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## **Press statement World Day Against Trafficking Persons on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

International Justice Mission commends the Human Trafficking Secretariat, under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, The Ghana Police Service, Department of Social Welfare and other stakeholders for their leadership in working to address Human Trafficking in Ghana on the commemoration of this year's World Day Against Trafficking Persons.

These Institutions have been doing so much under great logistical constraints and we are happy about the great gains they have made, including Ghana being ranked on Tier 2 in the Trafficking In Persons (TIP) report. We also commend the Government of Ghana for their efforts in fighting the menace of Human Trafficking with the increased budgetary allocation for the Human Trafficking Fund for the 2022 fiscal year.

IJM is excited that Ghana's focus for this year's commemoration is on the launch of a National Plan of Action (NPA), which it contributed to developing.

This plan however requires resources to operate. It is in this regard that we count on government and other government partners to provide the needed political will, leadership, funding, and human resources in implementing every section of the plan.

In particular, IJM notes that the lack of critical resources for hard-working partners have rendered them less effective in providing follow-up services to survivors who need psycho-social services.

In addition to logistics, we call for the engagement of traditional and religious leaders at the National and local levels.

These are key partners in resolving the challenge of trafficking. Not only because these leaders are deeply revered and are in positions to make by-laws, unfortunately they are sometimes culpable.

Therefore, bringing them to the table where the problem and the solutions are being discussed is crucial.

To this end, the International Justice Mission remains committed to supporting the implementation of the NPA at every level.

It will continue to support government partners to rescue and reintegrate victims, arrest, and prosecute perpetrators, and strengthen the justice system.

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Editor's Note

International Justice Mission is a Non-Governmental Organization. It has been working in Ghana over the last seven years and across the globe for over twenty-five years. It has 24 program offices in 14 countries.

IJM has assisted the Ghanaian government in rescuing over 200 children from labour trafficking on Volta Lake and arrested over 100 perpetrators of child labour and trafficking. That is in addition to working with state prosecutors and attorneys to secure several convictions.