



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**REMARKS BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR
SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS, MR. JOSEPH
MOTARI, MBS, MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION ON
MARKING THE WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ON
28TH JULY 2023**

**The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour Social Protection, Hon.
Florence Bore**

**The Chairperson and Board of Trustees, National Assistance Trust Fund
for Victims of Trafficking in Persons**

**The Chairperson and members, Counter Trafficking in Persons
Advisory Committee**

Representative United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

**Representative of International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Kenya Country Office**

Representative of International Labour Organization (ILO)

Key Partners and Stakeholders

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to welcome each one of you here today as we mark this important day to remember those who are undergoing oppression in the hands of traffickers, others have lost their lives and on a brighter note there are those that have survived.

It is also a day to review the government efforts in combating this heinous crime and to come up sustainable multi-sectoral measures to

ensure prevention, protection and successful rehabilitation and reintegration of survivors.

This year's theme is '**Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind.**' This will call for a whole of government and whole of Society approach implying that each one of us has an important role to play in prevention, protection and reintegrating victims to society so that their lives may be normalized.

To this end, the State Department for Social Protection coordinates the implementation of inter-agency activities and implementation of

preventive, protection and rehabilitative programmes through the Counter Trafficking in Persons Advisory Committee Secretariat.

To strengthen this role therefore, we are proud that today the State Department of Social Protection is launching the National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons 2022-2027. The Plan which is anchored in the areas of Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnerships draws a road map that operationalizes the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children that Kenya acceded to on 5th January 2005 and the Counter Trafficking in Persons Act 2010.

The National Trust Fund for Victim of trafficking is in existence in line with the Counter Trafficking in Persons Act 2010 and reflects the governments Bottom Up Economic Model Agenda. Further to ensure that every victim is reached and that no one is left behind, the launch of the Guidelines for victims of trafficking today will enhance comprehensive victim centered approach in provision of protection services that include economic empowerment to prevent a survivor from being re-trafficked.

To this end, the State Department has identified an existing facility and is refurbishing it to be used as a government run shelter for victims of trafficking. Plans are underway to operationalize the shelter house which will not only house girls and women but also house boys and men taking into consideration that they are often left out in victim protection. Similarly, we call upon our Development Partners and key stakeholders to partner with the State Department in operationalization of the shelter house.

As I conclude, remember that everyone has a role to play, therefore, let us work together to ensure that every victim of trafficking is reached, leaving no one behind.

God Bless You all

It is now my humble duty to invite our Cabinet Secretary to give her remarks.