



Trafficking in human beings is a complex reality which remains difficult to quantify because of its illegal and underground nature. According to estimates, between 4 and 27 million people are victims of traffickers worldwide, a major part of which are women and girls, exploited in the sex trade industry.

As time goes by, human trafficking has become more profitable than arms and drugs trafficking while less-risky in terms of sentences. In these networks, human beings are used as trading goods. We can actually talk about a modern form of slavery.

The SAMILIA Foundation was established by people of reference willing to engage in long-term actions to activate the fight against trafficking in human beings and to support efforts of associations working on the ground.

It is a public utility foundation established by a royal order from the 17th August 2007. Its name was inspired by the heroine of the book “The death of the King Tsongor” written by Laurent Gaudé.

To activate the fight against trafficking in human beings, the SAMILIA Foundation conducts actions in the field of human rights around four complementary axes:

- Develop prevention actions: act on the grassroots to reduce the number of victims
- Inform and alert public authorities and civil society through the organisation of conferences, raising-awareness events and the launch of information campaigns
- Develop partnership with different stakeholders working for the same cause
- Stimulate and encourage initiatives taken at the European level

The campaign “Stopchildprostitution.be” is part of the raising-awareness events of the Samilia Foundation. Trafficking and child prostitution are often interlinked. Sex trade has become particularly profitable for traffickers who do not hesitate to recruit easy preys such as young children. Consequently, many sexually exploited children were first victims of trafficking. This is why it was of utmost importance for the Samilia Foundation to support the campaign “Stopchildprostitution.be”.

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