The Central Role of Human Rights in Addressing Trafficking in Persons & Migrant Exploitation

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Presentation Outline

• Critical assessment of current TIP Measures in Nigeria
• International cooperation
• Improving counter TIP measures – practical recommendations on application of human rights standard
Situation in Nigeria

• Over 140m – a rich country with mass poverty
• It is a source, transit & destination country – more of a source to Europe
• The ‘Nigerian Girls’ syndrome echoes across the globe – an area of concern to government
• 2003 enacted a law inline with the TIP Protocol
• The Law established a multi-faceted agency, NAPTIP (www.naptip.gov.ng)
NAPTIP Strategy

4 Ps Strategy

• Prevention
• Prosecution
• Protection
• Partnership (Local & International)
Rescued Victims (2004-June 2009)
Convictions 2004- June 2009
Global Challenges

• Lack of information to migrant – Source countries
• Transit countries, by their characteristic, condone TIP/SoM
• Identification & Prosecution of Criminal groups more significant to Destination Countries than victims
• Destination Countries victim of TIP protection facilities e.g. visas are cosmetic – not human rights base
Way Forward

• International cooperation on victim protection (Common Tools) – the West African ‘Policy on protection of Victims of TIP’
• Victims must be protected regardless of their role in criminal justice system
• Victim support should not only be limited to residence visas
• TIP Policies should be human rights based rather than response to organised crime
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