



PROJECT PROFILE



STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING TORTURE PREVENTION, REHABILITATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN EAST AFRICA

Background

Despite the fact that both Kenya and Uganda ratified the United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT), with Uganda enacting the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Act, 2012, and Kenya having very explicit provisions in the Constitution that prohibit torture, inhuman and degrading treatment (Articles 25 and 29), torture is still a reality in both countries.

Introduction

African Centre for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV) in partnership with the **Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU)** and **Centre for Victims of Torture (CVT)** received funding from the **European Commission** to implement a 30 month project titled “Strengthening and enhancing Torture prevention, Rehabilitation and Accountability in East Africa”. The project is being implemented in Uganda and Kenya.

Objectives of the Project

The Overall objective of the project is to strengthen mechanisms for prevention and accountability for torture, and rehabilitation of victims of torture; and the **specific objectives include:**

- ♀ To provide holistic rehabilitation to 1000 survivors of torture in Kenya and Uganda
- ♀ To strengthen mechanisms for prevention of torture, response and legal redress for survivors
- ♀ To improve investigation, documentation, reporting and prosecution of incidences of torture in Kenya and Uganda
- ♀ To strengthen the institutional capacity of implementing organizations to execute their mandate.

Project Strategy

The project is employing a three pronged approach through;

1. The provision of **holistic rehabilitative** services to victims of torture
2. Holding perpetrators **accountable** for their heinous actions.
3. The need for sustainable action against torture by incorporating the commitment to establish measures for **prevention** of torture and other forms of ill-treatment.

Stakeholders

The project is targeting torture survivors, and will work with likeminded human right CSOs in Uganda and Kenya. In Uganda some of the key institutions are; the Uganda Human Rights Commission, Avocats San Frontieres, Coalition Against Torture (CAT), Uganda Prison Services and Health Centers among others. In Kenya, the key partners are; National Police Service Commission, Kenya Medical Association, the Law Society of Kenya and the Association for the prevention of Torture.

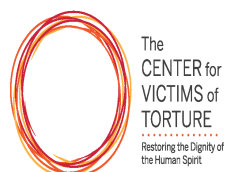
Expected results

- ♀ 1000 survivors of torture supported with medical treatment, legal assistance, psychological and social rehabilitation
- ♀ National laws, policies and institutions are more aligned with the UNCAT principles and guidelines
- ♀ Capacity of national actors to prevent and respond to torture enhanced
- ♀ Increased opportunities for torture victims in East Africa to seek redress and reparation

Key Project activities

1. Provision of medical psychosocial and legal services and client follow up for torture survivors
2. Provision of legal support for torture survivors
3. Training of national actors in the criminal justice system
4. Training of media practitioners
5. Training of doctors and lawyers
6. Development of Forensic Medico-Legal Manual for doctors
7. Regional conference for criminal justice actors
8. Training of counselors
9. Simplification and translation of the Anti torture Law 2012 in Uganda
10. Commemoration of the Day of Torture (June 26th) activities in Kenya and Uganda
11. Media advocacy and networking

We believe that this project will contribute to enhanced access to holistic rehabilitation for survivors of torture and their families; alignment of national laws, policies and institutions with the United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT) principles and guidelines and; improve the capacity of national actors to prevent and respond to torture.



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