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**TALITHA KUM IS A NETWORK OF NETWORKS**

- 17 regional networks.
- 70 Countries.
- 5 Continents

**THE TALITHA KUM MEMBERS**

- Are grassroots networks.
- Are intercongregational.
- Are founded and grow in collaboration and dialogue with the local, regional and continental conferences of religious.
- Collaborate in partnership with other organizations, church, governmental and non-governmental, present in the same area.
- Share and witness to the mysticism, the prayer and the spirituality of the following of Christ.

**ACTIVITIES**

- It creates activities and campaigns for preventing, becoming more sensitive to and having a greater awareness of human trafficking.
- It supports projects and social and educational programs for the social reintegration of survivors.
- It denounces trafficking in persons and its root causes.
- It manages shelters, for the assistance and protection of people rescued from trafficking.
- It promotes lobbying and social policies.

**A LIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

- Every February 8th Talitha Kum promotes the International day of prayer and awareness against trafficking in persons.

www.a-light-against-human-trafficking.info

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**OUR VISION**

Talitha Kum is an expression found in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 5, verse 41. The words, translated from the Aramaic mean: “little girl, I say to you, stand-up”.

These words are addressed by Jesus to the twelve year old daughter of Jairus, who lay apparently dead. After uttering these words, Jesus took her by the hand and she immediately got up and walked.

The worldwide network of consecrated life committed against trafficking in persons chose the expression “Talitha Kum” to define its identity.

The expression “Talitha Kum - arise” has the transformative power of compassion and mercy, which awakens the deep desire for dignity and life which may be asleep and injured because of many forms of exploitation.

It is an invitation given to all to stand up and to counter with our voices, our actions, our daily choices and our lives everything that promotes and supports trafficking in persons. We denounce the arrogance and violence of economic and financial powers when they act against the dignity of the persons, and exploit any life form, destroying it to generate profit.

Those who join Talitha Kum are committed to be neighbors to those who suffer the serious consequences of trafficking in persons, men, women, children and families.

The activities and projects of Talitha Kum are aimed at all those who are robbed of their dignity and deprived of liberty, regardless of their lifestyle, race, religion, economic or sexual orientation.

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- COSUDOW
- ANATH
- MAIN DANS LA MAIN
- EARN A TIP

**AMERICAS:**

- Um Grito pela Vida
- Red Kwasy
- Red Ramà
- Red Tamar
- UCSJAH
- CATHII

**ASIA:**

- Talitha Kum
  Southeast Asia
- AMRAT

**EUROPE:**

- RENATE
- CAJITIP

**OCEANIA:**

- ANZRATH
- ACRATH
“Modern slavery, in the form of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, organ trafficking is a crime against humanity.”

(Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery, December 2nd 2014).

Worldwide, millions of people are suffering because of trafficking in persons, most are women. Unfortunately, in recent years, the percentage of children, very young boys and girls, has grown considerably. It is a chameleon-like phenomenon, the magnitude of which does not allow for precise numbers. Trafficking in persons is one of the three biggest illegal markets and every year generates clandestine economies of US$ 150 billion. (source OIL, 2015)

Traffic overlaps and merges with illegal migration, with the employment of foreign employees in the para-slavery conditions, with women involved in the sex trade or who are subjected to marriages of convenience.

Traffic in persons can be internal, as when people are trafficked within the borders of one country, or international, as when people are trafficked across borders.

All countries have reported situations of trafficking, whether they are the country of origin, one used for transit or the destination country of trafficked people.

The sustainability of the network requires:

- Raising awareness within congregations, in order to promote the full- or part-time commitment of religious into anti-trafficking networks;
- Support the local networks fundraising, to develop and to carry on projects.