The webinar “Counter-Trafficking and Health” was held on the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, 30 July 2018, at 2:00pm (Atlantic Standard Time) and was attended by 17 people. The webinar featured Dr. Hanni Stoklosa, Executive Director of the NGO HEAL Trafficking, and an emergency physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital (BWH) with appointments at Harvard Medical School (Click here for bio). The webinar was hosted by the Caribbean Platform for Migration Governance together with the Caribbean Migration Consultations Counter-Trafficking Network.

The main objective of this webinar was to provide an overview of how the health sector can contribute to efforts to counter human trafficking, including discussion of the following questions:

- What can health providers do in the fight against trafficking in persons?
- Why is the health sector such an important partner in counter-trafficking work?
- How does a trafficking situation impact a person’s health?
- Do victims of trafficking come into contact with health systems?

The webinar drew upon the personal experience of Dr. Stoklosa as a health provider, as well as current global guidance and literature. In addition to reviewing the elements of trafficking in persons, the webinar focused on case examples, to illustrate possible indicators of human trafficking, and how trafficked persons present in health settings.

Among the main points discussed was the intersectionality of different forms of violence, including human trafficking, and the need therefore to draw on lessons learned in responding to violence in the health sector.

![Intersectionality Diagram](image-url)

Source: Dr. Hanni Stoklosa, webinar presentation 2018
In addition, the webinar recognized the important health impacts of the living conditions and the settings where trafficked persons are forced to carry out exploitative activities, such as forced labor or forced sex work. Dr. Stoklosa noted that current literature shows us that trafficked persons do come into contact with health settings, and present with urgent needs, both physical and psychological. She noted the importance of creating a space where the potential victim can feel safe enough to possibly accept help, and shared possible screening questions that a health provider can use. Finally, she touched upon protocols which have been put in place by some health systems, and shared relevant resources.

Key references included:

- Protocol Toolkit for Developing a Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Health Care Settings, available upon request, here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBxqQOhlKGM0miga2Qd6hZfxgLyiUlJqddAePlv8PgE1glXQ/viewform
- Caring for Trafficked Persons: Guidance for Health Providers downloadable here: https://publications.iom.int/books/caring-trafficked-persons-guidance-health-providers

Find the latest peer-review literature on health and human trafficking on the HEAL website, here: https://healtrafficking.org/publications-and-reports/

You can find more information at http://cpmg.iom.int/events/webinar-counter-trafficking-and-health
You can view the complete webinar at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WA1zmmr0TA9
The Caribbean Migration Consultations, through these events and its online platform (Caribbean Platform for Migration Governance – http://cpmg.iom.int) will facilitate in building the network of national and regional stakeholders on trafficking in persons through providing space for the exchange of ideas, information and practices regarding to topics related to the prevention of human trafficking, the investigation and prosecution of traffickers, and the assistance and protection of trafficked persons.

On behalf of IOM we express out appreciation for your participation in this webinar. For those unable to attend we invite you to view the recorded webinar. Finally, we remain at your disposal for any consultation or initiative to share with others under the CMC mechanism.

If you need additional information on this webinar, the Caribbean Migration Consultations, and future events, please contact us through: cmc@iom.int.