

**MINISTERIAL TASK FORCE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY**

PRESS STATEMENT

**WEEK OF ACTIVITIES (JULY 23-30, 2017) TO COMMEMORATE WORLD DAY
AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS - JULY 30, 2017**



TIP Awareness Walk – Region 4. Picture Includes Vice President, Minister of Public Security and Task Force Chairman Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, MP and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Security Ms. Daneilla McCalmon (Photo Credit: IOM)

The Ministerial Task Force on Trafficking in Persons recently concluded a 'Week of Activities' held from July 23-30, 2017 in commemoration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - July 30, 2017.

The 'Week of Activities' commenced with an Awareness Walk in Region 5 from No. 30 Village to Fort Wellington Secondary School – featuring significant contributions from Food for the Poor – which was followed by Awareness Sessions and 'Anti-TIP Flash Mob' performances held during the week at Stabroek Market, Mon Repos Market and Giftland Mall. The week culminated on July 30, 2017 – World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - with an Awareness Walk in Region 4, from the Bank of Guyana to the Seawall Bandstand where a TIP Awareness

Concert was held on. The Guyana Police Force strongly supported activities throughout the course of the Week.



Dominion Dance Group after Stabroek Market Anti-TIP Flash Mob

The audience at the Concert, which was the marquee event of the Week and was co-sponsored by the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, were treated to an array of local talent with the pieces performed either speaking specifically to the subject of human trafficking or carrying an uplifting message. The performances were preceded by the Feature Address delivered by the Hon. Vice President, Minister of Public Security and Task Force Chairman Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, MP.



Concert performers Nicasey Gordon-Abrams and Gavin Mendonca. Also performing at the Concert were Ruquayah Boyer, SuRu, Abel Stokes and his A.C.E.D Band, Lerone Souvenir, DiSi, Earl Bishop Dominion Dancers, Latin Heat and Tahira. MCs were Dason Anthony and Pauline Welch (Task Force Member)
(Photo Credit: IOM)

During the Week, the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Unit (C-TIPU) at the Ministry of Social Protection also conducted TIP Awareness activities in Bartica, Linden and at Giftland Mall while it also launched its 'Blu' Flame Campaign' to fight trafficking in persons.

Throughout the Week there was a distribution of brochures, posters, flyers and other TIP related paraphernalia by the Task Force and the C-TIPU, while the International Organization for Migration joined in the distribution at the TIP Awareness Concert.



Region 4 Walk participants for Childlink Guyana posing with bags distributed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) (Credit: IOM)

Gratitude is extended to all entities who participated in any of the events during the Week of Activities. This involvement signalled that a number of stakeholders, including citizens not attached to a particular Agency bore a willingness to learn more about the crime of trafficking in persons and had embraced their responsibility in the fight to end the crime. Each individual is urged to continue to utilise the TIP Hotline Number – 227-4083/623-5030 – and to share it with others.

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