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**Appendix 6
Trafficking in Human Beings - Additional Information**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Purpose of this Appendix

1. The Australian Government is pleased to present this Appendix to Australia's fifth report under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).
2. The information in this Appendix is intended to supplement the material provided in Australia's fifth report under ICESCR. Specifically, this Appendix provides a breakdown of funding awarded, over the reporting period, to non-government organisations to prevent and address human trafficking and slavery, and should be read alongside the Australia's response to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' Concluding Observation 23 of 12 June 2009 (E/C.12/AUS/CO/4).

II. TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Australian Government funding for non-government organisations combatting human trafficking and slavery

Current funding

3. On 25 March 2014 the Australian Government awarded **\$1.44 million** over three years under the Grants to Australian Organisations Program (GAOP) to four specialist non-government organisations working to combat human trafficking and slavery:

- **Anti-Slavery Australia** is using the **\$360,000** grant to continue to provide specialist immigration and legal advice and representation to trafficked people, and to develop training programs for non-government organisations and government agencies.
- **Scarlet Alliance** is using the **\$360,000** grant to progress their ongoing Migration Project and continue supporting domestic outreach to migrant sex workers in Australia.
- **Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)** is using the **\$360,000** grant to continue its Anti-Trafficking Education, Direct Service and Networking Project.
- **Project Respect** is using the **\$360,000** grant to continue providing outreach support to women in the Australian sex industry.

4. On 14 July 2014 the Australian Government awarded **\$485,925** over three years under GAOP to three specialist non-government organisations to progress outreach and awareness-raising activities on forced marriage:

- **Anti-Slavery Australia** is using the **\$355,393** grant to develop a dedicated website to assist suspected victims and people at risk of forced marriage with information and links to support services. Anti-Slavery Australia is also using the grant to expand its existing legal practice, including to provide free individualised legal advice to people in, or at risk of, forced marriage via email and text message.
- **Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)** is using the **\$61,000** grant to undertake targeted education and awareness-raising initiatives on forced marriage among teachers, school support staff and students in Government, Catholic and independent schools across Australia.
- **Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights** is using the **\$69,532** grant to develop an education program aimed at increasing the capacity of front-line community organisations in vulnerable communities to recognise and respond appropriately to forced marriage.

Previous funding

5. From 2008 to 2014, the Australian Government committed over **\$2.4 million** of funding under section 298 of the *Commonwealth Proceeds of Crimes Act 2002* (POCA) to four specialist non-government organisations working to combat human trafficking and slavery:

- **Anti-Slavery Australia** used the **\$600,000** grant to provide specialist immigration and legal advice and representation to trafficked people, develop training programs for government agencies and non-government organisations, and establish a national network of non-government and anti-trafficking organisations.

- **Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)** used the **\$600,000** grant to continue its Anti-Trafficking Education, Direct Service, and Networking project.
 - **Project Respect** used the **\$660,000** grant to provide outreach to women in Australia's sex industry.
 - **Scarlet Alliance** used the **\$600,000** grant to fund its ongoing Migration Project and to continue support domestic outreach to migrant sex workers in Australia.
6. This funding ceased on 30 June 2014.
7. From 2011 to 2013, the Australian Government committed **\$500,000** under GAOP and POCA to five specialist non-government organisations to undertake projects to combat labour exploitation in Australian industries:
- **Asian Women at Work** used its **\$96,098** grant to carry out outreach on work rights, awareness-raising activities, and provide education and social support to migrant women in low-paid and precarious employment across Sydney, including in the clothing, factory, cleaning, nail and beauty salon, restaurant, aged care and child care industries.
 - **Australian Council of Trade Unions** used its **\$200,000** grant to fund a campaign entitled 'Labour trafficking is a crime – Spot It, Report It'. The campaign included dissemination of videos and other material via electronic and social media and a union training program, particularly for organisers active in hospitality, agriculture, manufacturing, construction, domestic work and mining.
 - **Australian Hotels Association** used its **\$25,000** grant for a labour exploitation awareness-raising project involving the distribution of an information brochure to 5,000 hotels on how to legally employ overseas workers and manage the visa process. The Australian Hotels Association also facilitated an online seminar on strategies to discourage exploitation in supply chains.
 - **Australian Red Cross** used its **\$64,974** grant to increase union and community capacity to identify and combat labour trafficking and exploitation among the Indian community in two Australian states (New South Wales and Victoria). This project included the development of training materials and translation of an information flyer into the major languages used in the Indian communities.
 - **Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union** used its **\$100,000** grant to produce multi-lingual pamphlets in the industries it considers high priorities for anti-labour exploitation efforts (construction, mining, forestry and parts of manufacturing), the facilitation of workshops for union organisers, the sharing of results with the union movement and NGOs, and media engagement.
8. This funding ceased on 30 June 2013.

Reporting

9. All funded organisations are required to submit a final report outlining the progress and achievements of their project. The key outcomes and recommendations form part of the evidence base in the Australian Government's strategy to combat human trafficking and slavery.