

Dear Focal Points,

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) are pleased to launch a global consultation on a common classification standard for administrative data on trafficking in persons.

Administrative data, such as those produced within the criminal justice or protection systems, are some of the only sources of data on trafficking in persons. They are therefore essential for governments and other stakeholders to be able to produce national statistics, continuously calibrate responses and target policies to advance desired outcomes.

The draft International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons (ICS-TIP) has been developed to facilitate the production of national statistics that can be used to improve the national and international evidence base, and in turn to inform policymaking, as well as programmatic responses. It provides standardized definitions for classification variables of the trafficking in persons event, as well as disaggregating variables at the victim, perpetrator and reporting entity levels. As such, it aims to strengthen the evidence base on trafficking in persons and pave the way for the counter-trafficking community to systematically collect and utilize much-needed data and evidence to strengthen the response to trafficking in persons.

Following thorough initial consultations with anti-trafficking technical experts conducted in recent years, the ICS-TIP working draft was developed. This working draft is now being shared with stakeholders at the national and international level, as part of a global consultation, in order to collect wide and articulated technical feedback on the draft.

A series of documents are enclosed to this message to facilitate the global consultation process:

- 1. Introductory note on the objective of the global consultation on a common statistical framework on trafficking in persons, including a summary description of the specific objective of the consultation;*
- 2. The working draft of the International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons (ICS-TIP), available in English, French, Arabic and Spanish;*
- 3. Questionnaire for the global consultation on the ICS-TIP (spreadsheet). Specific instructions on how to fill it can be found in the first sheet of the Excel file;*
- 4. The ICS-TIP companion manual, Making Each Case Count: Leveraging Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons, which provides guidance for the collection, practical management and use of the trafficking in persons administrative data, including recommendations on the sharing and reporting of such data, as well as considerations for inter-agency data governance frameworks. We are not requesting feedback on the manual*

as part of this global consultation, but it may help to further contextualize the usage envisaged for the ICS-TIP.

We would be honored to count on your participation in this global consultation, by filling the aforementioned questionnaire as thoroughly as possible. Kindly note the following points:

- The lead anti-trafficking agency(ies) are encouraged to provide their feedback in addition to national statistical offices.*
- With this in mind, we encourage nationally coordinated feedback, i.e. from all organizations dealing with trafficking in persons and data on trafficking in persons, but this is not a set requirement.*
- If nationally coordinated feedback is not possible, we kindly ask you to send only one file per organization, i.e. if different experts within the same organization are consulted, please consolidate the various inputs into a single file.*

We hereby kindly request you to submit the completed questionnaire on behalf of your organization to unodc-globaltipreport@un.org and pxddataresearch@iom.int by 15 October, 2024 at the latest. In case you need any clarification, don't hesitate to contact us at the same email address.

Thank you very much in advance for your kind support and assistance. Your participation will be greatly appreciated, and it will be a valuable contribution in the fight against trafficking in persons.

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