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## Argentina: Human Trafficking

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**World Evangelical Alliance (WEA).** The WEA was founded in 1846 in London and has a special ECOSOC Consultative Status since 1997. Today, the WEA is a network of churches in 129 countries that have each formed an evangelical alliance and over 100 international organizations joining together to give a world-wide identity, voice, and platform to more than 600 million evangelical Christians.

**The Christian Alliance of Evangelical Churches of the Argentine Republic (ACIERA).** Founded in 1982, ACIERA has 415 affiliated entities that represent more than 15,000 congregations from the 24 Argentine provinces. ACIERA is a member of AEL, the Latin Evangelical Alliance and WEA, the World Evangelical Alliance.

**Mujeres por la Nación - Women for the Nation.** A network of organizations founded in 2001 that works with NGOs and public welfare institutions, addressing different issues of a social nature, providing legal, technical and administrative assistance to its different associated members. Women for the Nation is a member of ACIERA.

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1. The following report and its recommendations are based on the work and experience of Women for the Nation, a non-governmental organization that works for the restoration and social and labor reintegration of victims of trafficking, victims of abuse, and single mothers.
2. Argentina is a country of destination for trafficking and internal exploitation. Adults, adolescents, boys, and girls, particularly from the northern provinces, are transferred to other provinces. Trafficking routes run from north to south and from south to north.
3. Victims from foreign countries - Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, Central America, Nigeria, Senegal, Brazil, China, and South Korea - are trafficked along the same routes, and also face the limitation of not having the necessary information to ask for help.
4. Once rescued, victims of human trafficking face considerable challenges. They have to navigate institutions that are not in accordance with their needs. Therefore, we make the following recommendations to Argentina:
  - a. **Provide shelters, homes, and halfway houses whose operators and interdisciplinary team are specialized in the subject, as well as shelters dedicated to male victims.**
  - b. **Create venues for dialogue and collaboration between the federal government, provincial governments, and NGOs.**
5. In daily life, we see that after the first few weeks, the accompaniment of the victims vanishes, making it very difficult for them to obtain medical and psychological assistance, causing the abandonment of treatment due to the long wait for openings in public institutions. We believe it is essential for the state to:
  - a. **Increase the availability of longer-term assistance for victims, including legal, medical, and employment services.**
  - a. **Provide specific social coverage for victims that enables them quick and friendly access to the necessary treatment in the medium and long term.**
6. This coverage and the possibility of access to housing will assist victims in being successful in their self-reliance and social reintegration.
7. The reintegration of the victim and a process of repairing the damage caused require state-sponsored structures, stronger intervention, and an accompaniment at different stages of the victim.