



# CENTER ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESEARCH & OUTREACH

**FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026**

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## OUR MISSION

To conduct research, develop programming, and influence policies that drastically and measurably reduce human trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

## OUR VISION

To become the leading hub for human trafficking research, policy, and programming development across the globe.

The following objectives meet CenHTRO's mission and vision by increasing partnerships, building capacity, training researchers and stakeholders, and effectively communicating our global efforts to end human trafficking.



# RESEARCH

## Build Partnerships to Expand Research & Researcher Capacity

- *Issue competitive grants for preliminary research.*
- *Create research training opportunities that enable further collaboration with established researchers in the human trafficking field.*
- *Build mentorships and consultancies to form a network of possible collaborators.*

## Work Collaboratively with Local Researchers to Build Their Capacity in Rigorous Research & Implement Evaluation

- *Create and sustain think tanks in focal countries.*
- *Build capacity for local partners to implement their own research and evaluations.*

## Train Next Generation of Human Trafficking Researchers Through Workshops, Assistantships, & Seed Grants

- *Establish and build Future Leaders Program for graduate students.*
- *Develop new opportunities to train new and early career researchers, especially in implementation countries, and build the science of human trafficking.*

## Disseminate Research & Build Awareness in Traditional & Non-Traditional Venues

- *Develop communications strategies oriented to academic community.*
- *Develop communications strategies oriented to non-academic partners.*
- *Develop internal research repository.*



CenHTRO leadership and staff meet with the Sierra Leone Think Tank in Freetown in December 2021.



# PROGRAMS

## Build Partnerships to Understand Local Social, Political & Financial Context Better

- *Create internal tool to assess implementation partners' internal operations, understanding of external context, and alignment with CenHTRO goals in order to determine the extent to which CenHTRO technical assistance is needed.*
- *Develop and sustain key informants in focal countries.*
- *Develop CenHTRO Advisory Board and Leadership Team.*

## Develop & Deliver Evidence-Informed Programs, Technical Assistance & Evaluation

- *Develop feedback loops with implementation partners to build evidence-informed programs, include practice-based knowledge in research, and obtain feedback about CenHTRO's technical assistance services.*
- *Streamline UGA administrative and MOU processes.*

## Disseminate Best Practices

- *Develop webinar/interactive series with implementation partners to share best practices, build wellness for staff (not isolated), and highlight implementation programs.*
- *Coordinate with implementation partners on their own communications plans.*
- *Gather and disseminate success highlights from partners to use in CenHTRO communications.*

# POLICY

## Engage Stakeholders to Help Analyze & Propose Impactful Anti-TIP Policies

- *Pursue membership and active participation in local, multi-sectoral anti-trafficking bodies.*
- *Advocate for inclusion of survivors and their families in policy proposals, formulation, implementation, and evaluation.*
- *Influence anti-trafficking policies to place emphasis on protection and prevention.*

## Build Partner Capacity in Law & Political Processes

- *Build partners' capacity to influence relevant policies.*
- *Hire additional Policy Officer.*
- *Develop minimum standards around national and state policies.*

## Train Stakeholders in Anti-Trafficking Work & Policies

- *Provide technical assistance to partners to develop policy knowledge among staff.*
- *Provide technical assistance to partners to identify policy-related funding opportunities.*

## Influence Human Trafficking Policy Through Events & Publications

- Pursue media engagement on human trafficking policy issues.
- Communicate policy priorities on CenHTRO's active, user-friendly website.
- Showcase policy priorities in CenHTRO newsletter.

# FUNDING

## Diversify CenHTRO's Sources of Funding

- Diversify funding strategies through applying to wide range of grants.

## Increase Partners' Funding Base by Sharing Opportunities & Technical Assistance

- Share funding opportunities with partners.

## Increase Partner Capacity to Develop Sustainable Funding by Establishing Country Think Tanks and Providing Evaluation Tools

- Build think tanks' capacity to be competitive in applying for external funding.
- Build partners' capacity to be competitive in applying for external funding.

## Increase CenHTRO Training Funds by Applying for Grants

- Apply for institutional graduate training grants such as NIH T32s, NSF, and HRSA. opportunities.
- Mentor individual graduate students to apply for external fellowships.

## Increase Visibility of CenHTRO to Funders

- Invite funders to CenHTRO events. opportunities.
- Disseminate materials oriented to funders that communicate project impact.