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Recommendation for Smart Talk Café

We are pleased to recommend Smart Talk Café, a civil society organization based in Kigali, Rwanda for Innovation for Poverty Action. Smart Talk Cafe has been actively campaigning against human trafficking, especially in Africa. Their goal is to increase institutional support for affected communities, especially urban refugees, and reduce their risks of being trafficked.

The Resilience Fund has supported multiple campaign activities including context-specific webinars on human trafficking in East Africa and a comprehensive stakeholder map of relevant organizations such as Hope IWACU Initiative, Delight Rwanda, Ministry of Justice, Rwanda Investigation Bureau, Ministry of Migration, Afro Ark, Legal Aid Forum, UNHCR, and Never Again Rwanda. In 2022, Smart Talk Cafe facilitated the largest forum on modern slavery in Africa in Kigali, Rwanda.

Their project has created various opportunities for stakeholders to understand Rwanda's anti-trafficking policies, while paving the way for trafficking victims to access free legal representation through a Legal Aid Forum. They identified three key hotspots in Eastern Rwanda where they will train 30 community members and gate keepers to develop a community-based anti-human trafficking ambassador program.

Smart Talk Café is currently setting up the Rwanda Counter Human Trafficking National Action plan that will guide how the government and civil society will work together in supporting victims and communities affected by human trafficking.

Smart Talk Café has proven to be reliable and practical in their execution. They have exceeded our expectations delivering much more than their project deliverables. Staff is attentive, enthusiastic and engaged in the work they do and the communities they support. This is evident in the outcomes of their initiatives and the support they have garnered from a range of stakeholders. We believe that they will be a valuable asset to your program and their country based on our experience with them.



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