

Checklist to practice community engagement in anti-trafficking:

- To simplify the conversation and take practical steps in the process of involving community members in the anti-trafficking task, we can look at a checklist that could be adapted to particular situations.
- Pray** to find what God has been doing.
- Visit** churches in the area. Share your concerns and vision
- Visit** the community. Do research, learn about local institutions and informal associations. Share your concerns and vision
- Meet** people, go to places where they gather, have personal conversations, share your concerns and vision, and really listen to their own. Interact, communicate, and receive what they have to give.
- Humbly** ask, and with sincere interest in their lives, about their concerns and dreams.
- Build** a database with all the information, asking other community members to join in the gathering of information. Let them make changes, develop their own questionnaires, tabulate and “own” the data. Let them find out who is available and what do they want to change, what skills are out there, and who wants to be involved
- Offer** the database to other community groups. Ask how to improve it or complete it.
- Invite** key leaders to gather the community to choose and form a task force.
- Task** force receives training in areas they may need help to strengthen. They then make an action plan, assigning tasks according to skills and availability, recruit volunteers from the community to join them to multiply teaching through home visits and/or affinity groups gatherings.
- Initiators** continue to visit regularly and accompany the process without controlling. Facilitate each step by asking questions. Encourage accountability and transparency. Follow people’s plan,
- Foster** partnership. Build relationships with different sectors, always inviting local leaders to initiate conversations to find common action points to partner with other groups.
- Facilitate** networking of resources where there is a need to build capacity or find outside help. To increase sustainability in the long term, do not start first with outside resources. Be aware of actions that could create dependency.