



Living Water Community

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The Living Water Community (LWC) is a Catholic Lay Ecclesial Community and regional non-governmental organisation (NGO) headquartered in Trinidad and Tobago that was established in 1975. In addition to having numerous pastoral ministries, LWC also runs social ministries that work in areas such as cancer care, at risk boys, housing construction, food and goods distribution, refugee and migrant rights and protection, HIV/AIDs, drug rehabilitation, elderly care and disaster relief. LWC also networks and supports over one hundred and twenty-five (125) Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) and NGOs through its various ministries. LWC also owns Trinity Communications which is dedicated to using communications technology to evangelize and promote social justice. LWC has established missions in St. Lucia, Barbados and the Netherlands Antilles of Saba and St Eustasius. See www.lwctt.org for more information.

The LWC has served as Implementing Partner for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for over two decades and is the only organisation in Trinidad and Tobago that works with persons in need of international protection and other categories of vulnerable migrants. This report thus focuses on protecting migrant rights, trafficking in persons and victims of torture. Recommendations closely adhere to Catholic Social Teaching and Principles and International Human Rights Law and Principles. LWC has first-hand experience in various human rights issues and works directly with communities and vulnerable groups. LWC also has partnerships with other NGOs, CBOs, IOs and government agencies. Where first-hand information for this report was not available consultation with stakeholders and review of secondary, credible documentation informed summaries and recommendations.

