



“We are All Workers - We have Rights and Duties”

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma bint Talal, the Jordanian Anti-Human Trafficking National Committee and IOM launch a Campaign to Combat Human Trafficking.

April 23 Jordan - Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma bint Talal, the Jordanian government's Anti-Human Trafficking National Committee launched the campaign to combat human trafficking, “We are All Workers,” from the Royal Cultural Center, Amman.

IOM's Deputy Director General, Laura Thomson, Minister of Labor and Transportation, Prof. Nidal Alkatamine, General Secretary of Ministry of Justice, Mr. Mohammad Mbaydeen, and Head of Criminal Investigation at the Department of Public Security, Brigadier Mahmoud Abujoma were among the speakers of the event. Around two hundred and fifty stakeholders attended the event, coming from government entities, civil society organizations, international organizations, diplomatic missions and other community-based organizations.

The campaign's theme, ‘We are All Workers,’ highlights the need to combat human trafficking for the purpose of forced labor. Low-skilled migrant workers are particularly vulnerable to falling victim to this form of trafficking. Victims are deceived about their working conditions, forced to work without payment, and subject to physical and psychological abuse. As a country that hosts many low skilled migrant workers, Jordan recognizes the need to sensitize the public on the danger of human trafficking.

The campaign will help to sensitize the public and to combat this kind form of human trafficking



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma bint Talal and Jordanian and IOM officials at the launch event © IOM 2013

though the dissemination of information and educational material, awareness raising sessions for community groups, the production of public service announcements, and other forms of media campaigns.

The event was part of IOM's assistance to government of Jordan under the framework of the project ‘Awareness Raising and Capacity Building in Jordan to Counter Trafficking and Protect Victims,’ funded by US State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP).

Her Royal Highness, Princess Basma bint Talal, emphasized the need to strengthen collaboration in addressing this crime “The issue of human trafficking with all its ramifications can never be resolved by any organization alone. The full commitment and cooperation of all relevant governments

and organizations is needed, as they must to work together in a coordinated manner to achieve the necessary results. This would lead to a more effective methods to fight this crime through building a societal culture that is more aware of inhumane practices that migrant workers encounter; a culture that holds more respect for human rights and the rule of the law and acceptance of the other irrespective of his/her background or circumstances ”

In 2012, Her Royal Highness, Princess Basma bint Talal was appointed as the IOM Director General's Special Envoy to raise awareness on combating human trafficking in Kingdom of Jordan.

The event is aimed to bring various actors together to discuss the issue and share resources to prevent trafficking, protect victims and prosecute traffickers.

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