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BRAZILIAN PROVINCE

Our answers:

1. To whom was the information presented?

To the network of SHM Schools, Socio-assistance and Socio-educative Projects, Association of Pastoral Ministry for Women in Belo Horizonte, Churches, NGOs, and other congregations.

2. What were some results?

- Seminars organized to address the theme resulted in concrete actions to respond to this reality and to mobilize civil society to become informed about this phenomenon and to struggle against this type of crime by reporting suspicious behaviors which might signal a trafficking situation;
- Creation of Spaces to protect and defend women in collaboration with public defenders, local, national and federal governmental structures;
- Distribution of information to other public sector entities;
- Many congregations, churches, NGOs are being mobilized to work against human trafficking, and are encouraging people in their areas to alert authorities using the reporting hotline;
- Activities organized by the Religion Department (Serviço de Orientação Religiosa - SOR) in the network of SHM Schools in collaboration with Youth JPIC, RSHM Social Projects, Action in Partnerships and Social-Assistance and Socio-Educative Projects. All groups are committed in the struggle against human trafficking.

3. Were any of the participants inspired to take additional action?

- Act in partnerships to work more effectively against violence against women;
- Publication of basic information and other materials, e.g., banners, posters and other visual materials to prevent and work against violence done to women;
- National and federal entities are responding to victims when identified;
- Response to all forms of violence against women;
- The Federal Government is mobilizing and encouraging people to denounce incidents of human trafficking through a Campaign "For change, it is necessary to act – Dial 100 - the National Hotline";
- Development of national policies to work against Human Trafficking;
- State Schools are being mobilized and actions are being developed to correspond to grade levels.

Contribution of Life Projects (Projetos Vida) -
Socio-assistance and Socio-educative Action
Network of RSHM Schools
Action Network with the Excluded (REAJE)
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Note: The central theme of a current television program on the major Brazilian network, airing at 9:00 pm, is the international trafficking of Brazilian women. (At this time, women are being trafficked to Madrid and this is awakening a great deal of interest.)