

# Talitha Kum in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)



Women Religious leaders against modern slavery

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#### **Sub-Saharan Africa**

- Population: 1,05 billion, 13.7% of the world population. Average age: 16 28.
   Over 1,000 languages.
- 24.3 million square kilometers
- The growth rate of African economies is more than twice the growth expected for the rest of the world.



# Trafficking in persons in SSA

- The countries in the region are source, transit and destination places of trafficked persons.
- More than 50% of the victims are trafficked inside a country or across the borders to neighbouring countries.



# Trafficking in persons in SSA

- Main destination regions of trafficked persons from sub-Saharan Africa:
  - Europe
  - Middle East
  - North Africa
- Source countries of trafficked persons to sub-Saharian Africa:
  - Southeast Asia



# Trafficking in persons in SSA

# Types of Exploitation

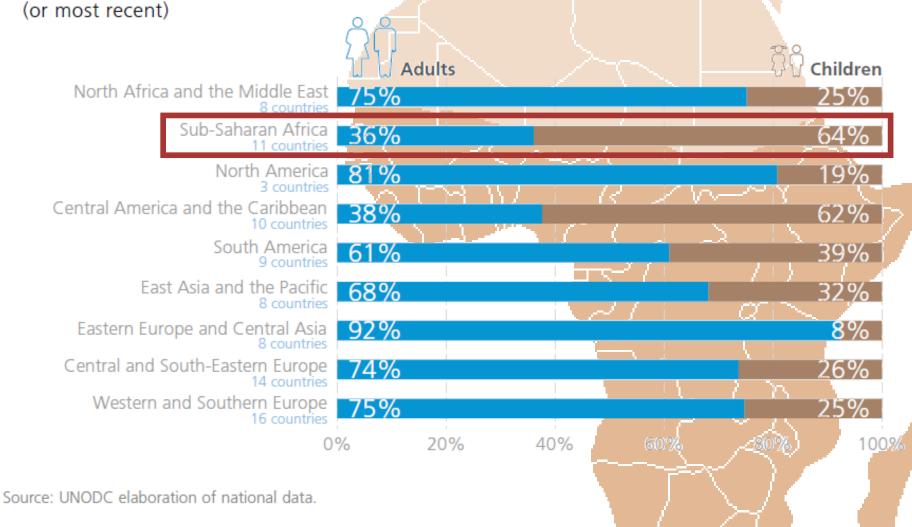
- Forced labour Mines, Fishing Industry,
   Domestic Servitude...
- Sexual Exploitation
- Forced Marriage
- Begging
- Child Soldiers and other Crimes
- Organ Removal



#### **Vulnerabilities in SSA: Children**



Shares of adults and children among detected trafficking victims, by region, 2014





# Vulnerabilities in SSA: Irregular migration flows and Refugees



#### Vulnerabilities in SSA: conflict areas



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Refugees escaping wars and persecution are easily targeted by traffickers who leverage their desperation to deceive them into exploitation. The presence of large numbers of troops creates demand for labour and sexual services.

In connection with degraded rule of law and weak institutions, this demand generates trafficking flows into the conflict or post-conflict zones. Armed groups recruit or abduct children to use them as combatants.

Children are found in villages, urban areas and in refugee camps. Thousands of victims have been documented in different conflicts, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East.

In conflict zones, armed groups recruit or abduct women and girls for forced marriages, domestic work and sexual slavery.

Similarly, they recruit or abduct men and boys for forced labour, for instance, in the exploitation of natural resources, as soldiers or for slavery.

UNODC, TIP report 2016





#### Talitha Kum – the first African Networks

Committee for the Support of Dignity of Women (COSUDOW) and ANATH – 2004 Nigeria

merged as **Talitha Kum Nigeria** in 2018

Counter trafficking in persons (CTIP) – 2007 South Africa, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Lesotho

In 2017 collaboration with Malawi

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West and East Africa



#### Talitha Kum – New Networks

Religious Against Human Trafficking (RATH) – 2017 Kenya

Consecrated Persons Against Human Trafficking (ConPAHT) – 2018 Ghana

Talitha Kum Burkina Faso/Niger – 2018 Burkina Faso and Niger

Talitha Kum Cameroo(u)n – 2018
French- and English-speaking Cameroon







#### Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso – November 2018





### Talitha Kum: 7 Networks in 10 countries

One every five countries in the region

# Talitha Kum – countries working to build sister-led networks:

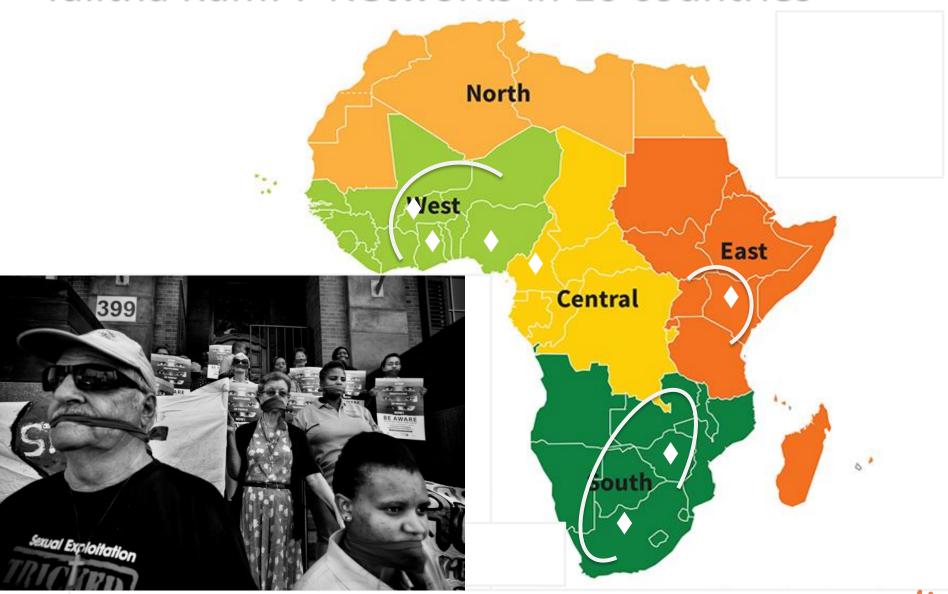
Mozambique (July 2019)

Uganda, Rwanda.

Under the coordination of Talitha Kum Burkina Faso/Niger: Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast



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One every five countries



- Prevention (three levels):
  - educational programmes, trainings, awareness raising campaigns with vulnerable groups





- Prevention (three levels):
  - ✓ Educational campaign: International Day of Prayer and Awareness against TIP





- Prevention:
  - ✓ Professional trainings



Social Reintegration of Survivors



#### Talitha Kum activities

- Networking and Partnership
  - ✓ with faith-based organizations, local leaders, governmental and nongovernmental organizations



