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Media Brief

Official Standard Operating Procedures for Tip Cases in Guyana Launched

Georgetown Guyana-The Government of Guyana- Ministerial Task Force on Trafficking in Persons (MT-TIP) in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with funding Provided by the United States Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, has officially launched the 'Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the Investigation and Prosecution of Trafficking in Persons Cases in Guyana' today December 11, 2019.

These SOP's provides the basic guidelines for Police Officers, Prosecutors and other key stakeholders on local procedures to interview victims and suspects, and to investigate and prosecute cases of trafficking in persons in Guyana. It is intended to utilize best practices during the investigation process, while protecting the rights of victims and defendants and providing victim care.

The process of consultation for arriving at these SOP's commenced in December 2017. Inception and validation workshops were held with technical anti-trafficking stakeholders including members of the Task Force, TIP Units and civil society.

Consultation meetings were also held with the Chancellor of the Judiciary, Ministry of Public Security, the Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Crime Chief and the Ministry of Social Protection.

The content for the SOPs was approved by the Vice President and Minister of Public Security the Hon. Khemraj Ramjattan on September 2, 2019, and its final layout was endorsed on November 21, 2019.

These SOP'S will enable persons involved in the investigation and prosecution of Trafficking in Persons offenses to incorporate best practices in their line of duty.

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