

Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking



This week marks the beginning of a series of events, both online and in Rome, which will culminate the **12th International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking** on February 8, celebrated under the theme:

"Peace begins with Dignity. A Global Call to End Human Trafficking."

In a world marked by conflict, displacement, and growing forms of trafficking and exploitation, we are invited to pause, pray, and raise awareness together, walking alongside victims and survivors.

We invite everyone to participate to commemorate the Day. If you wish to register your participation as an organization or institution, you can upload your logo on the official website of the Day at this [link](#).

 [Click here to discover the program of events](#)

Opening Session of the 6th Talitha Kum Leadership Course: A Global Gathering for Change.



On January 16, 2026, the **6th edition of the Talitha Kum Leadership Course** officially began, opening a new season of shared learning and commitment in the global fight against human trafficking. This collaborative program, organized by

Talitha Kum International with Tangaza University (Nairobi) and the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Rome), offers a space of formation that nurtures compassionate and courageous leadership rooted in action.

This edition brings together 28 participants from 23 countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the Pacific, and the Americas. Their diversity reflects the spirit of the course itself: **a global community united beyond borders** by a shared dedication to protecting human dignity and strengthening collective responses to human trafficking.

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New Regional Coordinator for Latin America



The Talitha Kum global network extends heartfelt gratitude to **Sr. Carmen Ugarte García, OSR**, for her dedicated leadership and commitment as Regional Coordinator over the past 6 years.

We are delighted to welcome **Sr. Ana Maria Vilca Mamani, SNJM**, as the new Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean. She has been committed in the fight against trafficking for more than 10 years, and currently serves as National Coordinator of Red Kawsay Peru.

“I look to the future with hope and with the certainty that, by working together as a network in a synodal way, we can continue to build responses that promote freedom, justice, and dignity for all.”

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Talitha Kum Youth: a New Global Initiative



On January 24th, Talitha Kum marked an important milestone with the first online meeting of the **“Talitha Kum Youth”** initiative, a global networking group created to connect young leaders across borders and strengthen collaboration within the Talitha Kum network.

This initiative brings together more than **170 young people** from over 40 countries, representing every region of the world.

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