



# SIERRA LEONE ADVOCACY PROJECT

The African Programming & Research Initiative to End Slavery (APRIES) at the University of Georgia's Center on Human Trafficking Research & Outreach (CenHTRO) received a PEMS award from the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons to reduce the prevalence of all forms of child trafficking in Sierra Leone by conducting targeted prevalence baselines and developing programming that builds off this research.

CenHTRO is partnering with **Antobert Consultancy** to implement an advocacy project targeting elected members of parliament and civil/public servants with the aim to further the Anti-TIP Amendment Act, while promoting the inclusion of constituents' perspective into policy making and implementation activities in Sierra Leone.

The project begins with a beneficiary identification followed by an in-depth capacity assessment that focuses on the existing structures within the parliament, local councils, relevant ministries, departments, and agencies to identify challenges and available opportunities. The identified beneficiaries will include the elected officials and civil/public servants. A key deliverable will be the development of a beneficiary list and needs assessment report that will guide the development of training materials.

## OBJECTIVE

- Elected officials and public servants propose/lobby anti-TIP policies or programs to put into effect the Anti-TIP Amendment Act and raise awareness among constituents while including their perspective in policy making/implementation activities around TIP.

## ACTIVITIES

- Providing training program for elected members of parliament and elected councilors on evidence-based research and engagement on child trafficking issues.
- Delivering a leadership training program for civil/ public servants on TIP issues focusing on the gaps identified from the capacity assessment.

## OUTPUTS

- Engagement and capacity strengthening of established structures within the various targeted institutions.
- Development of a post-training remediation action plan for every beneficiary institution.
- Setting up of anti-trafficking monitoring and enforcement champions.



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