



Quarterly CTIP Newsletter

SOUTHCOM Human Rights Office CTIP Conference

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The SOUTHCOM Human Rights Office hosted its first Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) conference for partner nation representatives in Miami, FL from 06-07 MAR. The conference brought together military/security forces, government civilian, and non-governmental organization representatives from Belize, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and Panama to discuss ways in which military/security forces can combat trafficking in persons in their respective countries. The conference followed SOUTHCOM's Human Rights Initiative (HRI) model and focused on ways in which the partner nations could institutionalize CTIP training and protocols within their respective military or security forces.

Guest speakers and TIP experts addressed a range of topics, including: how to identify TIP victims, U.S. federal prosecution of sex trafficking cases, the DOD CTIP Program, combating forced labor in South Florida, domestic servitude, combating trafficking in persons within the context of migration, transnational cooperation in the fight to end TIP, creation of a CTIP curriculum, and a victim-centered approach to CTIP. Civilian government representatives from the five partner nations also presented on the TIP situation and challenges in each country.

Conference participants also took part in two facilitated working group sessions. The working groups were intended for participants to discuss the role of military/security forces in combating human trafficking in their respective countries, identify CTIP training objectives that military/security forces can incorporate into their training programs/schools, and create sample protocols that military/security forces can use when encountering TIP cases. The working groups also discussed and provided recommendations on establishing zero tolerance policies for TIP violations within military/security organizations. The conference concluded with closing remarks from Ambassador Liliana Ayalde, the Civilian Deputy to the Commander and Foreign Policy Advisor at SOUTHCOM.



Conference participants provided positive feedback on the conference, and many requested follow-up CTIP conferences and engagement. It was clear that there is a strong appetite for U.S. support and engagement on this issue. SOUTHCOM will continue to incorporate CTIP topics and experts into its HRI engagements in the future.

[Photos provided by U.S. SOUTHCOM.]



idTraffickers Software

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Small Business Innovation Research partnered with a private company to fund the creation of idTraffickers software. The idTraffickers software approach will be three-pronged:

- Identify traffickers and victims by pulling information off of the web, the dark web, and through exclusive partnerships.
- Create actionable intelligence reports with enough evidence to bring down traffickers.
- Eliminate inefficient processes by locating this illegal activity quickly and easily and thus, eliminate the manual, time-consuming processes.

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Interagency Activities

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released two new Toolkits. The Adult Human Trafficking Screening Toolkit draws from evidence-based practices and lessons learned from available screening instruments to identify individuals who may have been trafficked and those who are at risk of trafficking. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/resource/nhhtacadultscreening>

The Building Survivor-Informed Organizations Toolkit provides practical strategies for implementing survivor-informed policies and procedures to collaborate with and support survivor leaders as staff, volunteers, and consultants through a combination of: guiding principles; assessment tools; existing resources; and practical advice. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/resource/nhttacorgtoolkit>

For more information,
visit [http://
ctip.defense.gov](http://ctip.defense.gov)

DoD CTIP Program Office Updates

The CTIP Office Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 submission to the Attorney General's Annual Report to Congress included these Department of Defense highlights:

- 63 TIP or TIP-related cases were reported from the Services, Combatant Commands or Defense Agencies. Three previously opened cases were closed, resulting in two prosecutions and one not substantiated due to lack of evidence.
- Defense Institute of International Legal Studies provided courses on counter-trafficking to 2200 international participants from foreign militaries in over 50 countries.

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Have ideas for the next issue? Submit your suggestions and agency highlights to dodctip@mail.mil.

Upcoming Events

DoD Inspector General Training

May 9, 2018 8:00am—9:00am at Mark Center, Alexandria, VA

DISA CTIP Training

May 15, 2017, 10:00am— 12:00pm at DISA HQ, Ft. Meade, MD