

International Women's Day 2020 - Theme Each for Equal and an exchange on Trafficking Dr Linda S Spedding

Greetings to you from Samaj Unnayan Kendra (India)! It is our pleasure to inform you that like every year, we are going to observe International Women's Day on Sunday, 8th March, 2020 at 11am onward in our Baruipur SUK Office Premises.

The programme will be consisted of Seminar where the participants of rescued trafficked girls and women, widows who lost their husband due to tiger, crocodile attacked, victims of domestic violence, disabled adolescents girls, acid victims and other vulnerables. Govt officials, service providers, opinion leaders will attend the programme to make it success. In this context, your valued sharing is highly needed to reach the objective. Please be with us as a guide in this concern forever! Thanking you in anticipation and looking forward to hearing you.

As International Adviser to SUK I am sending you special greetings from Women in Law International and Adhyatmik Foundation on International Women's Day on March 8, 2020 for a constructive and positive outcome following the discussion on the Female Trafficking Concerns.

At Women in Law International we have considered this growing issue for some time as it is affecting the lives of so many girls, women and families. Trafficking in persons is defined as : "the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation."

The definition can be found on the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air and Sea, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, commonly known as the Palermo Convention. A growing number of countries have been ratifying the Palermo Convention and its protocols, including the countries where the UNODC Liaison and Partnership Office in Brazil acts. Under international law, governments are obligated to protect their citizens from being trafficked, through programs that aim at prevention and the protection of victims. It is very unfortunate to consider that despite very many efforts to prevent such crimes the trafficking in persons - especially women - is an increasing problem globally. Trafficking involves both sexual exploitation and labor exploitation of its victims and has lasting repercussions for them and their families. Traffickers primarily target women because they are disproportionately affected by poverty and discrimination, factors that impede their access to employment, educational opportunities and other resources.

With this in mind it is particularly important that we support women and empower them so that they have the opportunities to transform their lives positively so that they can live a life in which they can realise their full potential and be happy, healthy and fulfilled.

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