

CIVILIAN SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS



CHILD PROTECTION COMPACT PARTNERSHIPS

WHAT IS A CHILD PROTECTION COMPACT (CPC) PARTNERSHIP?

A CPC Partnership is a multi-year plan, developed jointly by the United States and a particular country, that documents the commitment of the two governments to achieve shared objectives aimed at strengthening the country's efforts to effectively prosecute and convict child traffickers, to provide comprehensive trauma-informed care for child victims of these crimes, and to prevent child trafficking in all its forms. See 22 U.S.C. § 7103a. The partnership may be in effect for up to five years.

HOW ARE CPC PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES SELECTED?

The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office) in the U.S. Department of State selects countries based on a review of several factors and consultations with Bureaus and Offices within the Department of State, USAID, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Justice, and other relevant federal agencies, as appropriate. In making this selection, the TIP Office will take into account the country narrative and country-specific recommendations of the most recent *Trafficking in Persons Report*, the country's national action plan to combat human trafficking, and the country's national child protection strategy, as applicable.

Country-specific factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- » Prevalence of trafficking in persons within the country and the specific forms of child trafficking documented in the latest annual *Trafficking in Persons Report*.
- » Demonstrated political will by the government to undertake meaningful action to address child trafficking using the 3P paradigm (*Prosecution of traffickers, Protection of victims, and Prevention of human trafficking*).
- » Evidence of a commitment by the government to work in partnership with the United States and with in-country civil society and international organizations with expertise in combating human trafficking, and to cooperate with monitoring and evaluation of project activities supported through the partnership.
- » Level of economic development, with a focus on low- or middle-income countries.
- » Millennium Challenge Corporation country scorecard (*Investing in People, Encouraging Economic Freedom, and Ruling Justly*).
- » Freedom House Score (*freedom, political rights, civil liberties*).
- » Corruption Perception Index (*Transparency International*).
- » World Factbook data (*Budget surplus/deficit; School life expectancy; Literacy rate; Child labor rate; Unemployment rate; and others*).
- » Analysis of related United States government programming in the country (*child health and development, child protection, rule of law, anti-trafficking, child labor, etc.*).
- » Review of legal, policy, and fiscal restrictions related to foreign assistance or other engagement in the country.



HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS UNDER A CPC PARTNERSHIP?

The TIP Office anticipates providing up to \$5 million for projects under new CPC Partnerships and encourages participating governments to invest targeted resources.

HOW WILL ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED TO A CPC PARTNERSHIP COUNTRY?

Assistance will be provided through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts to civil society or international organizations or other entities with expertise in combating human trafficking.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A CPC PARTNERSHIP?

The purpose of a CPC Partnership is to work collaboratively with a government through a joint commitment and with assistance that is administered through tailored projects designed to enhance both government and civil society efforts to effectively address the child trafficking problems in the country.

During the course of developing a CPC Partnership, the unique context of the trafficking situation in the country will be examined and strategies for addressing child trafficking will be discussed with the goal of reaching a shared commitment on elements that would be included in the partnership instrument. These may include:

- » Specific objectives the foreign government and the United States expect to achieve during the term of the CPC Partnership;
- » Responsibilities of the participants (the foreign government and the United States) in the achievement of such objectives;
- » The estimated respective contributions by the United States and the foreign government;
- » Brief descriptions of activities to be undertaken in the achievement of such objectives; and
- » Proposed mechanisms to implement partnership activities, monitor progress and assess outcomes, and sustain achievements after the conclusion of the partnership.

For information on existing CPC Partnerships, please visit <https://www.state.gov/j/tip/cpc/>.

