

## **2021-2022 Anti-Trafficking Action Plan for Malta**

Below please find recommendations for specific goals and objectives to further the Government of Malta's anti-trafficking efforts over the next year:

1. Increase efforts to vigorously and expeditiously investigate and prosecute trafficking offenses.
2. Increase efforts to convict traffickers, including complicit officials, and sentence convicted traffickers to significant prison terms.
3. Ensure relevant staff and officials proactively identify trafficking victims, including Maltese nationals, among vulnerable populations, particularly children, migrant workers, and individuals in commercial sex.
4. Improve effective leadership and prioritization of human trafficking, as well as streamline anti-trafficking coordination and communication efforts among ministries.
5. Increase migrant worker protections by implementing strong regulations and oversight of recruitment companies that are consistently enforced, including prosecuting for fraudulent labor recruitment.
6. Implement license controls for massage parlors, including oversight and screening for trafficking victims.
7. Increase collaboration between police and other stakeholders during investigations to decrease the length of investigations and prosecutions, and enhance the likelihood of successful convictions.
8. Institutionalize victim-centered and trauma-informed anti-trafficking training for front-line officials, police officers, prosecutors, and judges.
9. Adopt a national victim identification mechanism available to all entities involved in victim identification.