

Development of the International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons (ICS-TIP)

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Trafficking in persons

Trafficking in persons is comprised of three elements:

- (i) The **Act** (what is done?)
- (ii) The **Means** (how is it done?)
- (iii) The **purpose** (why is it done?)

*Article 3 (a) "Trafficking in persons" shall mean the: **(Act)** 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.*

Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs;

Complexity of TIP data leads to challenges with comparability and consistency

Why a classification of trafficking in persons events?

Needs

- Increasing number of government reporting or seeking to report on trafficking in persons.
- Need to harmonize disparate data collected from different stakeholders-organizations involved in the counter-trafficking response.
- Trafficking in persons is often a cross-border issue, requiring data harmonization at global level.

Purposes

- Enhance data collection and reporting by improving data harmonization and comparability

Development process

Led by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Developed in conjunction with a guidance manual on the collection, management, sharing and use of data on trafficking in persons

May 2021: Five-day consultative workshop with 100 participants from government, academia, civil society and the private sector

2021-2022: Series of online and in-person training sessions and workshop that included 200 government officials, mostly from Africa and Asia and the Pacific

July 2022: Finalization of the manual

Classification of TIP data

Unit of classification

The primary unit of classification is 'trafficking in persons' or 'trafficking event'

Units of description

Trafficking events/ cases can be recorded according to the following units of description:

- The **victim** involved (i.e. data on VOTs)

Can help describe the profiles at risk of TIP and inform essential services for VOTs

- The **perpetrator(s)** involved

Can help understand who is involved in committing the offence and on Law enforcement action

- The **reporting entity** (to understand organizations involved with TIP)

*Can be used for statistical reporting on service provision, survivor assistance
And potentially on revictimization*

These can be treated as 'disaggregating variables'



Main features of ICS-TIP

Centered on the trafficking in person event.

Builds on the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) and is linked to ISIC, Rev. 4.

Provides additional categories and sub-categories to the ones already established in ICCS.

Contains more detailed definitions.

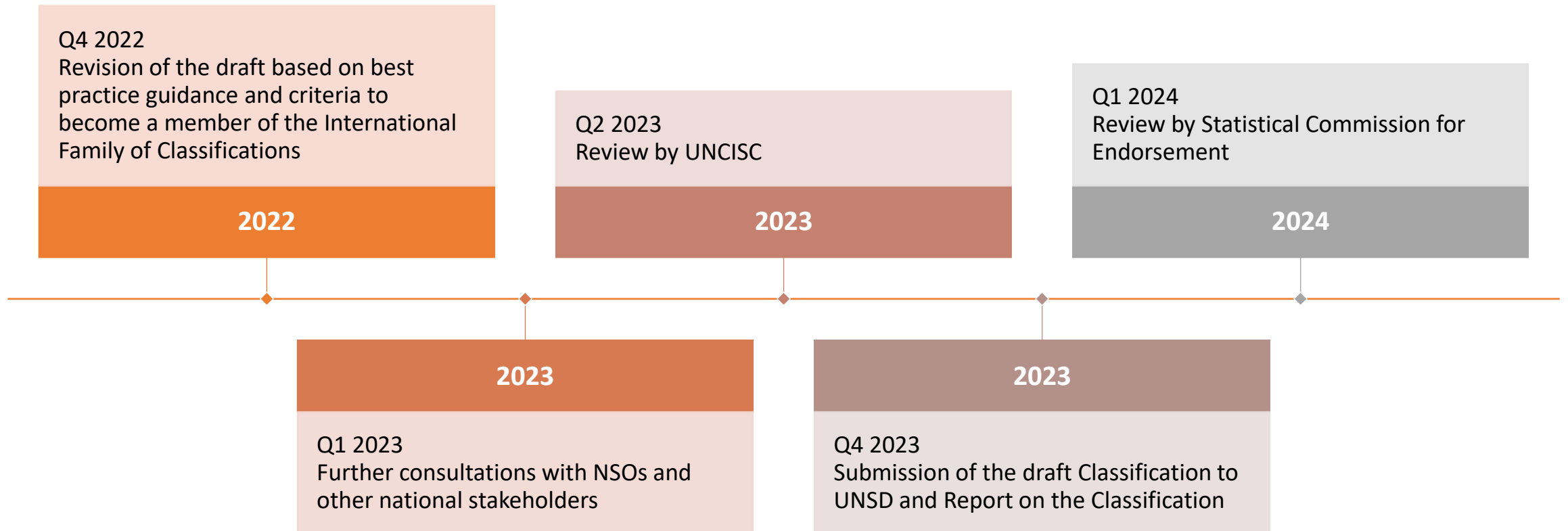
Suggests disaggregating variables on the event itself, the victim, perpetrator and reporting entity for each of the offence.

Disaggregating variables arranged in three steps from most needed to more aspirational.

Proposed classification structure

Level 01	Level 02	Trafficking in persons event	ICCS Correspondance	Step
	01	TIP for sexual exploitation	02041	1
	0101	Prostitution of others		2
	0102	Pornograpy		2
	0103	Remote interactive services		2
	0104	Personal sexual services		2
	02	TIP for forced labour	02042	1
	0201	Forced/bonded labour (including servitude and indentured servitude)		1
	0202	Slavery or similar practices		1
	03	TIP for organ removal	02043	1
	04	TIP for other forms of exploitation	02044	1
	0401	Forced marriage		1
	0402	Forced military service		1
	0403	Surrogacy		1
	0404	Illegal adoption		1
	0405	Other exploitation		1
	05	TIP for unknown purposes		1

Planned finalization process



Thank you

Help for review process

Please contact us if you would like to review the draft classification

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