

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

TIP Awareness within the Institution

The Ministerial Task Force on Trafficking in Persons has conducted a series of awareness sessions on Friday February 16th 2018, as part of its Initiative to sensitize staff within the Member Agencies.



Participants at Ministry of Foreign Affairs TIP Awareness Sessions

The Awareness sessions which were held at the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Public Security, focused primarily on the elements and indicators of Trafficking in Persons, the role of the Task Force, the hotline numbers available and the responsibility of citizens of Guyana to report incidents of Trafficking in Persons.

These sessions were facilitated by Coordinator of Trafficking in Persons Oliver Profit, along with other members of the Task Force namely, Lucresha Bryan-French, Foreign Service Officer III, from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Corporal Ranatha McBean from TIP unit Guyana Police Force, Mines Officer Lennox Wilson, and Clerk Tiffany Shortt both from Guyana Geology and Mines Commission.



Participants Making Contributions at Ministry Of Public Security TIP Awareness session

Participants numbered over sixty one persons, including Foreign Service Officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Throughout the awareness sessions participants made a number of practical suggestions which the Task Force plans to consider. These include, suggestions relating to victim shelter, case prosecution, migrant smuggling, border monitoring and youth sensitization.

Citizens are hereby encouraged to utilize the 24/7 TIP hotline numbers – **227-4083/623-5030** as we continue the fight against Trafficking in Persons.



Participants at Ministry of Public Security TIP Awareness Sessions

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