program implementation highlights, notable new developments, activities carried out with accomplishments of program objectives, challenges and corrective action, evaluation of program impact, media coverage, case studies and feedback.

Huge thanks to the incredible team who worked very hard on the project. Thank you to Vital Voices and the Global Freedom Exchange team who partnered with us financially through the small grant, to allow for this Project to take place. You have helped us make a great start to the fight against Human Trafficking in the Northern Cape Province and we are so grateful for this!



SOUTH AFRICAN
NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE LINE
 **0800 222 777**



COOPERATION

At the Gauteng Task Team meeting in February, Kirsten as NFN representative agreed to consolidate information on an accountability spreadsheet to see the fruit of cooperation from everyone.

POWER OF PRAYER

We are thrilled to have new people joining the team to pray every week. Thank you!

The new NFN operations document with successes and financial statements is available on request

Marina travelled over 800 kms in the first quarter connecting in person with many as well as numerous telephone conversations, WhatsApp messages, SMSs, FB messages and emails to encourage, empower and equip them. NFN delivered donations to four safe houses in Gauteng.



Networking during the first quarter



Breakfast with
Nokulunga Ntshoko,
Ithemba Lobomi
Foundation



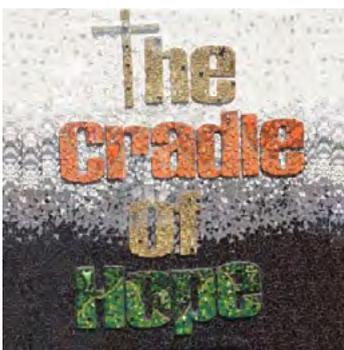
It was great to finally meet
Amanda van der
Westhuizen, NFN research
coordinator after she
relocated to Gauteng from
the Eastern Cape. She is
working with several
academics researching
human trafficking.

MARINA MET WITH THE STOP TEAM IN CAPE TOWN.



Phumla Dwane,
Networking and
sharing ideas
about a
conference!

Quick
coffee with
Margaret
Stafford,
Salvation
Army



Melodie Brankel works on the West Rand



Kids Haven, Sam
and Susan meeting
Kids Haven opened
in 1992 to serve the
homeless (street)
children and
children in crisis in
the Ekurhuleni
region, South Africa.

IT WAS
GREAT TO
GET TO
KNOW JJ
AND
SIDNEY
FROM THE
US
EMBASSY



Thank you to Prof. Beatri
Kruger, UFS for treating Julia
and Marina to lunch as she
journeyed home via
Johannesburg. It was three
hours of getting to know you.

Events attended during the first quarter:

Charities4Change, Rosebank with a presentation for fundraising opportunity with Tekkie Day



CIRCA Gallery with Man Longing production by Moving into Dance, Mark Hawkins



[Festival of the Arts](#) with Man Longing choreographed by Sunnyboy Motau, MIDM and a dance piece titled Trafficked produced by Yusuf Thomas.



Bronkhorstspuit, Freedom Generation Super hero colouring book launch AGS Koinonia church is very involved in supporting Freedom Generation



Fellowship with Fitness with Principles of self-defence and combating human trafficking

fellowship through fitness
 in partnership with
 National Freedom Network

presents
Principles of Self Defence **Combating Modern Slavery**
session

Human trafficking has been identified as the largest human rights violation in the history of mankind. Join us for a first hand account on this issue by our honoured guest – a human trafficking survivor.

R150 per person

- 1 A one hour self-defence work out.
- 2 A talk focused on Human Trafficking
- 3 A nutritious snack and smoothie

When: Saturday, 24 March, 9am to 11am
 Where: The Kings School, Robin Hills

For information and registration:
 sharon@fellowshipfitness.co.za
 076 519 6035



READ THIS BLOG WRITTEN BY AMY

<http://nationalfreedomnetwork.co.za/2018/04/11/the-epidemic-human-trafficking/>

NFN team meeting on 12 January 2018 with Christoff Swanepoel, Black Noah, Erasmia Naidoo, Women Arise Foundation, Jacqueline Fourie, Small Voice Human Trafficking, Julia and Marina. We briefly worked through the new Operations document and shared ideas. Jacqueline was thanked for her commitment to sending out the Network News every two weeks.



We are grateful to PwC for final audited financials for year ending Feb 2017 and Andile & Sibongile who are working on current audit for year ending Feb 2018.

JHB SOUTH HOT SPOTS MEETING

NFN joined a meeting in South Jhb with concerned community members, Hope for Women, Salvation Army, SAPS, DSD to discuss the way forward regarding identified hot spots.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VISIT THE RESOURCES WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST:

PRESS RELEASES
 JANUARY 2018 70
 FEBRUARY 2018 30
 MARCH 2018 71

VIDEO CLIPS TO WATCH / LISTEN TO AUDIOS

BOOKS TO READ
 ACADEMIC RESEARCH
 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES





A reality unseen: story board banners are displayed at events and tell local South African stories of human trafficking and were put together by photojournalist Melanie Hamman-Doucakis for the National Freedom Network.

Other [events](#) on National Freedom Network website

NO DATA ON FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING - WWW.IOL.CO.ZA

While South Africa has made strides in combating human trafficking, adequate data collection and collaboration between stakeholders is needed to get a better grip on the problem. This was the focus on the first day of the prevention and combating of trafficking in persons co-ordination workshop in Pretoria on Tuesday. Although minimal and scattered data was available on what has been termed “modern day slavery”, indications were that the problem was growing rapidly, Zhuldyz Akisheva, regional representative of the UN office on drugs and crime, said.



Akisheva said the main challenge, particularly for South Africa, was the lack of data, which made it difficult for role players to adequately determine how severe things were. She said for that reason, the organisation was working with the Department of Justice and Correctional Services in hosting workshops for all law enforcement agencies to come up with a unified approach.

“We need to find a way for the various law enforcement agencies to stop working in silos but to work more closely with civil society organisations,” she said. Akisheva said while information was lacking, it was important for better working relationships to be established, as having a single or 1000 lives affected by the issue was too many.

Arno Schaefer, head of co-operation with the EU delegation to South Africa, said even with the lack of official statistics from the various departments, work could still be done. That being for agencies to ensure better controls at borders and for authorities to focus on hot spots or areas susceptible to making use of trafficked labour.

Akisheva said while some data was available from the departments, it was difficult to compare information coming from different sources, as each had its data and it was not established to what extent that data spoke to others. The Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services John Jeffery said despite recent reports of human trafficking in the country, great strides had been made as evidenced by the 2016 global slavery index, placing South Africa 27th out of 167 countries battling the problem.

That, as well as the recognition by the US state department’s trafficking in persons 2017 report’s chapter on South Africa, which took note that the government had demonstrated increased efforts by identifying and referring more than double the number of trafficked victims.

Similar to the international experts’ concerns, Jeffery said it was true that at the moment there was no systematic collection and analysis of data on trafficking of persons, and smuggling of migrants. He said law enforcement agencies needed to work together to tackle the problem.



Marcel van der Watt attended the UNODC / National Intersectoral Committee for Trafficking In Persons (NIC:TIP) workshop on 27 - 28 March 2018 in Pretoria. Some network partners also joined on the second day: Hope Risen, SA National Human Trafficking Resource Line, Salvation Army, IOM and Love Justice.

Marcel was interviewed on eNCA News live television and Talk Radio 702 on 11 January 2018 for comments of reports regarding public violence, drug dealing, human trafficking and xenophobia in Rustenburg.

Marcel addressed over 60 policy makers, politicians and researchers on 2 March on the nature and future of human trafficking in South Africa and joined others presenting on 5 March at Parliament’s multiparty women’s caucus sex work summit on the decriminalisation of sex work.

CORE NFN TEAM

- Diane Wilkinson – CEO, Director, National coordinator and representative for civil society on NIC: TIP and Task Teams (Note: Diane is on sabbatical til September 2018)
- Marcel van der Watt – Director, Case manager, representative for civil society on NIC: TIP, member of NIC:TIP Training Committee and Task Teams and ambassador for South Africa.
- Dr. Amanda van der Westhuizen – Director and Research coordinator - Research protocol procedure for academics and anyone requesting to do research into human trafficking in South Africa
- Marina Reyneke - Director and Operations Manager (includes general admin, resource website, networking, weekly prayer requests, monthly devotional, national calendar of awareness/training etc events and activities, NFN database of individuals and organisation around SA & Int. and assisting and directing anyone wanting to get involved or know about human trafficking in SA.)
- Julia Conway – admin assistant on Mondays only
- Prof. Beatri Kruger – accountability and support
- Kirsten Hornby - Director - accountability, business advice, financial decisions and represents Network Partners on the NIC:TIP Training Committee with Marcel (Kirsten is currently employed by Love Justice)

The wider team has unfolded organically and consists of contacts in most of the provinces.

Other than Julia, the above persons are not remunerated.



**Our dream is to help
create a world without
slavery**

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The hidden crime of human trafficking

MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Did you know that every 30 seconds* somebody becomes a victim of human trafficking? This is a shocking statistic and indicates that we are facing a humanitarian crisis.

While slavery was abolished more than a century ago, the truth is evident that it is more prevalent today than ever – in the form of human trafficking. In fact, there are an estimated 27 million people currently in slavery, or bondage, around the world, and only 1% of these people are ever rescued. In Africa, 4 out of every 1 000 people are victims of trafficking, with females (55%) and adults (74%) most likely to fall victim to such crime.

It's a murky world of young children sold as prostitutes, men held on farms with their passports confiscated, organs being removed or cleaners locked in houses and forced to work, to pay off the money the

traffickers spent importing them.

Human trafficking is a complex, well-organised crime, involving elaborate and extensive networks of participants. The chain includes recruiters, taxi drivers, farm owners, landlords, people buying the services of the victims and henchmen to threaten the victim, or their families.

So, while nobody wants to think of such a horrifying crime, it is important that we consider that this could happen to someone we know and that we ensure we understand the ins and outs of human trafficking – protecting our families and loved ones.

Most at risk are the poor, unemployed, uneducated and those looking for

a better life. Fraud and force are the main methods of recruiting them, by offering false job opportunities abroad in hotels, restaurants or beauty salons, or by promises of contacts in the sporting fields.

Victims are often offered all-expenses-paid travel to their new opportunity, but when they arrive, their passports are confiscated and they are forced to work to repay the costs. To keep them from rebelling, the victims may be drugged or threatened with violence, against them or their family back home.

One organisation fighting to eradicate human trafficking and slavery in South Africa, is the National Freedom Network (NFN). The NFN came about as a result of a number of individuals and organisations that were doing great work to combat human trafficking, but collaboration between them was initially limited. The NFN bridges the gap and helps them share information,

What happens to Victims ?



Sexual
Exploitation



Organ
Trafficking



Forced Illegal
Activities



Forced
Marriages



Forced
Labour



Debt
Bondage

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tip-offs and best practices. Its goals are to provide easy access to counter-trafficking information, resources, events and news, and to connect people doing similar work, to share ideas and give them guidance.

Its website features news, video clips, academic research (related to South Africa), recommended books to read and movies to watch, and highlights local or international learning opportunities.

To support its work and help drive stronger awareness about this serious humanitarian issue, local advertising company - Ad Outpost – is giving the NFN free street pole advertisements, in addition to monthly financial support. These adverts aim to promote the NFN's latest campaign 'See something, Say something'. The campaign is supported by social media outreach, where the #seesomethingsaysomething hashtag is being used to call on all South Africans to take action against human trafficking.

Recent efforts by the NFN to highlight human trafficking saw it sponsor a short film called *Unthinkable*, which exposed a common form of recruitment into sex slavery called 'Loverboy recruitment' or 'Romeo pimping'.

Other recent efforts include:

- Helping Hope for Women to repatriate a family; and funding social workers to attend trauma training sessions organised by Hope for Women;
- Providing ongoing support to several Safe Houses;
- Contributing funds to the training of over 450 SAPS officials in Limpopo;
- Sponsoring the training of nearly 500 SAPS officials and other stakeholders by Love Justice.

How You Can Help

No matter who you are, you can do something to help. In fact, several victims in South Africa have been rescued because community members were vigilant and reported their suspicions.

As such, consider the following if you want to help:

- If you see something suspicious, report it to the police or the South African National Human Trafficking Resource Helpline on 0800 222 777.
- Educate yourself on the realities of human trafficking, by visiting the Human Trafficking Resources website: www.nfnresources.yolasite.com.
- Volunteer your skills at the NFN, by visiting: www.nationalfreedomnetwork.co.za.
- Donate clothes, non-perishable foods and toiletries to safe houses, or ask the NFN what specific items are needed for safe houses in your province.
- Be a conscious consumer by investigating which industries are

heavily supplied by forced labour, and refrain from using such stores. Buy fair trade products that guarantee no slave labour in their production.

- If you are a business owner, the NFN encourages the offering of internships or skills training for trafficking survivors, or those at risk of being trafficked, and to employ survivors where feasible.
- Create awareness – go as big or small as you want to. Use social media, your company website, blog spot or local newspapers and magazines, or tell your friends and family about what you have learned.

Should you want to contribute financially, you can also donate, as per the below details:

National Freedom Network
First National Bank
Greenstone Branch
Branch Code: 201510
Account: 62531299726

For any tip-offs, you can contact The South African National Human Trafficking Resource Line on 0800 222 777.

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*US Department of State: Human Trafficking in Persons Report 2014