Top Down and Bottom Up Approach

Taiwan

Concise Summary: Help us pitch this solution! Provide an explanation within 3-4 short sentences.

About You

Location

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Your idea

Position in the Human Trafficking Mosaic of Solutions

Factor
Low Risk / High Profits for Traffickers
Principle
Ensuring Law for All

Innovation

Innovation:

TWRF implements the "Top Down and Bottom Up Approach" to create a team of influential stakeholders, such as high ranking officials, scholars, NGO leaders, and front line workers (law enforcement agents, social workers, etc.), to exterminate human trafficking through both grass-root and legislative initiatives. The "Bottom up" portion of the approach encompasses the collection of tangible data from victims, awareness-raising workshops, and coordination of frontline efforts surrounding individual trafficking cases. The "Top Down" portion seeks to implement comprehensive legislation through the creation of an intergovernmental committee, to address problems of prevention, protection, and prosecution at both domestic and transnational level.

Impact

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This approach essentially creates a self-reinforcing cycle, in which the grass-root level feeds the top level with case execution experiences and the top level creates a practical legislation in return. The "Bottom Up" portion will lead the frontline workers to identify and serve more victims, prosecute more traffickers, and pin-point more loopholes within the current system. Through TWRF, the information gathered and experiences learned at the grass-root level, both domestically and internationally, will be fed back to the "Top Down" seed group members and intergovernmental committee, impacting creation of legislation. The resulted legislation shall provide the tools and resources as needed to prevent, protect, and prosecute.

Tipping Point:

The tipping point of the approach will be the passage of the "Anti-Human Trafficking Act", aimed to protect victims, prosecute traffickers and prevent the crime. Without this legislation, frontline workers are faced with a lack of proper legislative tools to prosecute and resources to protect and to prevent. Obstacles preventing TWRF to get to the tipping point include: 1) speed of awareness-raising achieved by campaign, 2) consistency of funding to sustain our activities, and 3) challenges met while trying to inspire stakeholders to fight for this cause.

Replication:

1. To understand the scope of the problem and gather quantitative data to support our conviction. 2. Identify key partners: i.e. Stakeholders (SH), High Ranking Officials (SH), Law enforcement Agents (SH), Other NGO Leaders (SH), Scholars.
(SH) & Media & Victims 3. Convince (SH) with facts gathered 4. Empower/educate stakeholders to adopt the goal of pushing for legislative change. Educate, empower, and create collaboration amongst stakeholders to foster initiatives in respective fields and implement concrete changes, including forming official intergovernmental committee and passing of the law. 5. Monitor the implementation of the policy and implement preventative programs to completely eradicate the problem.

Sustainability

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The sustainability of our mission depends on the passing of the Anti-human Trafficking Act. Legislation can bring regulations to punish all human trafficking activities and ensure protection of the victims. Although passing of legislation is essential, continual education in both Sending and Destination Countries is also critical. Education at the grass root level, such as in schools and communities about exploitation, immigration and human trafficking, is an important factor to prevent human trafficking. Keeping in check of stakeholders to sustain focus on the human-trafficking problem is also required. With solid infrastructure in place at the grass root level to the legislative level, long-term self-sustainability is possible.

Organization Size:

Full-time employees: 16 Part-time: 5 volunteer: 13

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