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

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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

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Planned finalization process

2022
Q4 2022
Revision of the draft based on best practice guidance and criteria to become a member of the International Family of Classifications

2023
Q2 2023
Review by UNCISC

Q1 2023
Further consultations with NSOs and other national stakeholders

Q4 2023
Submission of the draft Classification to UNSD and Report on the Classification

2024
Q1 2024
Review by Statistical Commission for Endorsement
Thank you

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

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