

Migrant Women's Counter Human Trafficking Alliance

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AGENDA

Wednesday, October 13th 2021 10:30am-11:30am

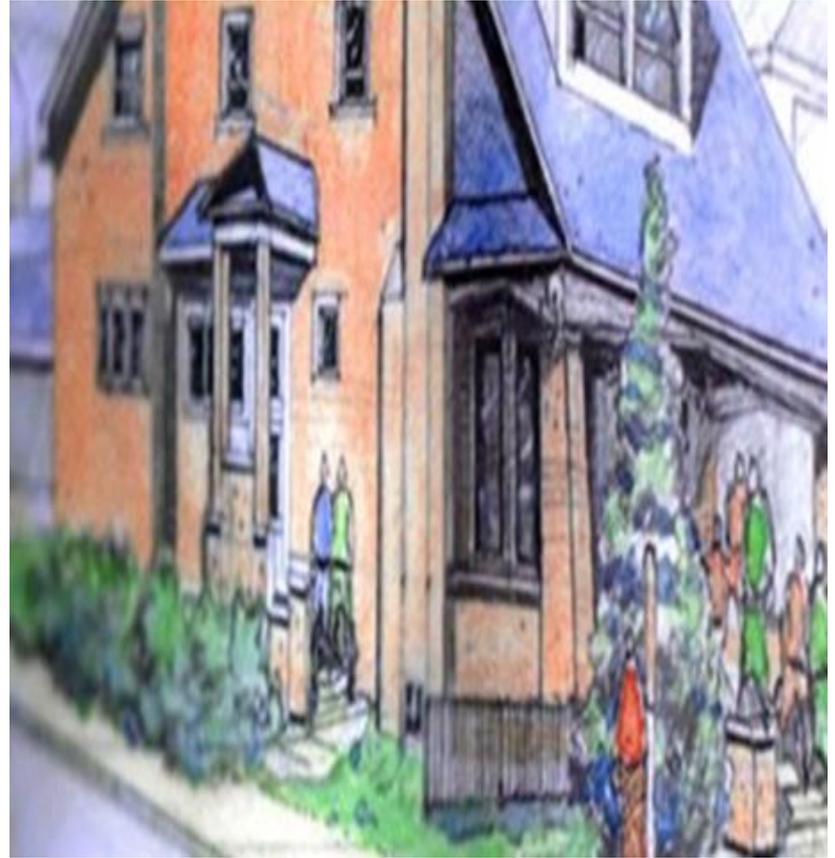


- 1. FCJ Refugee Centre (Services & Programs)**
- 2. Anti-Human Trafficking Program**
- 3. Context (Situation faced by Migrant Women)**
- 4. Migrant Women's Counter Human Trafficking Alliance**
- 5. Needs the Project will Address**
- 6. Key Project Activities & Sub Activities**
- 7. Contact Information**
- 8. Q&A Period**

FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE

We are a non profit-organization that serves uprooted people in rebuilding their lives in Canadian society.

We are case centred, with a collaborative and holistic approach in the way we apply a gendered and anti-oppressive framework.



SERVICES & PROGRAMS

IMMIGRATION AID AND REFUGEE PROTECTION

- Transitional Shelter for women and children
- Housing Support
- Women's Programs; art class, entrepreneur skills
- Food Distribution Program
- Virtual community cooking class
- English and Conversation
- Primary Care and Mental Health Clinic
- Youth Program

- Immigration and Refugee Orientation
- Refugee Process
- Refugee Hearing Preparation
- PRRA
- Refugee Appeal
- H&C
- Sponsorships
- Work/Student Permits
- Etc.

SETTLEMENT AND INTEGRATION

- Direct services to trafficked persons
- Supporting migrant workers through our Migrant Workers Mobile Program

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

- Webinars and Training Sessions
- Borderless Voices Podcast
- Youtube Videos
- Resources: Presentations & Documents
- Research
- Season Newsletter and Annual Reports

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND NETWORKING

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

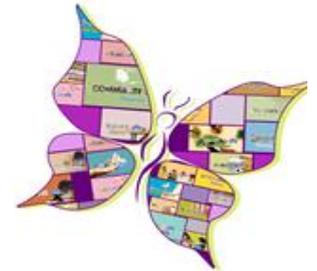
- FCJ Refugee Centre offers direct services to people who have been trafficked (sex trafficking and labour exploitation)
- We take a holistic approach when walking with survivors through legal processes, immigration procedures, settlement and recovery



“The path out of human trafficking may take time, but we ensure that we walk with people the whole way”

OUR WORK IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Founded the Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network (TCHTN)
- Member of the Canadian Council for Refugees' Steering Committee Against Human Trafficking
- Program encompasses 3 projects:
 - **The Migrant Workers Mobile Program**
 - **The Migrant Women's Counter Human Trafficking Alliance**
 - **The Youth Alliance Against Human Trafficking**



CONTEXT - SITUATION FACED BY MIGRANT WOMEN



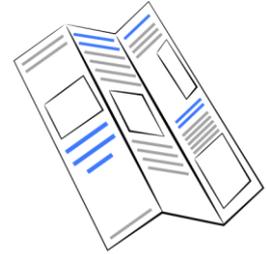
- (Canadian Context) International Cases of Labour Trafficking, especially amongst vulnerable migrant women is the least identified form of exploitation in the Anti-Human Trafficking sector
- Factors in perpetuation of the issue:
 - Lack of information about the specific barriers that migrant women face
 - Precarious Migrant Women (esp young women) are more vulnerable to predatory practices due to their marginalization
 - Feminization of Migration/exploitation within the Canadian Context of Human Trafficking
 - Sectors of hospitality, cleaning services, and other personal service industries where migrant women are highly employed/exploited

BARRIERS FACED BY MIGRANT WOMEN



- Lack of knowledge about **(1) labour rights** and **(2) immigration policies** are contributing risk factors increasing the vulnerability of migrant workers to face exploitation/Human Trafficking
- **Solution:** Provision of tools will prevent situations of exploitation/trafficking with migrant populations and assist those already experiencing conditions of human trafficking/labour exploitation

GAPS IN SERVICES AND STATISTICS



- **Gaps in Statistics** - lack of data in this area
 - Need to collect data from community to contextualize situation/vulnerabilities of population living in precarious status

- **Gaps in Services** - need for best practices led by women with lived experience to provide multilingual information from reliable sources

THE MIGRANT WOMEN'S COUNTER HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALLIANCE

Project Description

- *Scope:* Regional
- *Target group:* Women aged 25-64

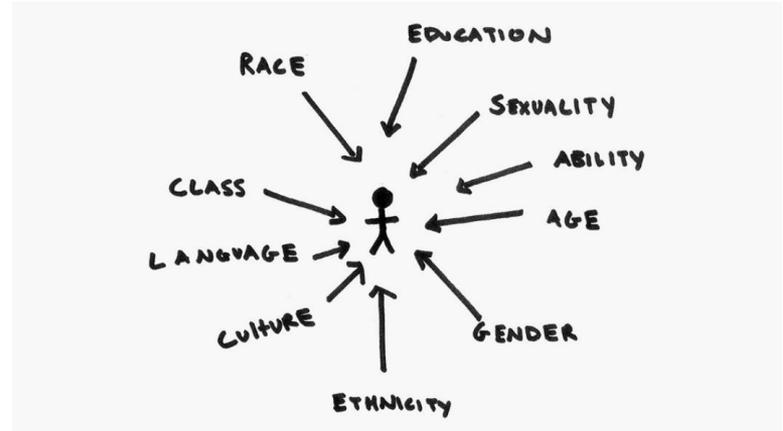


Project Objective

- This project will enhance the capacity and knowledge regarding the specific barriers and challenges presented in international cases where women have been victimized and marginalized by human trafficking
- We will approach women through a peer led model to provide them with holistic information and access to wrap around services and supports

SURVIVOR-INFORMED APPROACH

- With a focus on international cases, and through our cultivated survivor informed approach developed over almost 30 years, we will support the intersecting identities which add to the conditions of vulnerability to human trafficking
- We acknowledge the intersectionality of identities that migrant women experience, including:
 - Language and Cultural Barriers
 - Financial Insecurity
 - Migration Status
 - Histories of Violence and Trauma
 - Gender and Sexual Identity



NEEDS THIS PROJECT WILL ADDRESS

1. Empowerment Supports for Survivors with Complex and Intersecting forms of trauma
2. Improved Empowerment Supports for underserved populations
3. Prevention initiatives for at-risk women/youth

KEY PROJECT ACTIVITIES



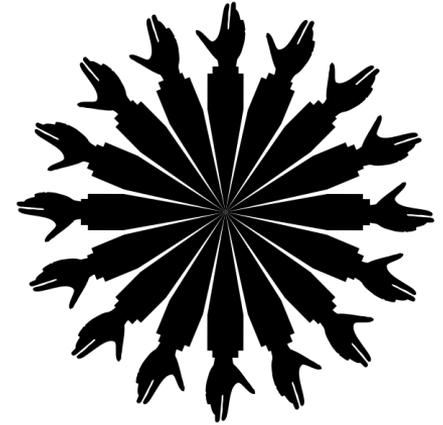
Aims to achieve the following:

- Outreach
- Develop a women's steering committee
- Host capacity building sessions across GTA and Ontario
- Community building and women's connection seminars
- Collect anecdotal quantitative and qualitative data
- Initiate increased geographic span case management practices
- Develop a best practices report

PROJECT SUB-ACTIVITIES

1. Outreach

- a. Connect with partner and collaborator organizations
- b. Collaborating with **6** organizations



1. Develop a Women's Steering Committee

- a. Connect with community of women with lived experiences to form a steering committee
- b. This will inform the development and implementation of the project, determine best practices for interacting with and supporting participants, and support the appropriate development of the best practices report
- c. Connected with **7** women of lived experience

PROJECT SUB-ACTIVITIES (2)



3. Host Capacity Building Sessions Across GTA and Ontario

- Sessions will be delivered in two main streams - **(1) for survivors of human trafficking** and **(2) for front line workers and service delivery partners**
- We will connect specifically with sectors which we see high volume of cases of labour exploitation including the hospitality industry, cleaning services, factory workers, and hotels. We will also connect with the respective unions, and host sessions on site for these vulnerable workers
- Connect with other networks in the GTA (York, Peel and Durham)

PROJECT SUB-ACTIVITIES (3)



4. Community building and women's connection seminars

- Through a gendered lens host sessions for community building and social connection
- We will host sessions for women who are survivors and at risk of human trafficking through labour and sexual exploitation
- We will continue with peer led community building and engagement discussions on key issues pertaining to international cases of women victims of human and labour trafficking to ensure increased vulnerabilities are addressed, and opportunities for resilience and healing are provided

Please Share...

You are invited to join the:

Migrant Women's Counter Human Trafficking Alliance

STARTING OCTOBER 2021



Be part of this initiative by attending group sessions!
Engage in community building and social connection.

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Te invitamos a unirte a la:

Alianza de Mujeres Migrantes Contra la Trata de Personas

A PARTIR DE OCTUBRE DE 2021



¡Participa en esta iniciativa asistiendo a nuestras sesiones de grupo!

Ayuda a construir la comunidad y a la conexión social

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BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ALLIANCE



Benefits of Joining Alliance?

The goal of our sessions is for participants to engage in community building and social connection. Sessions will provide a safe space and tight knit community for migrant women. This will allow the opportunity to form friendships, encourage healing, build awareness and promote resilience.

Sessions will be in small groups and include a number of planned workshops such as: utilizing art therapy to deal with anxiety, self-care tips, how to protect your mental wellbeing and group therapy sessions.

What makes the Alliance Unique?

- Peer led
- Members are leaders of the project
- Ensure that these strong and brave women are provided with adequate training support and self care procedures → we want to provide them with the tools that they can use not only for themselves but to become leaders and to support their community

PROJECT SUB-ACTIVITIES (4)

5. Collect Anecdotal Quantitative and Qualitative Data

- Through peer led sessions, collect anecdotal evidence of lived experiences of women and their involvement in predatory/exploitative practices
- Collect initial quantitative data report on the number of international cases of women victims and survivors of human trafficking
- The demographic of women will provide a global perspective with data from international cases

6. Initiate increased geographic span case management practices

- Provide direct services to women who are *at risk* or are *victims/survivors* of Human Trafficking
- We will determine necessary additional services needed including medical and mental health supports, food security, clothing banks, housing security, immigration process supports etc.

PROJECT SUB-ACTIVITIES (5)



7. Best Practices Report:

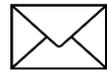
- Development of a report outlining best practices for service delivery, and supporting skill development
- This report will be available online and on social media platforms, and will be created in an accessible format - *created BY and FOR women with lived experience*

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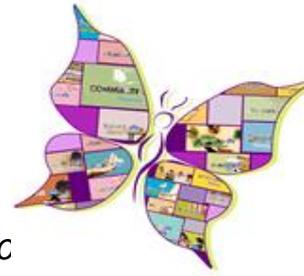


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