
Sr. Annette Arnold, rsj - Talitha Kum Oceania Regional Representative



Sister Annette, Talitha Kum's new regional coordinator for Oceania shares her thoughts:

"Stepping into the role of Talitha Kum Oceania regional representative is both thrilling and humbling. Sister Colleen Jackson has been a guiding light in this position for the past six years, and I am deeply grateful for her incredible work and ongoing support (...). In this role, I am honored to serve as a voice for those who are silenced and marginalized by human trafficking. Together, with the support

of dedicated individuals and organizations, we can create a world where exploitation is eradicated, and every person is treated with dignity and respect.”

Sr. Annette Arnold, rsj

Talitha Kum Oceania Regional Representative

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Talitha Kum received the WEbrace Award 2024-Why Not!



Talitha Kum received the **We Embrace Award 2024** in the 'We Embrace the World' category promoted by the non-profit organization **art4sport**. The non-profit association, founded by Bebe Vio, Italian wheelchair fencer, European and world champion and her parents Teresa Grandis and Ruggero Vio. Last Thursday March 21 for the second year of the WEmbrace Award, it was celebrated with fifteen stories and realities in recognition "for their values of inclusion and inspiration".

Congratulations to Talitha Kum!



"We Embrace Award 2024 with the theme Why Not? In gratitude with the art4sport for this award and inspired by the story of Bebe Vio who Rise up (Talitha Kum)! It's truly inspiring and enriching to receive this award and recognize the mission of Talitha Kum Sisters globally. I share this award with our Sisters and partners in the whole world who work tirelessly to fulfill our vocation to stay with victims and survivors, to share their path, to uphold their humanity and embrace Jesus' example of care and compassion. We Embrace the whole world as we continue in journeying in dignity with courage, hope and compassion in which every human being can live in dignity and fullness and leave no one behind. Let us continue in Journeying of Hope as Talitha Kum celebrates its 15th anniversary this year with compassion in action!"

Sr. Abby Avelino, MM, Talitha Kum International Coordinator



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Conference on trafficking at the Holy See : The New Slavery



On March 14th, 2024, Sr. Abby Avelino, MM, Talitha Kum International Coordinator, attended the conference titled "**The New Slavery**" addressing human trafficking, which took place at the Italian Embassy to the Holy See.

"All of these crises are having a direct impact on human trafficking worldwide. In spite of the challenges we have witnessed, members continue to respond to the Call to Action by caring, healing, empowering, and being involved with the lives of victims and survivors, and populations that are at risk of trafficking and exploitation."

Sr. Abby Avelino, MM, International Coordinator of Talitha Kum

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Vatican's representative at the United Nations to discuss on human trafficking at the CSW68 side event



"Women and girls and young people are particularly at risk of trafficking and exploitation, and this is happening for many reasons. Forced marriage, online sexual exploitation of children cases is continually increasing."

Sr. Abby Avelino, MM, Talitha Kum International Coordinator

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Reawakening of Talitha Kum Tinsae Ethiopia Network



The Talitha Kum Tinsae Ethiopia network is undergoing a period of revitalization. On February 16, 2024, the Conference of Major Religious Superiors (CMRS) appointed Sister

Yamileth Bolaños, a Comboni Missionary Sister, as the new National Coordinator of the religious network combating trafficking in Ethiopia. This significant appointment has enabled her, along with Sister Gianna Benfatto from the Charles De Foucauld Contemplative Missionary Movement, to represent Talitha Kum at the CMRS General Assembly held on March 9 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They also extended invitations to members of congregations to join the network.

“The religious men and women present at the Assembly welcomed the proposal with a profound and sincere debate. As we listened to the reactions, we had the impression that human trafficking is a deep wound in the hearts of Ethiopian consecrated men and women. And there was also a strong sense of frustration and hopelessness in some of them due to the strong presence of human trafficking in this country. Some of the religious shared very deep and terrible experiences that they had come in contact with, even of family members who had died because of this modern slavery. At the same time, the invitation to join Talitha Kum opened a window of hope that we will expand with our passion to end human trafficking. In fact, within a short time, a week later, the newly formed Talitha Kum Tinsae Ethiopia network team met for the first time. Eight representatives of religious congregations were present and we hope that others will join us as well. The meeting was lively and interesting and, although the members were aware of the magnitude of the problem, they shared a desire to join forces, skills and personal commitment to work against human trafficking in Ethiopia.”

Sr. Yamileth Bolaños, SMC, Coordinator of Talitha Kum Tinsae Ethiopia



All the best for the network in Ethiopia!

**News from Talitha Kum’s East African hub: the
Talitha Kum networks in Uganda, Kenya and
Democratic Republic of Congo**



Recent Developments in **Talitha Kum's East African Hub**: Updates on Activities in Busia (bordering Uganda and Kenya) and Lia (Democratic Republic of Congo). Talitha Kum networks have organized joint initiatives to raise awareness among various communities about the reality of trafficking at the borders. Their efforts aim to mobilize stakeholders to take tangible actions, especially addressing those issues concerning unsafe migration and human trafficking in the area.

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News from the Youth Ambassadors in Vietnam



"We are Talitha Kum Vietnam! Over 50 enthusiastic young people have embraced the mission of Talitha Kum. Our members, aged between 18 and 40, hail from various regions across Vietnam, predominantly residing in Ho Chi Minh City and Nghe An in the central part of the country. We promote human dignity. We conduct campaigns against human trafficking. We engage with churches, remote communities and volunteer schools to educate children on safeguarding themselves and sensitize adults on finding secure employment opportunities. In this complex society, it is imperative to recognize the signs of fraud. Just by recognizing the signs, we will all be able to avoid great risks."

Youth Ambassadors from Talitha Kum Vietnam

"Before I joined Talitha Kum, I didn't pay too much attention to the issue of human trafficking. But now I understand that it is really a great injustice. So together we spread this awareness among friends and family, that we all have to commit ourselves for dignity."

Dan, Young Ambassador



Know some activities from the Youth Ambassadors in Vietnam!



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