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CCM	Centre for Coastal Management
CEWEFIA	Central and Western Region Fishmongers Improvement Association
CRC	Coastal Resource Center
CSLP	Coastal Sustainable Landscape Project
DAA	Development Action Association
DFAS	Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Science
DMFS	Department of Marine Fisheries Sciences
DQF	Daasgift Quality Foundation
FtF	Feed the Future
GIFA	Ghana Inshore Fishermen's Association
GIS	Geographic Information System
GNCFC	Ghana National Canoe Fishermen's Council
HM	Hen Mpoano
ICFG	Integrated Coastal and Fisheries Governance
MESTI	Ministry of Environment Science and Technology
MOFAD	Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
NDPC	National Development Planning Commission
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
SFMP	Sustainable Fisheries Management Project
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SNV	Netherlands Development Organization
SSG	SSG Advisors
STWG	Scientific and Technical Working Group
UCC	University of Cape Coast
URI	University of Rhode Island
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WARFP	West Africa Regional Fisheries Development Program

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

SNV- Ghana and the USAID funded Sustainable Fishery Management Project (SFMP) believe that children should enjoy all their basic rights including the right to education, right to play and the rights family life. Children should not be subjected to hazardous or dangerous works or be coerced to move from one place to the other to be exploited.

Although it is widely recognised that the Ghana government is making significant efforts to tackle the problem, the US Department of State in their 2014 Trafficking in Person's report placed Ghana under tier two of their classification based on the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. This implies that Ghana does not fully comply with the minimum standards, although the government is making significant efforts to get the country into compliance with those standards.

In view of this, SNV- Ghana recognises that whilst poverty and institutional weakness in the application of child labour laws are the major contributing factors to the problem in Ghana and the second tier classification, there are also socio-cultural factors such as lack of awareness, ignorance and misconceptions that are contributing to the problem and therefore hindering the government's efforts to combat the problem.

The Sustainable Fishery Management Project therefore aims to tackle the problem in Ghana through intensive and targeted sensitisation and awareness programmes and mobilisation of the society to respect and protect the rights of children and eliminate the migration of children to the Volta Lake to be exploited.

The project also aims to support communities with efficient fuel wood stoves and alternative livelihood opportunities to supplement people's basic income and to discourage children and the youth from engaging in hazardous labour.

A Child Labour and Trafficking (CLaT) Assessment Tool Workshop was held on the 26th - 27th March 2015, led by Dickson Adeborna of SNV-Ghana

The twenty-five participants came from several organizations including Friends of the Nation (FoN), Development Action Association (DAA), Central and Western Fishers and Fishmongers Improvement Association (CEWEFIA), District Social Welfare Department representatives and opinion Leaders from five communities in the Central Region including Communities: Senya-Beraku, Winneba, Apam, Moree, and Elmina.

1.1 WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The aims of the workshop were:

- To identify and start collaborative work with partners, stakeholders and the communities.
- To identify the knowledge gap in child labour and trafficking and to train partners and stakeholders on what constitutes child labour and child trafficking and the socio cultural context in Ghana.
- Provide partners and stakeholders with the capacity to address child labour and trafficking and to promote children's rights.
- To help project partners and stakeholders to complete a systemic assessment of child labour and trafficking in the most vulnerable communities and households in Central Region.
- To enable partners and stakeholders to undertake community-centred intensive and targeted sensitisation and awareness programmes through collaboration with the local institutions
- Work closely with government institutions, women groups, men groups and others involved in fishing to identify and support alternative livelihood opportunities



Figure 1 Attendees' group picture



Figure 2 DAA presenting their plans for gathering CLaT stories of interest

SECTION 2: OUTCOMES

- The SNV led two-day workshop provided 25 participants with the international and national figures on CLaT.
- It provided participants with the definitions and issues considered CLaT and the demand and supply chain of child labour and trafficking in Ghana.
- It also provided participants with CLaT in the fishery sector in Ghana and the activities hazardous children are engaged within the sector. It also distinguished light work, hazardous work and WFCL.
- The socio-cultural context of CLaT were discussed and systemic assessment model has been highlighted as one of the models for community assessment
- Participants engaged in different group activities on the second day to share their knowledge and experiences on CLaT in the Central Region. This includes, how to gather CLaT stories, community entry skills, developing questionnaires on assessing CLaT in the communities and household situations.
- SNV has also been able to identify other stakeholders during the workshop that will be useful to combating CLaT in the Central Region.



Figure 3 Participants engaging in group activities

SECTION 3: CHALLENGES

There was a good participation and engagement within participants although there were a few problems with the service provision at the venue such as delays in providing resources and dinners which did not encourage smooth workshop.

SECTION 4: CONCLUSION

This was a very successful workshop which concluded with many positive feedback and reviews from the participants. There was a good attendance and engagement from participants with the desire to work with the SFMP to combat CLaT in the Central Region of Ghana. The visual presentation style and group activities promoted participants' interest throughout the workshop and also ensured even understanding of the issue, legislations and assessment strategies.

The two-day workshop was also able to identify the participants' knowledge gap on the issue of CLaT, and was able to strengthen their capacity. Working collaboratively to identify households at risk and combating the problem in the Central Region were encouraged. Based on the learnings from this workshop, SNV will continue to carry out workshops of this kind around the central region on CLaT to fill the knowledge gap identified to help eliminate child labour and trafficking and to create awareness of the terrible situation of children which interferes with their education and causes significant to their health and social development. Feedback and contributions from participants will be useful in subsequent workshops, for completing the CLaT assessment toolkit and the organizational capacity assessment.